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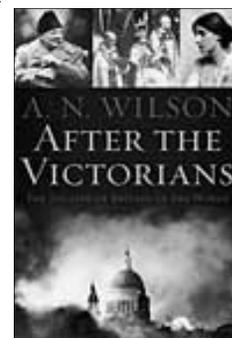
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A. N. WILSON TRACES BRITAIN'S DECLINE *AFTER THE VICTORIANS* *An Elegant Soiree with One of Our Era's Most Versatile Writers*

An author whose splendid book on *The Victorians* featured the ascent of the British Empire has now chronicled its descent in *After the Victorians*, a panoramic survey that carries us from the demise of Queen Victoria in 1901

to the dawn of the Cold War in the early 1950s. **A. N. WILSON** offers riveting depictions of the savagery of World War I and of the Communist Revolution. And he casts fresh light on World War II, showing that the United Kingdom played a critical role in defeating Nazi Germany but paid a severe price for its hard-won victory. A prolific novelist and biographer as well as an eminent historian, Mr. Wilson is acclaimed for volumes on such topics as Jesus of Nazareth, the Apostle Paul, John Milton, Sir Walter Scott, Leo Tolstoy, C. S. Lewis, Iris Murdoch, and the House of Windsor. He has been described as "incapable of writing a dull sentence," and his many honors include a coveted membership in the Royal Society of Literature. For their generous support of this gathering, at which Mr. Wilson's latest publication will be available for purchase and inscription, we're deeply indebted to **ROBERT AND SUSAN FRATKIN** and to **MARJORIE WILLIAMS AND WALTER L. WRIGHT, III**.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

*Cash-Bar Reception, 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, 7:00 Program, 7:45*

1526 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE

*Dinner and Program, \$30
Program Only, \$15*

CHAMBER MUSIC BY GEORGETOWN'S DUMBARTON ENSEMBLE *An Afternoon in the Company of Mozart, Schubert, and Bruch*



You're cordially invited to a concert by the **DUMBARTON ENSEMBLE** in one of our city's loveliest venues. With **GRAHAM DOWN** and **ELIZABETH DYSON** on the piano, **CAROL HALL** on the violin and the viola, **JERRY SCHWARZ** on the clarinet, and **BETH LAWRENCE** lending her beautiful voice to the occasion, we'll be treated to an aria (from *La Clemenza di Tito*) for soprano, clarinet, and piano by **WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART** (1756-1791), a sonatina for violin and piano by **FRANZ SCHUBERT** (1797-1828), a lieder for soprano, clarinet, and piano by **LOUIS SPOHR** (1784-

1859), and a trio for viola, clarinet, and piano by **MAX BRUCH** (1838-1920). There is no charge for attendance at this performance, but reservations are requested, and donations, either to **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** or to the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION**, will be received with warm appreciation.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Performance, 4:00 p.m.

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3240 O Street NW**

Admission Free

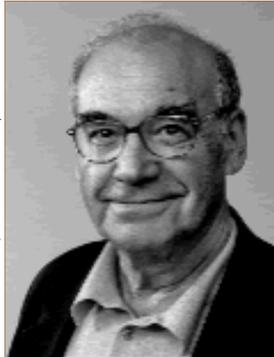
Meet Haynes Johnson on Tuesday, November 22

For details on that and on other *COMING ATTRACTIONS*, among them an evening with **KITTY CARLISLE HART**, see the pages that follow.

Coming Attractions

HAYNES JOHNSON EXAMINES PARALLELS BETWEEN THE MCCARTHY ERA AND TODAY

We're pleased to join forces with the **WNDC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** for a presentation by one of the most distinguished reporters of our time. **HAYNES JOHNSON**, who is best known for the political commentary that has garnered him a Pulitzer Prize with *The Washington Post*, has long been a regular on such influential television programs as *The Today Show* on NBC and the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS. The author of eleven major books, among them such best-sellers as *Sleepwalking Through History*, *The Bay of Pigs*, and *The Landing*, Mr. Johnson will be with us to discuss and sign copies of his latest study, *The Age of Anxiety: From McCarthyism to Terrorism*. As a journalist who has covered both the White House and Capitol Hill for several decades, Mr. Johnson focuses upon the abuses of civil liberty that occurred during a period in which concerns about national security made it possible for a crusading zealot to intimidate many a public figure before his harsh interrogation procedures finally provoked enough concern to bring his proceedings to a halt. A gifted teacher as well as an observer who has long enjoyed the admiration of his peers, Mr. Johnson holds the Knight Chair in Journalism at the University of Maryland.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Cash-Bar Reception, 11:30 a.m.
Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Program, 1:00
1526 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE
Lunch and Program, \$25

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REMEMBERING BRITISH EVACUEES TO NORTH AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II

