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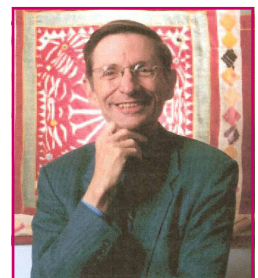
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BILL DRAYTON, ENTREPRENEUR FOR SOCIAL CHANGE ***A Conversation with a Venture Capitalist Who Does Well by Doing Good***

In collaboration with the WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, we're honored to host a luncheon with a visionary who has been identified by *US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT* and by HARVARD UNIVERSITY'S CENTER

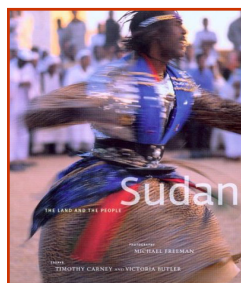
FOR PUBLIC LEADERSHIP as one of America's most significant innovators.

WILLIAM DRAYTON is chief executive for **ASHOKA**, a nonprofit organization he founded in 1980 to identify and facilitate the endeavors of charitable groups and civic-minded pioneers



who deploy economic and philanthropic instruments to foster equitable societies and address such global problems as poverty and malnutrition. A Rhodes Scholar whose primary role model was Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Drayton says that one of his hobbies is "helping young people dream and do." He is the principal subject of a laudatory **David Bornstein** book, **HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS AND THE POWER OF NEW IDEAS**. Copies of that engaging volume will be available for sale and for inscription by the charismatic figure whose efforts inspired it.

VIEWING "THE SUDAN: THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE" ***A Vicarious Lunchtime Journey with a Former Ambassador and his Wife***



Once again we're pleased to join hands with our friends at the WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB, this time for a gathering with the authors of a guide to the astonishing diversity of Africa's largest country. Here for more than a millennium Arabs and darker-skinned tribes from the heart of an immense continent have collided and mingled to produce a people who share a turbulent past and a rich heritage. In the company of photographer **MICHAEL FREEMAN**, former U.S. Am-

bassador **TIMOTHY CARNEY** and his wife, writer **VICTORIA BUTLER**, spent two years compiling an illustrated narrative about the geography, history, and demographic heterogeneity of Sudan, a country with largely untapped natural resources and a strategically sensitive location. Mr. Carney and Ms. Butler will discuss and sign copies of **THE SUDAN: THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE**, which will be on hand for purchase. They'll also offer perspectives on the Middle East. Ambassador Carney is a consultant on national security strategy, and he will have just returned from a fact-finding trip to Iraq.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Cash-Bar Reception, 11:30

Lunch, 12:30 Program, 1:00

1526 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

Lunch and Program, \$25

Enjoy a Special Tour at the National Gallery of Art

For details on that and on other **COMING ATTRACTIONS**, among them a BABA reception at the **BRITISH EMBASSY**, see the pages that follow.

A FESTIVE *SUMMER DRINKS PARTY* AT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

Thanks to our colleagues at the **BRITISH-AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**, constituents of the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION** are invited to a *SUMMER DRINKS PARTY* at the **BRITISH EMBASSY**.

TUESDAY, JULY 25
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

THE BRITISH EMBASSY
3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Admission \$85

Graciously hosted by **SIR DAVID AND LADY MANNING**, this gathering will feature **Pimm's Cup** cocktails and other hot-weather coolants. It will afford an opportunity for **ESU WASHINGTON** and **BABA**

members to help celebrate the special relationship that links them in fellowship. And it will provide a chance for those who haven't done so to meet the ten U.K. students who are working on Capitol Hill between now and August as **ESU** interns. To reserve space for this reception, simply contact **BABA** Executive Director **PATRICIA KARHUSE**, who can be reached by phone at (202) 293-0010, by fax at (202) 296-3332, or by e-mail at pkarhuse@babawashington.org.



