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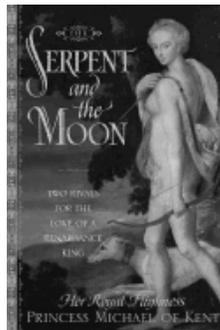
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PRINCESS MICHAEL OF KENT TO INTRODUCE HER NEW BOOK A Special Luncheon Gathering in the Exquisite MANSION ON O STREET

The ESU is pleased to join THE BRITISH-AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BABA) for a retreat to one of our city's best-kept secrets, a setting in which we'll meet one of the most talented members of the United Kingdom's



royal family. HRH PRINCESS MICHAEL OF KENT is the wife of Queen Elizabeth's first cousin. She is also a charming lecturer and the author of two nonfiction volumes, *CROWNED IN A FAR COUNTRY: Portraits of Eight Royal Brides* and *CUPID AND THE KING: Five Royal Paramours*. She'll discuss and sign copies of *THE SERPENT AND THE MOON: Two Rivals for the Love of a Renaissance King*. This riveting narrative explores a romantic triangle that involved two of the Princess' ancestors, Catherine de' Medici, the spouse of Henri II of France, and Diane de Poitiers, the King's mistress. Catherine, we learn, was an envious, fearful, duplicitous woman whose opponents dubbed her "La Serpente." Diane was a stunning beauty who cultivated her namesake's persona as Goddess of the Moon.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

*Cash Bar Reception 12:00
Lunch 12:30, Program 1:00*

2020 O STREET NW

*Member Rate \$45
Non-Member Rate \$50*

BEATLEMANIA: FORTY YEARS ON FROM THE INVASION OF 1964 ESU Joins BABA and the BRITISH COUNCIL for an Event at the ROTUNDA

When THE BEATLES arrived in February 1964 for the first of two visits to America, they brought a sound that hadn't been heard before. By the time they departed for Liverpool two weeks later, they'd initiated a transformation in style, sensibility, and popular culture that went far beyond their captivating music. To mark the 40th anniversary of that pivotal moment, we're returning to the scene of a crime, a venue that made news when an enraptured fan created an international incident by clipping a lock of Ringo's hair. Helping us appreciate the Beatles' impact will be three authorities on the group. MARTIN GOLDSMITH, former host of NPR's



Performance Today, will draw upon the details in his book *THE BEATLES COME TO AMERICA*. Journalist LARRY KANE will recall his three unforgettable weeks



as a touring insider with the charismatic mopheads, an experience he has chronicled in *TICKET TO RIDE*. WETA's irrepressible ROBERT AUBRY DAVIS will lead the discussion, and if necessary, preserve order. In all likelihood he and Mr. Goldsmith will conjure up memories from their years in the studio of *Songs for Aging Children*, a nostalgic Sunday afternoon radio feature.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

*Program 6:30 p.m.
Reception 7:30 p.m.*

3100 MASSACHUSETTS

*Member Rate \$30
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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, many of which are shared with audiences around the world through radio and TV, the national capital's ESU endeavors to advance a noble mission.

Churchill Evening as a Prologue for The 2004 World Members Conference

Please join us **Tuesday, October 5**, for a gathering about *SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL: His Life and His Paintings*. Speaking will be **MINNIE CHURCHILL**, director of **CHURCHILL HERITAGE**, who will show that the themes in a gifted amateur's artworks often reflected the struggles he faced in his professional life. Festivities will start with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:45 and a lively talk by Mrs. Churchill at 7:30 in the **WOMAN'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB** at 1526 New Hampshire Avenue NW. See the Order Form below for additional details.

An Engaging New Season

As we enter the ESU's 2004-5 calendar, we look forward to a varied menu of attractions, among them dialogues with writers **ADAM GOPNIK** (*New Yorker*) on Wednesday, **October 20**, and **PETER MARKS** (*Washington Post*) on Tuesday, **November 9**.

We open in mid-September with the programs described on the front page of this bulletin. We'll then proceed to an eventful October, beginning with a Washington prelude to the **ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION'S 2004 WORLD MEMBERS CONFERENCE**. From Sunday, **October 3**, through Tuesday, **October 5**, constituents from our community will have a chance to welcome ESU delegates from Canada, England, New Zealand, Russia, and Yemen, as well as from elsewhere in the United States. They'll then be able to accompany them, if they wish, to Manhattan, where ESU members from around the globe will convene for a potpourri of meetings and social occasions between Wednesday, **October 6**, and Sunday, **October 10**. For more information, go to www.esuus.org or give our office a call.

Through activities like its annual **SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION** for secondary-school students, its awards to facilitate advanced study in academic and artistic settings, and its tutoring service for those who aspire to better command of a discourse that is not native to them, the ESU's Nation's Capital Area branch is dedicated to extending a noble tradition. To help perpetuate this legacy, simply supply the data requested in the Order Form at right and submit it to executive director John F. Andrews at 1604 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-2512. You can reach Mr. Andrews by phone at (202) 234-4602, by fax at (202) 234-4639, or by e-mail at esuwdc@msn.com.

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My check for \$_____ to The English-Speaking Union is enclosed.

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