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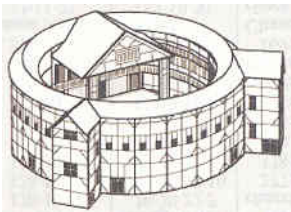
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NEWS & NOTES

If you have news to share please contact Art Dietz or any Board Member.

Our new membership period, July 1 2007 to June 30 2008 will bring a special benefit to members. As part of our partnership with The Frazier International History Museum, Branch members will enjoy all the benefits of Frazier membership for their membership year. Details will be in the annual dues statement.

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President's Letter

Last month the Board of Directors welcomed three new board members. They are Duane Cornell, Don Glaser, and Paul Whitty. Each comes with a wide variety of experience and talent, and we are extremely pleased that they have agreed to join us in continuing our efforts to promote education and scholarship throughout Kentucky.

Special thanks go to Don Glaser for his splendid gift of a scholarship. This gives Spalding University student Katherine Filcik a grand opportunity to pursue her study of history as a 2007 Scholar at Cambridge University.

You may be wondering why you have not received your annual dues statement. Due to a miscommunication between the National Office and our Branch, dues notices were not sent this February. They will be sent in late May or early June for the membership period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. This will match the ESU fiscal year and make it easier for both the national and local organizations to plan their budgets and maintain current membership lists.

I would like to express my thanks to the Shakespeare Committee for planning and sponsoring the annual Shakespeare Competition. The interest in the competition is gaining momentum across the Commonwealth. The winner of the senior competition, Adam Brown, Manual/Youth Performance Arts School will represent us at Lincoln Center, New York in the National Competition this spring.

Andrew Grubb, 2005 Frazier Scholar, has done a tremendous job of researching the organization's history, as well as organizing many of our records. He also serves as our Recording Secretary and is always willing to help. He is a true example of what we look for in the people that are selected by the Scholarship Committee to represent us. Thank you, Andrew, for expressing your appreciation to the Branch via your quality volunteer service.

The big event of the year will be the Queen's Birthday Garden Party. It's our major fundraiser and a very enjoyable event. I hope to see you there.

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2007 Shakespeare Competitors - All Winners

Students from 30 junior and senior high schools around Kentucky, the largest number so far, came to the Frazier International History Museum for a Shakespeare weekend. The students were all winners at their schools and were competing for a place at the National Competition in New York.

On Sunday, March 4, dozens of spectators turned out for this year's Shakespeare Competition. Patrick Zakem of Noe Middle School won the Junior Division, with Taylor Montgomery, Youth Performing Arts School (YPAS) in second place. Blake Sugarman, Creative and Performing Arts School, Lexington, was third.

Adam Brown of Manual/YPAS, two-time winner in the Junior Division, claimed the senior title with a monologue from Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* and a comic rendition of Sonnet 130. Adam was chosen from six finalists who, given an opportunity to choose an unfamiliar Shakespeare monologue, took six minutes to prepare and then deliver the piece. All four men, including Adam chose the same monologue from *Henry VI Part 2*. Adam's spirited reading convinced the judges to award him the first prize.

David Jackson from the School for Creative and Performing Arts in Lexington was second and Margaret Streeter, of Louisville Collegiate School, a longtime competitor and winner placed third.

The competition and the student and teacher workshops were very

successful. The Shakespeare weekend is a vital component of the Branch's educational program by encouraging students to continue reading and enjoying Shakespeare's works.

English teacher Jenny O'Neill at Tates Creek High School in Lexington notes the value of the competition in her letter:

"The competition itself was an eye opener for me. What a treat to find out there are other Shakespeare fans in the school systems. The contestants were an absolute delight. The range of pieces was interesting and the presentations went from good to terrific! Again, thank you and the ESU for providing a much needed energizer in pursuit of incredible language."

Thanks to the many people who worked hard to make this a success. ESU Scholars who had studied at Shakespeare's Globe were major helpers behind the scenes.



Senior Winners David Jackson, Adam Brown, Margaret Streeter



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Another Great Group - Our 2007 Scholars

Our Scholarship Committee, led by Grant Bruton, recently announced the winners for this year. They had a hard time making their choice and would have awarded scholarships to all the applicants if funds were available. The winners are:

Nanita Morgan	Bell County High School Pineville, Kentucky	Robert Worth Bingham Scholar	Shakespeare's Globe, London
Coleen Murphy	Mercy Academy, Louisville	Kentucky Branch Scholar	Cambridge University
Katherine Filcik	Spalding University	Don Glaser Scholar	Cambridge University
Bethany Johnson	University of Louisville	Owsley Brown Frazier Scholar	Cambridge University
Emily Ruppel	Bellarmino University	Joshua Everett Scholar	Oxford University
Brandon Meeks	University of Louisville	Anne Habich Scholar	Cambridge University

The Queen's Birthday Garden Party

The Queen's Birthday Garden Party will be held on Sunday June 10 at "Pinecrest" the beautiful home of Mr. & Mrs. Allan Morris. This will be the Branch's 20th annual event to benefit our educational programs. The first event in 1988 attracted well over 200 guests and Lucie Blodgett then wrote "Queen Elizabeth's ears must have been burning on Sunday, June 11, as Louisville's English-Speaking Union gave her an elegant birthday party in the beautiful rose garden at the home of Mrs. William Samuels." Branch members prepared food for the party, as they would for several years to come, and tea was served on

a wooden table transported from a member's dining room for the event.

Over the past two decades, the Garden Party has taken place in a number of fine gardens at impressive homes in the Louisville area. It has become the focal point of the Branch's yearly schedule, and it has developed a reputation all its own that is worthy of celebration. Please join us in celebrating this tradition as we honor Queen Elizabeth II and the Kentucky Branch 2007 Scholars.

If you would enjoy being more engaged in this event, perhaps as a hostess or serving tea, please call Keith Eiken at 459-2326.

Gifts to the Kentucky Branch

We have received appreciated stock which was donated to support this year's Scholarship Program. The Kentucky Branch has an account with A.G. Edwards and Sons for receiving tax deductible gifts through the use of securities. If you own securities and wish to make a donation to our Branch you can direct support to a Branch Project such as Shakespeare Competition, English in Action, or the Scholarship Program. A significant contribution can be directed into our foundation account managed by the Louisville Community Foundation. Monies in the Foundation are invested in perpetuity for the sole benefit of our Branch. If you would like more information regarding the benefits of gifting, please contact Margaret Turley 502-423-3556 or 1-800-477-1510.

Thank you for your support.

English in Action – ePals Launch

Five Iroquois Middle School 8th Grade girls in Noroka Padilla's ESL class launched a pilot program named ePals. The students are from Cuba, Iraq, Mexico and Somalia. They introduced themselves by emails to five Branch members who responded by email. The idea is to help immigrant and refugee students improve their communication skills and learn about America and Louisville. The goal is to exchange at least two messages a month. Everyone involved is enthusiastic about the program. Board member and ePal Betty Neurath said "It's a great program. I'm enjoying it so much and it has started me writing again." For more information contact alidath@insightbb.com.