Three years ago broadcaster **MICHAEL HENDERSON** talked to us about *Forgiveness* as a means of *Breaking the Chain of Hate* in social and political affairs. We're pleased to note that he'll be back to introduce and inscribe copies of *See You After the Duration: The Story of British Evacuees to North America in World War II*. This memoir illuminates a key aspect of Anglo-American relations that has received little attention: the help that citizens of the United States and Canada provided by offering safe havens for the children of families in the United Kingdom who had no choice but to remain at home during the bombings that devastated many of their communities in the early 1940s. According to **Sir Christopher Meyer**, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States from 1997 to 2003, "Michael Henderson tells us in a fascinating narrative, filled with adventure, about the drama and



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sadness of children taken from their parents to a foreign land for their own safety. One of the things I liked most about this book is the light it casts on some of the nooks and crannies of wartime North American life." In a moving foreword, Sir Martin Gilbert, renowned for his eloquence as biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, observes that "for those who were not part of the saga Michael Henderson so brilliantly recounts, there will be myriad surprises, affectionate vignettes, and warm tributes, amid the difficulties and uncertainties of exile."

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
Cash-Bar Reception, 6:00 p.m.
Dinner, 7:00 Program, 7:45
1526 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE
Dinner and Program, \$30
Program Only, \$15

A TRIBUTE TO KITTY CARLISLE HART, AN ICON OF TELEVISION'S GOLDEN AGE

We encourage you to register early for a special conversation with one of the most revered figures in the history of American entertainment. For fifteen years **KITTY CARLISLE HART** charmed us as a panelist for TV's *To Tell the Truth*. Her work as a singer and as an actress has included roles in feature films (with stars like Bing Crosby and the Marx Brothers), on Broadway, at the **METROPOLITAN OPERA**, and at **FEINSTEIN'S**, a Manhattan cabaret in which she recently celebrated her 95th birthday with a week-long series of vocal performances. During a wide-ranging dialogue with **JOHN ANDREWS**, Mrs. Hart will recall some of the highlights of a career that has featured Decca recordings of lyrics by Jerome Kern, marriage to playwright Moss Hart, a cameo in Woody Allen's *Radio Days*, and two decades as Chair of the **NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**. Born in New Orleans and educated in Europe, Mrs. Hart has always been the epitome of elegance and sophistication. One of the treats in store for what promises to be an unforgettable evening will be a song to conclude the festivities, with Mrs. Hart accompanied by pianist **JOHN EATON**.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
Program, 7:00 p.m.

CONCORAN GALLERY OF ART
500 17th Street NW
Members, \$25 Others, \$30

A LUNCHEON GATHERING WITH THE PANELISTS OF WETA'S AROUND TOWN

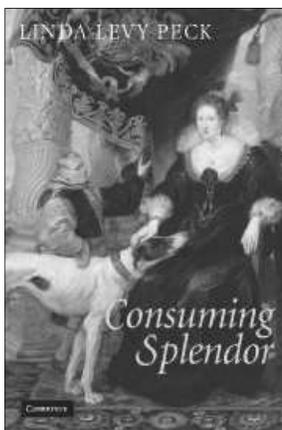
If you're looking for tips on how to make the most of all the cultural highlights that will brighten this year's holiday season, you'll want to be with us for a sprightly conversation with host **ROBERT AUBRY DAVIS** and his colleagues **JOE BARBER**, **PETER FAY**, **JANICE GOODMAN**, **TIM GORDON**, **TREY GRAHAM**, and **JANE HORWITZ**. Just as they do online and in candid reviews on Channel 26, they'll tell us who's coming to town, and when, and

in what locations. This is an occurrence that has become a December tradition at the **WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB**, and we're thankful that our associates in that institution have kindly opened it up to everyone who has learned to rely upon the "Best Bets" that emanate from *Around Town* notices about current and soon-to-be-current attractions. Don't miss your opportunity to hear about all that is happening in theatres, museums, concert halls, libraries, and galleries in a metropolitan area that has become a leading center for the arts and humanities.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
Cash-Bar Reception, 11:30 a.m.
Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Program, 1:00
1526 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE
Lunch and Program, \$25

"CONSUMING SPLENDOR" AND ENJOYING LIFE'S PLEASURES IN THE 17TH CENTURY

We're delighted to return to historic **DACOR BACON HOUSE**, the richly appointed setting for our October 6 address by London biographer **Flora Fraser**, to enjoy an illustrated lecture by one of the globe's foremost authorities on early modern England.



LINDA LEVY PECK is Columbian Professor of History at **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** and the author of such influential books as *Northampton: Patronage and Policy at the Court of James I* and *Court Patronage and Corruption in Early Stuart England*. Professor Peck is now garnering accolades as co-curator of a **FOLGER LIBRARY** exhibition that has been mounted in conjunction with *Consuming Splendor*, the author's fascinating appraisal of the luxury

goods that transformed 17th-century England into an economic and social power to be reckoned with the world over. As she scrutinizes the development of new technologies and the rise of enterprises that both encouraged and built upon the expansion of trade, travel, and luxury consumption, Dr. Peck sharpens our understanding of virtually every aspect of post-Renaissance culture. We're happy to observe that this event is being generously underwritten by **GERALD B. KAUVAR**, President of the branch of the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION** that serves the Nation's Capital area, and Special Assistant to the President of **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**. We're exceedingly grateful to Dr. Kauvar and to his wife **SUSAN BRADSHAW** for their philanthropy.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
Reception, 6:30 Dinner, 7:00
Program, 7:45 p.m.
DACOR BACON HOUSE
1801 F Street NW
Members, \$30 Others, \$35
Program Only, \$15