FRENCH IMPRESSIONIST MASTERPIECES AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

In May of 2005, **JIM BYRON**, one of the most popular docents at the **NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART**, conducted a special tour of the museum's Italian Renaissance paintings. This excursion had been

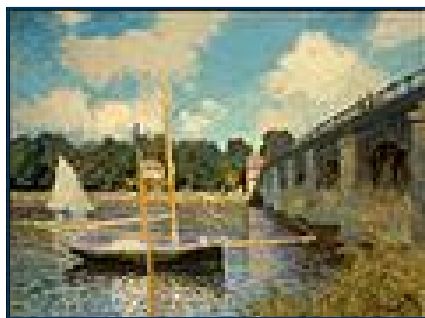
carefully arranged by **Audrey Pendergast**, on behalf of the **ESU PROGRAM COMMITTEE**, and it proved so engaging and informative that attendees have been clamoring for another trip to the Gallery, this

THURSDAY, JULY 27
Tour 11:00 a.m. Lunch, 12:30 p.m.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART
Tour & Luncheon, \$30
Tour Only, \$10

time to look at its renowned collection of 19th-century **FRENCH IMPRESSIONISTS**. We're now pleased to announce that popular demand has prevailed.

Participants are asked to assemble at **10:50** in the **ROTUNDA** of the **WEST BUILDING** (where they will see a *Tour Begins Here* sign not far from the Mall entrance) for a presentation by Mr. Byron that will commence promptly at the top of the hour. Those who can stay will have a chance to talk further with Mr. Byron over a light repast at the **GARDEN CAFÉ**, where he has kindly agreed to join the group as a guest of the **ESU**. We're required to remind our readers that admission to the **GALLERY** and to all its exhibitions, tours, and other public educational programs is free of charge; the fees associated with this event are totally unrelated to the **NGA** and are applicable solely to **ESU WASHINGTON's** administrative costs.



A LATE-SUMMER GET-TOGETHER FOR ADMIRERS OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

THE WASHINGTON SOCIETY FOR CHURCHILL extends a cordial invitation to **ESU** constituents who enjoy Memphis-style **Red**

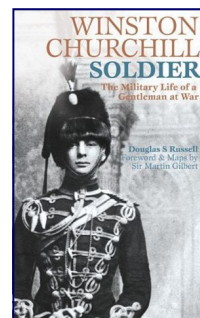
Hot & Blue barbecue and share an interest in the life and legacy of Britain's most celebrated 20th-century Prime Minister. The highlight of this picnic will be remarks by **DOUGLAS S. RUSSELL**, a judge of the Iowa

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

PORTO VECCHIO
1250 South Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia
Plenic & Program, \$25

District Court and the author of a new book, **WINSTON CHURCHILL: SOLDIER**.

The gathering will take place on the grounds of a condominium at the southernmost tip of Old Town Alexandria, just below the spot where the Capital Beltway crosses the Potomac over Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Reservations are requested by **Monday, July 31**, and they should be secured through checks made out and addressed to **DORIS WEISMAN, 153 East Street NE, Vienna, VA 22180**. You can reach Mrs. Weisman or her husband Bert with a telephone call to (703) 255-2579.



NASHVILLE PLAYS HOST FOR THE 86TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ESUUS

MUSIC CITY USA will be the site for this year's 86th **ANNUAL CONFERENCE** of the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION OF THE UNITED STATES**. For those who associate Tennessee's capital only with the **GRAND OLE OPRY** and with the recording and entertainment industry that radio's most venerable broadcast has spawned, the **NASHVILLE BRANCH**



of the **ESU** has a number of surprises in store. Among the options available to delegates at the 2006 convention will be a **NASHVILLE OPERA** production of Verdi's *Aida*, a close look at **SYMPHONY HALL**, and a Sunday church service with liturgy from the 1559 *Book of Common Prayer*. Those who wish to see the **COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME** will have ample means to do so, and one speaker will be **BILL IVEY**, a **VANDERBILT** professor who oversaw that institution before he came to Washington in the early 1990s as Chairman of the **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**. Other attractions will include **JOHN SEIGENTHALER SR.**, founding editor of *USA Today* and father of a prominent **NBC NEWS** anchor. For more detail about what promises to be an unusually varied weekend, visit www.esuus.org, where you'll find helpful links to relevant Web sites and order forms to be downloaded and submitted.

