



**ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
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Creating global understanding through English

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Newsletter 03/2005

Dear Members and Friends of the English-Speaking Union,

In chronological order, we would as usual like to invite you to our first meeting in the month:

Stammtisch on Wednesday, **09 March, at 6 p.m.**

at the **Pizzeria – Trattoria Monaco**,

Reichenbachstrasse 10, 80469 München.

Tram 17 from e.g. Stachus or Sendlinger-Tor-Platz will take you to Reichenbachplatz, walk a few steps in the direction of Gärtnerplatz and, presto, you arrive at this nice little restaurant.

Will we have the pleasure of your company? Then **please call me (089 – 34 55 32, in the evenings) by Monday, 07. 03., at the latest.**

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The second event this month will be **a discussion**

– **topic "Cultural Differences in Advertising"** –

with our new Chairman Walter Herglotz as M.C.

We would like to welcome your active participation in, what we hope, will be a lively exchange of opinions – at the

Hotel Conrad de Ville, Schillerstr. 10, Munich,

on 18 March 2005, 7 p.m., room Riviera

Please ring me **by Wednesday, 16 March** (in the evenings),
at the latest, if you plan to join this discussion group on the 18th.

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On 25 Feb. the Annual General Meeting took place. Unfortunately only very few members attended although we had emphasized the importance of participating, especially as a new committee had to be elected.

The Agenda, as given in Newsletter 02/2005, was adhered to. The former Committee was exonerated and a new Committee was elected as follows:

Chairman	Walter Herglotz
1 st Vice Chairperson	Eileen Stonard
2 nd Vice Chairperson	Claus Bruegmann
Secretary	Rosemaria Gaubatz
Treasurer	Jennifer Blair

Additionally two Auditors were elected as follows:

Bela Alexander and Peter Landsmann

AOB:

- It was decided not to hold a Public Speaking Competition this year, due to lack of interest from schools contacted. It is felt by the Committee that in future 1 – 2 years of preparatory work with the schools is necessary. Therefore, the Committee requests members to volunteer for this task.
- On 18 – 23 June the launch of the ESU-Czech Republic will take place in Prague. Those wishing to attend can obtain the necessary details from Claus Bruegmann (tel. 089 – 30 840 98; eMail: cbr.cbw@t-online.de). Deadline for registration is 25 March.
- Suggestions for Programme 2005: The new Chairman asked members present for suggestions. One idea was to set up small interest-groups.
- Dorothy and Ben Bahr were kind enough to suggest holding the annual Garden Party at their home in July.

Message from the new Chairman:

It is my pleasure as new Chairman for the period 2005 – 2007 to invite you to our meetings and to encourage you to contact us with your ideas and suggestions. I would be very pleased if as many members as possible would in future take an active part in our club.

For years now, English has been a source of communication for me in a number of countries not only for business but also in situations of everyday life. Today I feel that I owe quite a lot to the ESU because without the constant support and informal conversations – small talk – I would never have had the opportunity to pick up the important aspects of the language in order to converse in English successfully.

For ideas and suggestions please contact: walter.herglotz@t-online.de

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The Amerika Haus (Karolinenplatz 3, phone 55 25 37-0) offers – besides improved stage and lighting techniques and new comfortable theatre seats **plus** a newly-established **Filmclub "Millions of Images"** with more than 10.000 videos and DVDs in the original, numerous film events and discussion groups – a number of interesting events in March:

On Wed, 09 March, at 7 p.m., (coinciding with our Stammtisch)

Reading with the Author – Matthew Sharpe

"The Sleeping Father" (German title "Eine amerikanische Familie")

Bernard Schwartz has lost his wife, his career and, finally, thanks to the accidental combination of two different kinds of antidepressants, his consciousness. He emerges from a coma to find his son Chris, the perpetual smart-ass, and his daughter Cathy, a Jewish teen turned self-martyred Catholic, stumbling headlong toward trauma-induced maturity. "The Sleeping Father" is a superb examination of contemporary hierarchies of family and authority.

Tickets 5 € / 3 €

On Tues, 15 March, – Sat, 19 March, at 7:30 p.m.:

Theatre Performances "Pygmalion" by Bernard Shaw.

The American Drama Group Europe presents the Tour de Force Theatre with this famous comedy adapted and directed by Peter Joucla, and promises great fun with Eliza Doolittle and Professor Higgins who determines to free the flower girl Eliza from her primitive background and turn her into a society lady. Yet a great personality cannot evolve just from education and correct manners.

Tickets 18 € / 9 € – Tel. 089 – 34 38 03

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Reminder – **Attention Jazz Fans:**

The theatre-pub Heppel & Ettlich, Kaiserstr. 67 (in Schwabing, near Kurfürstenplatz), 80801 Munich, will present a 90-minute film "**New Orleans – City of Jazz**", by well-known filmmaker Wolfgang Ettlich (1996).

No other city has had a greater influence on the history of music over the past hundred years. There, around 1900, a music style developed later called "jazz". A half century later the New Orleans Rhythm & Blues era began, which paved the way for Rock'n Roll.

The film portrays New Orleans and this city's musical culture in history and present. The film features especially the New Orleans of "neighbourhood bars" where – away from the French Quarter or tourist traps – musicians practice, play, experiment, and spontaneously join in jam sessions. Without these clubs there wouldn't be the "New Orleans Music" that enraptures jazz addicts still today, or the stars who became famous beyond the city limits, stars like the Neville Brothers or the Marsalis Family. The film presents, e.g., such musicians like Walter Payton, Harold Battiste, Michael Ward, Kermit Ruffins, Delfeo Marsalis.

The film will be shown on Sun, 06 Mar, at 8 p.m., in the English original, admission 7:30 p.m., on Mon, 07 Mar, at 8 p.m., in German, admission also at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets 5 € - It is advisable to reserve seats for the small theatre soon under **089 – 349 359**. **Also please note:** Dinner may be had at the pub between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for 7,50 € including a drink.

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Another reminder:

The *Madhouse Theatre Company*, comprised of Matt Devere, Jon Fenner and Mike Keller, based in Budapest for the last three years and regularly performing at the Hungarian National Theatre and on Budapest's "Broadway" in the Thalia Theatre. The three actors (two British, one Irish) will perform at the Gasteig Black Box:

On Thurs, 17 Mar, at 7:30 p.m.

"Stones in His Pockets", a comedy by Irish writer Marie Jones

On Fri, 18 Mar, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sat, 19 Mar, at 7:30 p.m.
 "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" by the Irish playwright Frank McGuinnes



You seem to like limericks. The first one was told by our member Harry Vogel, the second by a friend when we touched on Mendel's Laws during a recent conversation:

There was a lady named Alice	There was a young lady called Starky,
Who peed into the Vatican Palace.	She had an affair with a darky.
It wasn't the need	The result of their sins
Which prompted the deed	Were quadruplets, not twins –
But sheer Presbyterian malice.	One black, one white, two khaki.



Preview of ESU events planned for the next month:

April:	13.04.2005	Stammtisch
	18.04.2005	Mr. Steve Plater, British Consul General, will speak on "Climate Change"

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Please do not forget to visit our web site, www.esu-bavaria.de
 which is updated at least once a month, including activities abroad.

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