YULETIDE REVELRY: MERRIMENT AT THE HOME OF BRAXTON AND DEBBIE MONCURE

Thanks to the hospitality of our Treasurer, **BRAXTON MONCURE**, and his wife **DEBBIE**, we're pleased to invite you to a festive get-together in one of Washington's most welcoming residences. We hope you'll join us for a delicious buffet, topped off by **DIANA**

AND **PETER NICHOLSON**'s traditional holiday punch, and come prepared to sing your favorite carols around the piano. You'll have a chance to exchange greetings with your friends in the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION**, and you'll meet tutors from the branch and newcomers from other countries who are engaged in **ESU**'s invaluable and widely applauded *ENGLISH IN ACTION* program. There is no admission charge for this reception, but fully tax-deductible donations to help defray our expenses (which we expect to be approximately \$30 per attendee), and support the **ESU**'s educational and cultural initiatives, will be gladly accepted. We also encourage those who can do so to bring small unwrapped gifts, to be bestowed on needy children in our region. As in the past, Mr. and Mrs. Moncure will be contributing substantially to the costs of this year's entertainment, not only during the holiday season but on other occasions when visitors from abroad are participating in Capitol Hill internships or touring the United States on **ESU** fellowships.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
Beginning at 5:00 p.m.
1614 FOXHALL ROAD NW
No Admission Charge,
But Donations Welcome

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YOU CAN EXPERIENCE RECENT ESU EVENTS ON C-SPAN 2 OR ON THE WEB

We're happy to note that our September 20 luncheon with former *Time* correspondent **BONNIE ANGELO** has appeared three times in recent weeks on **C-SPAN2**'s weekend *BOOKTV* service. This is the ninth **ESU WASHINGTON** program in the last five years to be made readily available around the nation (and in some cases around the planet), and we're always gratified to hear from **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION** friends in distant locales, telling us that they've been able to experience them. For Web links to offerings such as these and to the inaugural **ALISTAIR COOKE MEMORIAL LECTURE**, a **BBC** celebration that took place in July at **DARTMOUTH HOUSE** in London with **Senator John McCain** as speaker, visit the *Calendar* at www.esuwdc.org.

THE ESU SEEKS HOSTS AND SPONSORS FOR GATHERINGS TO OCCUR IN 2006

You'll have noticed that several of the attractions enumerated in this issue of *ESU NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS* are being arranged or funded, either wholly or in part, by officers and board members of the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION**. These efforts are taking place at the urging of our President, who would like to encourage more active involvement in **ESU** activities by a broad cross-section of our constituency. If you would like to help plan a get-together, provide the site for a dinner or reception, organize an excursion, propose a speaker or panel on some topic of your choosing, or subsidize a program by agreeing to pay for some or all of its costs, we'd love to hear from you. To get in touch with **GERRY KAUVAR**, all you need to do is call him at (202) 994-0818 or send a message to gkauvar@gwu.org.



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Since 1920, when it originated in response to a parallel organization that had been established two years earlier in Great Britain, the English-Speaking Union of the United States has sought to foster social and cultural cohesion through the resources and traditions of a language that has become increasingly indispensable as a means of international communication. Through a diverse array of offerings, some of which are shared with audiences around the world through radio and TV, the national capital's ESU endeavors to advance a noble mission.

2006 Shakespeare Competition

On **MONDAY, MARCH 6, AT 1:00 P.M.** on the Lansburgh stage of the **SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY**, we'll host the opening round of ESU's annual **SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION FOR THE NATION'S CAPITAL REGION**, with the concluding round to follow at **7:00** that evening. We're honored to announce that principal funding for this event will be provided once again by the **MORRIS AND GWENDOLYN CAFRITZ FOUNDATION**. In preparation for the **COMPETITION**, we are offering a series of Saturday morning workshops at **ST. ALBANS SCHOOL**. Like the contest itself, these sessions are free and are open to the public. For details about them and about related activities, please call **(202) 234-4602** or e-mail esuwdc@msn.com.

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 prestigious 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 readers 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, you may 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 discourse 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 at 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 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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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,
4 coupons for use at special occasions, and
recognition in selected printings*

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For **Nov. 10 (Wilson)**, please reserve ___spaces at \$30, ___ at \$15.

For **Nov. 13 (Dumbarton)**, please reserve ___spaces at no charge.

For **Nov. 22 (Johnson)**, please reserve ___spaces at \$25.

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For **Dec. 5 (Hart)**, please reserve ___spaces at \$25, ___ at \$30.

For **Dec. 6 (Around Town)**, please reserve ___spaces at \$25.

For **Dec. 15 (Peck)**, please reserve ___spaces at \$30, ___ at \$35, ___ at \$15.

For **Dec. 18 (Yuletide)**, please reserve ___spaces at no charge.

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