OCTOBER 12-15
Thursday through Sunday

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
Hosted by the NASHVILLE BRANCH
of the ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
Visit www.esuus.org

A FEW WORDS OF GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE ESU'S PROGRAMS

As we conclude our 2005-6 season, we wish to acknowledge those who've done the most in the last year to help ESU WASHINGTON further its charitable and educational objectives.

We wish, first, to thank the **MORRIS AND GWENDOLYN CAFRITZ FOUNDATION** for continuing to provide indispensable support for our annual *SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION*. We're particularly grateful to **Calvin Cafritz**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization, as well as to long-time Executive Director **Anne Allen** and her newly appointed successor, **Rose Ann Cleveland**. We're also indebted to **Priscilla Liggett** for the generosity with which she has covered the stipends that go to our three prizewinners in the contest, as well as to **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY** for the beautiful atlases that are bestowed on each contestant.

There is no way to express adequate appreciation to **Dr. Marjorie J. Williams** and her late husband, **Walter L. Wright III**, who have graced the *COMPETITION* with a fellowship, named after Mr. Wright, to recognize a promising theatre artist in the **ACADEMY FOR CLASSICAL ACTING**, a joint venture of the **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** and the **SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY**. When this gesture is placed in a broader context, one that includes the other gifts that Dr. Williams and Mr. Wright provide, both as **SPONSORS** of all the activities that make the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION** a formidable influence locally and nationally and as key supporters of other cultural programs, it becomes clear that they are in a unique category.

We deeply regret the passing of **Tony Wright**, who died on Shakespeare's birthday in April, and we wish to acknowledge everyone who commemorated him with contributions to the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION** in his honor: **John F. Andrews** and **Jan Denton**, **John F. Barnard**, **Sophie Blumenfeld**, the firm of **Brown, Williams, Moorhead & Quinn**, **John J. Castellot**, **Laura C. Flemings**, **Robert A. Fratkin**, **Deborah L. Frech**, **Margaret S. Johnson**, **Celia Josephs**, **Paul C. LeGolván**, **Louise R. Marthens**, **Francis McCormick**, **Elizabeth Meirs**, **Phillip H. Miller**, **Ruth Uppercu Paul**, **Gillian B. Quinby**, **William L. Renfro**, **Bruce B. Stewart**, **Marjorie Wicklein**, **Anne B. Williams**, and **Frederick F. Wright**.

In another form of financial assistance that was proposed by the President of **ESU WASHINGTON**, we benefited from targeted underwriting for several events this year. We're thus pleased to single out such magnanimous hosts as **A. Graham Down**, **Robert and Susan Fratkin**, **Celia and Julian Josephs**, **Gerry and Susan Kauvar**, and **Braxton and Debbie Moncure**.

For all they've provided, not only through dues payments but through in-kind contributions and through special donations of various types, we're highly grateful to our **PATRONS**: **Paul and Carolyn Brubaker**, **Capt. Jay Coupe**, **Mr. and Mrs. William FitzGerald III**, **Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Fratkin**, **Mr. and Mrs. William H. Greer Jr.**, **Mr. William F. Huneke**, **Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Kauvar**, **Mr. Phillip H. Miller**, **Mr. and Mrs. C. Braxton Moncure**, **Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nicholson**, **Ms. Ruth Uppercu Paul**, **Mr. and Mrs. William L. Renfro**, and **Mrs. Lillie Lou Rietzke**. **Mrs. Rietzke** died on May 14 at the age of 95, and we send condolences to her many loved ones.

