In this lecture, Robert Hulse will examine Brunel as not only a visionary engineer, but also as showman and world changer. He was a visionary, taking the Hudson River to Lake Champlain. He became an American citizen and later, as Chief Engineer of the Port of New York, he was a world changer.

Celebrate Chinese New Year: The Year of the Monkey


Wednesday, February 24, 2016 - 6 p.m.
SangKee Asian Bistro
339 Lancaster Avenue
Wynnewood, PA 19096
610-658-0618

Join us Wednesday, February 24, 2016 to dine at the SangKee Asian Bistro and celebrate The Year of the Monkey. The cost is: Members $40; Non-Members $50; and includes a multi-course Chinese New Year menu WITH WINE. There is a cash bar for those who prefer cocktails.

Your invitation is included with this newsletter. For any questions or to make a reservation email esu@libertynet.org or call Barbara at 215-545-3619.

“Fall Dinner Dance” — October 31, 2015

Everyone looked gorgeous! The Overbrook Golf Club location was beautiful, the food outstanding and the band exceptional. Thanks to everyone for coming and enjoying the fun. Look for yourself in additional photos on page 3. Can’t find yourself? Come to our events!
Dear Valued Members,

It is my honor and privilege to serve you as the President of the Board of Governors.

I want to extend my thanks to and appreciation of Jim Munnis for the time he served in this role, both on his own last year and sharing with George Tyndall the year before that.

We welcome Elizabeth (Liz) Mills and Amada (Mandy) Mucklé to the Board as well as Gene Kosich and Sheila Leith who have returned. The Board will work to schedule new and reoccurring events of interest to our members and we invite your suggestions.

Many thanks are extended to those who attended the Fall Dinner Dance on Halloween at Overbrook Golf Club. Debbie and Andy Webster and Liz and Craig Mills co-chaired the evening’s event. Many guests availed themselves of the option to wear costumes as you will see in the accompanying photographs within the newsletter. It was a fun event on a beautiful fall evening (BOO-HOO to those who stayed home and missed seeing Barbara Murray’s hair!).

We hope you were able to attend the Christmas Celebration on December 12th, benefitting St. James School as well as our local Branch. Volunteers to serve on the Queen’s Birthday Party Committee are being solicited to help with the auction items and the event planning. Please let us know if you are willing to serve or contribute. Suzanne and David Lavins have agreed to chair the event next summer.

Yours,
Gayla McCluskey
“Fall Dinner Dance” October 31, 2015
Calendar of Events

Feb. 10  Twelfth Night at Annenberg Center
Feb. 15  Annual Shakespeare Competition
Feb. 24  Chinese New Year Dinner
April 6  Wrench Speaker: Richard Buckley
         The King Under the Car Park
TBA  Beneﬁctors Reception
June 12  Queen’s Birthday Garden Party

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Many New Year customs that we take for granted actually date from ancient times. This year, ring out the old and ring in the new with a New Year tradition—or two!

Drink a Beverage
Although the pop of a champagne cork signals the arrival of the New Year around the world, some countries have their own traditions. Wassail, the Gaelic term for “good health” is served in some parts of England. Spiced “hot pot” is the Scottish version of Wassail. It’s customary to drink a glass or two at home before sharing with neighbors.

Put Your Best Foot Forward
In Scotland, the custom of first-footing is an important part of the celebration of Hogmanay, or New Year’s Eve Day. This practice holds that the first foot to cross a threshold after midnight will predict the next year’s fortune. Although the tradition varies, those deemed especially fortunate as “ﬁrst footers” are new brides, new mothers, those who are tall and dark (and handsome?) or anyone born on January 1.

Turn Over a New Leaf
The dawn of a new year is an opportune time to take stock of your life. The practice of making New Year’s resolutions, said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B.C., is a way to reﬂect on the past and plan ahead.

New Year’s Folklore
Some customs and beliefs are simply passed down through the ages. Here are some favorite age-old sayings and proverbs.

On New Year’s Eve, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing.

If New Year’s Eve night wind blow south, It betokeneth warmth and growth.

For abundance in the new year, ﬁll your pockets and cupboards today.

If the old year goes out like a lion, the new year will come in like a lamb.

Begin the new year square with every man. (i.e., pay your debts!)

So, when we make New Year’s resolutions, as did the Babylonians, we’re tapping into an ancient and powerful longing for a fresh start!

ESU Members enjoy dining privileges* at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia, 215 S. 16th Street

Gold Leaf Café: Monday to Friday, Noon to 2:30 PM
          Full Service Brunch: Saturday, 11 AM to 2 PM

1889 Pub: Monday to Friday
          5 to 11 PM: Bar Open; 5 to 10 PM: Food Served

*ESU members must ﬁrst register at the Front Desk with a credit card to receive a Guest Pass.

Invitation Enclosed