

NYC BRANCH NEWSLETTER

THE ENGLISH- SPEAKING UNION

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Take a look at some of our upcoming events. We have so many fun and exciting things to look forward to.

The ESU celebrates English as a shared language to foster global understanding and goodwill by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, and members



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Become a member today and experience the endless benefits! Join or renew at any time to enjoy uninterrupted access to our programs, receive personalized reminders, and start benefiting immediately. Thank you for your support!

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Winter Park, Florida Downtown

SAVE THE DATE!

The English-Speaking Union
 Founder's Award Gala
 Honoring
 Dr. E. Quinn Peeper
 ESU National Chairman
 His Britannic Majesty's Honorary Consul to Louisiana

Saturday, March 15, 2025
 Winter Park Racquet Club
 Winter Park, Florida

2025 Honoree: Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

We are pleased to announce Dr. E. Quinn Peeper will be honored with the ESU 2025 Founders Award. Dr. Peeper's dedication to the ESU is exemplified by his progression from Local Board Member to New Orleans Branch President, and ultimately to his roles as National Board Member President and National Chair. His steadfast commitment to advancing the ESU's mission at local and national levels, while cultivating international understanding and goodwill make him an exemplary choice for this honor.

The Founders Award: Recognizing Excellence

Established in 1991, the Founders Award honors individuals who exemplify the vision of Sir Evelyn Wrench, the ESU's founder. Recipients are recognized for their outstanding contributions to Anglo-American relations, international friendship, and the promotion of English as a tool for global communication.



Past ESU Founder's Award Recipients

- 1991: The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, OM, FRS, MP
- 1995: Hon. J. Sinclair Armstrong, OBE
- 2009: William R. Miller, CBE, KSt.J.
- 2015: Hon. Edwina Sandys, MBE & Dr. Paul Beresford-Hill, CBE, KSt.J.
- 2017: Dr. Andrew Romay & Marie Dora "Doe" Thornburg, OBE
- 2019: Robert P. Morse (posthumously)
- 2020: Dr. Laurence Morse, ESU Luard alumnus



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HAPPY HOUR**

Poetry

November 6, 2024

Hosted by: New York City Branch

***this event will be in-person and online*

FOUNDERS AWARD GALA

March 15, 2025

Hosted by: Central Florida Branch

PATRON TOUR PALLADIO AND SHAKESPEARE IN THE VENETO RECAP

Patron Members enjoyed another incredible journey exploring *Palladio and Shakespeare in the Veneto* this past week. They joined art historian Count Stefano Aluffi-Pentini's "A Private View of Italy" tour and were treated to visits to palaces, cathedrals, and Shakespeare landmarks accompanied by Dr. Catherine Loomis, Shakespeare expert.



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Lend Me a Tenor by Ken Ludwig
performed by the ESU Players

**All performances are held at
144 East 39th Street, NYC**

for more information contact [Louise Muse](#)

CALLING ALL NYC EDUCATORS... THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE ESU 2025 NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION!

There's Still Time to Register for the ESU 2025 National Shakespeare Competition! Register today and give your students the opportunity to compete for the chance to attend renowned summer theater programs in both the US and the UK, and win cash prizes! The NYC Branch Winner will join other Branch Winners from around that country to compete at the national finals in April 2025 held on stage at Lincoln Center!

To learn more and to register, visit
<https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/shakespeare-competition/>

THE ESU PLAYERS

SAVE THE DATE!

October 24

The Chalk Garden by Enid Bagnold

Reception at 6:00

Play starts at 6:30

November 6

Poetry at the ESU

The New York Branch is Hosting the ESU Happy Hour

December 12

A Very British Christmas Party which will include a Panto.



As an NSC educator you will have access to the ESU's all new on-line and in-person professional development workshops and courses that will provide innovative strategies that make Shakespeare accessible, engaging and relevant for students. The ESU is an approved sponsor of CTLE credits in the state of New York.

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VOLUNTEER WITH ENGLISH IN ACTION!

Interested in making a difference in the lives of students worldwide? As an English in Action volunteer, you can help newcomers practice English and build a long-lasting relationship with them. You don't need any prior teaching experience. Be a window into U.S. life and join our community!

[Sign up for an Info Session today!](#)

[Click here to hear some of our EIA Volunteer Stories](#)

ESU NEW YORK DEBATE LEAGUE WELCOMES NOVICE DEBATERS!

Middle School students have been working hard at their schools in preparation for the start of the debate season. Saturday, October 19, the ESU NY Debate League will offer new debaters a chance to join students from across the league and learn from experienced debaters and coaches at the Novice Debaters Workshop & Scrimmage.

The fun-filled morning will start off with a Demo Debate, then debating and judging workshops and in the afternoon -- speaking in their first debates! For more information about the ESU NYDL 2024/2025 season, click [Here](#)



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THE ESU ANDREW ROMAY NEW IMMIGRANT CENTER (ARNIC)

The ESU Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center (ARNIC) is a free program that facilitates the integration of immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees into U.S. life. We provide immigrants with the tools and resources to overcome barriers and build successful lives in the U.S. Our center offers English classes, conversation practice and career services.

It has been a busy September at our center for new immigrants. This month, over 100 immigrants joined our program. Our new students are diverse and resilient. They come from more than 60 countries, including Venezuela, Ukraine and Guinea. Many of our new students are accomplished professionals who hope to re-start their careers in their new home. In the face of challenges, all of our students are determined to build successful lives in the U.S.

This month we offered nine intensive English courses. These courses helped students build language skills to find jobs, access resources and thrive in the U.S. Course topics included Business Communication, Rhetoric & Public Speaking and U.S. Government and Politics. More than 100 students participated in these courses.



[Learn more about the center here.](#)

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Set sail on an extraordinary journey through history aboard the magnificent Sea Cloud Spirit, retracing the footsteps of one of Britain's greatest naval heroes, Admiral Horatio Nelson. This exclusive voyage, co-hosted by the English-Speaking Union and Sea Cloud Cruises, offers a unique blend of luxury, adventure, and intellectual stimulation.

Highlights:

- Sail from Naples to Malta on board Sea Cloud Spirit, ranked among the best luxury passenger ships in the world. This three-mast windjammer's 28 sails are hoisted by hand for authentic sailing experience
- Exclusive lectures by renowned biographer Flora Fraser
- Visit key locations in Nelson's Mediterranean campaigns
- Experience the thrill of sailing on a tall ship in Nelson's wake
- Indulge in luxurious accommodations and gourmet cuisine

The English-Speaking Union

promotes cross-cultural understanding, and expands opportunities for students, teachers, English language learners and members through the English language.

PATRON TOUR 2025

The English-Speaking Union

In Partnership with

Sea Cloud Cruises

Presents

2025 National Patron Tour
Nelson on Shore and at Sea:
A Life of the British Admiral
With Author and Lecturer Flora Fraser

July 6-14, 2025

Naples to Malta

Aboard Sea Cloud Spirit



The ESU National Patron Tours

enhance our Patrons' engagement with the ESU community through bespoke experiences of cultural enrichment, educational exploration, and unforgettable adventures.

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