Meanwhile, we remain indebted to our **BENEFACTORS**: **Mr. and Mrs. Stephen F. Black**, **Mr. and Mrs. Eric Beshers**, **Mrs. Mary O. Bush**, **Mrs. Joan Saenz Healey**, **Capt. Macauley Howard**, **Oswald and Susan Johnston**, **Dr. and Mrs. James C. Ledyard**, **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shryock Jr.**, **Mr. Roger B. Lowe**, **Mr. and Mrs. Leander McCormick-Goodhart**, **Mrs. Jane P. Plakias**, **Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Plaskett**, and **Ms. Deborah Stevenson**.

We very much appreciate our **DONORS**: **Mr. Robert Alfandre**, **Mr. Charles Barenthaler III**, **Ms. D. Elizabeth Crompton**, **Ms. Irene Crowe**, **Mrs. Marifranco Hardison**, **Mr. Austin Hay**, **Ms. Anne G. Hodge**, **Mr. and Mrs. Ian S. McDonald**, **Mrs. Anne N. Lewis**, **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mertz**, **Cdr. Susan Merritt Nelsen**, **Mrs. Vivian Norden**, **Mrs. Mary D. Rob**, **Drs. Jeanne and Markley Roberts**, **Mr. and Mrs. William A. Schmidt**, **Mrs. Doris S. Scholze**, **Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Schwartz Jr.**, **Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith**, **Mrs. Nell V. Weidenhammer**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Felton Mark Wyatt**.

We're grateful, as always, for those who affiliate with the **ESU** at any level, but we're especially drawn to those who help offset our administrative overhead with payments that position them above the *Associate* and *Subscriber* categories. With that in mind, we thank our **CONTRIBUTORS**: **Mr. and Mrs. Elio Pieri Bondi**, **Hon. and Mrs. E. R. Braithwaite**, **Hon. Henry E. Catto Jr.**, **Mr. David Cavicke**, **Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Cranford**, **Mr. and Mrs. Neal Crowley**, **Ms. Marian Douglas** and **Mr. Carlo Ungaro**, **Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury P. Foss**, **Mrs. Marguerite Peet Foster**, **Mr. John Sward Gleiber**, **Ms. Carol Gould-Philips**, **Dr. Joyce Hagel** and **Mr. Charles Silverman**, **Mrs. Flora B. Harper**, **Mr. and Mrs. Paul David Harrington**, **Mrs. Helen Hecht**, **Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Gary Heckman**, **Ms. Cristina Heilner**, **Mr. and Mrs. J. Roderick Heller**, **Mrs. Leonora Himes**, **Ms. Constance Suzanne Hoover**, **Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hunter III**, **Mr. John Peters Irelan**, **Ms. Deborah Clark Ives**, **Mr. C. Owen Johnson**, **Mr. Jeffrey B. Jones** and **Mrs. Alice McElfresh**, **Mr. and Mrs. Julian Josephs**, **Dr. Donald West King**, **Mrs. Florence G. King**, **Mr. Gregory J. King**, **Ms. Doreen Lehr**, **Ms. Heather McCabe**, **Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McKittrick Jr.**, **Mr. and Mrs. H. Finlay Lewis**, **Mr. Michael Maibach**, **Ms. Elizabeth Jane McCune**, **Mr. Daniel N. Myers**, **Mr. Carl Nelson** and **Mrs. Abigail Nichols**, **Ms. Nancy M. Norton**, **Ms. Audrey Pendergast**, **Mrs. Charles Lee Quill**, **Mrs. C. Edgerton Thayer**, **Ms. Julia H. Thompson**, **Ms. Pauline Thompson**, **Mrs. Adele H. Waggaman**, **Ms. Jacqueline A. Wakeling**, **Ms. Sarah L. Williams**, **Ms. Cynthia Wojick**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Yahuda**.

