

The English-Speaking Union to Host Founders Award Gala Honoring Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

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NEW YORK, NY - The English-Speaking Union (ESU) is proud to announce the upcoming Founder's Award Gala, a prestigious event dedicated to honoring Dr. E. Quinn Peeper who will receive the organization's highest accolade for his exceptional contributions to the English-Speaking Union. The gala will serve as a platform to recognize Dr. Peeper's unwavering commitment to the mission of the ESU and his significant impact on both local and national levels.



Dr. E. Quinn Peeper's journey within the ESU exemplifies dedication and leadership. Beginning his affiliation with the ESU New Orleans Branch in 1994, he has held numerous esteemed positions, culminating in his roles as National Board Member President and National Chair. His efforts in cultivating international understanding and goodwill resonate deeply with the ESU's core values, making him an exemplary recipient of this distinguished honor.

Scheduled to take place on March 15, 2025, at the elegant Winter Park Racquet Club in Winter Park, Florida, the ESU 2025 Founder's Award Gala will include engaging activities designed to foster camaraderie and celebrate the spirit of the ESU. The evening's program will include a cocktail hour and a gourmet Gala dinner followed by inspiring speeches by distinguished guests recognizing Dr. Peeper's dedication to the ESU.



One of the highlights will be a special address by Caroline Emma Stanley, Countess of Derby, who will attend to celebrate her dear friend, Dr. Peeper. The daughter of the 10th Baron Braybrooke, Lady Derby holds dual degrees in History and History of Art from the University of London having worked for the Royal Collection. Since marrying the 19th Earl of Derby in 1995, Lady Derby has devoted her talent and passion to restoring Knowsley Hall, the ancestral home of the Earls of Derby, including its revered art collections.

Adding to the excitement, an exclusive VIP reception will be held the night before, on March 14, 2025, offering an intimate setting for invitees to network and exchange insights with Dr. Peeper and other notable guests. This special gathering will allow for closer connections and conversations with the ESU's most dedicated supporters and friends.

The significance of the Founder's Award Gala extends beyond mere celebration; it is an occasion to reflect on the values that Dr. Peeper embodies—dedication to the ESU, a passion for British culture, and exemplary leadership at both the Branch and National levels. Dr. Peeper's selection for this honor is a recognition of his outstanding contributions to fostering the mission of the ESU and enhancing international connections through the English language.

With a history of distinguished recipients, the ESU Founder's Award continues to highlight the exceptional individuals who have made a lasting impact on the organization and beyond.

Past recipients of the Founders Award have included notable figures such as The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, the Honorable J. Sinclair Armstrong, and Dr. Laurence Morse, each recognized for their significant contributions to promoting Anglo-American relations and the role of English in global communication. The gala provides an opportunity for members and donors to come together, celebrate these achievements, and look forward to the future of the ESU and its mission. It is a night that promises to be both memorable and inspirational, uniting individuals who share a commitment to the ESU's core values.

As the ESU prepares for this momentous event, the organization remains focused on its mission to promote international friendship and understanding through the English language. The Founder's Award Gala is not only a celebration of one individual but also a reflection of the collective efforts of all ESU members and supporters.

"The Founder's Award Gala is a celebration of excellence in our community and a tribute to Dr. E. Quinn Peeper's invaluable contributions," said ESU President and Executive Director Karen Karpowich. This event promises to be a highlight on the ESU calendar, bringing together 90 members to honor a true leader in the field and celebrate the spirit of service that defines the English-Speaking Union.

For more information about the Founders Award Gala and the contributions of Dr. E. Quinn Peeper, please visit [the ESU website](#) or contact Rossana Ivanova at rivanova@esuus.org.

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