It's a pleasure to thank those, among them several non-attendees, who responded to our **BRITISH EMBASSY** invitation in May with supplemental contributions to the **ESU**: **Mr. Charles Barenthaler**, **Ms. Rionda Braga**, **Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brubaker**, **Ms. Mary O. Bush**, **Ms. Sarah R. Carmalt**, **Mr. Doug Evans**, **Ms. Barbara W. Gordon**, **Ms. Ann Foster Heuer**, **Mr. and Mrs. John Klaffky**, **Mrs. Egbert Leigh**, **Mrs. Priscilla Liggett**, **Mr. Roger Lowe**, **Mr. Charles Miller**, **Ms. Vivian Norden**, **Dr. and Mrs. Richard Southby**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Michael Yahuda**.

Finally, for a planning grant that has been exceedingly welcome during a critical transition period for its volunteer-based *ENGLISH IN ACTION* tutoring service, **ESU WASHINGTON** is immensely grateful to the board and staff of the **MARPAT FOUNDATION**.



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In Memory of Mark Wyatt

A few days ago the ESU WASHINGTON lost another of its dedicated, generous benefactors. FELTON MARK WYATT served two terms as a member of our Board of Directors, and subsequently as a Vice-President of the branch. He began his career as an officer in the UNITED STATES NAVY. After an interval as staff assistant for a U.S. Senator from California, he joined the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, where he played pivotal roles in several European countries during the Cold War. Following his retirement in 1978 he wrote extensively about his experience, and he shared his insights on such TV programs as *60 MINUTES*, *DATeline*, and *FRONTLINE*. We offer heartfelt sympathy to Mark's wife Ann, and to their three children and four grandchildren.

Thanks for Your Generosity

Everyone associated with the ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION is enormously grateful for your willingness to facilitate its offerings with your support. The ESU now girdles the planet, with a stately London address at DARTMOUTH HOUSE near Berkeley Square, and those who take part in any of its local, regional, and national communities are nourished by a vibrant global network.

In an effort to keep our members alert to the broader dimensions of the ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION, we now offer everyone who affiliates with the ESU at the **Contributor** level or above a colorful periodical, *ESU NEWS*, which comes out six times a year from our headquarters in Mayfair. If you're not yet receiving it, why not upgrade your membership with a call to (202) 234-4602?

Through an enticing assortment of edifying events, and through such enterprises as an annual *SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION* for secondary-school students, a variety of *FELLOWSHIP AWARDS* to encourage substantive exploration in academic and artistic settings, and a volunteer-based tutoring service, *ENGLISH IN ACTION*, for those who aspire to better command of a tongue that is not native to them, ESU WASHINGTON is dedicated to extending a precious legacy. To help sustain this legacy, all you need to do is supply the information requested in the form to the right and submit it by post, phone, fax, or e-mail. Below are the ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION's present membership categories.

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*Event notices, local and national
ESU member publications*

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*All ASSOCIATE-level benefits plus 1 coupon
for a regular ESU event (that is, an
event priced at \$40 or less)*

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coupon to be used at a regular ESU event
plus 6 issues a year of ESU NEWS*

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to be used at regular events and 1 coupon for a special
occasion (that is, one priced at more than \$40)*

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regular events, 1 additional coupon for a special occasion,
and recognition in selected print materials*

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*Free admission for 2 persons to all regular events,
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recognition in selected printings*

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to 4 additional guests at all ESU gatherings*

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For **July 25 (The Sudan)**, please reserve ___ space(s) at \$25.

For **July 25 (British Embassy)**, please reserve ___ space(s) at \$90
(this price includes a \$5 handling fee that will not be charged to
those who order directly through BABA, as suggested on page 2).

For **July 27 (National Gallery)**, please reserve___ space(s) at \$30
for the tour and the luncheon, _ space(s) at \$10 for the tour only.

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