



**ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
BAVARIAN BRANCH e.V.**

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Dear Members and Friends of the English-Speaking Union,

In the mood to celebrate Valentine's Day – with us? Then please join us at

our next **Stammtisch** at the
Wirtshaus now again called "**Esszimmer**"
at Siegfriedstr. 14 (entrance Clemensstr.), 80803 München
on **Wednesday, 14 February 2007**, at 7 p.m.

If you are planning to join us, please ring me (evenings) or Eileen (089 – 33 16 69)
by Monday, 12 February, at the latest.

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This month we will have our

Annual General Meeting 2007 / Ordentliche Mitgliederversammlung 2007
and we would like to welcome some more members than the usual 'hard core' to attend this
important event at the

Hotel Conrad de Ville, Schillerstr. 10, Munich,
on **23 February 2007, 7 p.m.**, room Toscana

According to Article 9 of the Constitution an Annual General Meeting will be held on 23 February 2007 with the following Agenda / Tagesordnung :
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- (1) Formal matters / Formalia
- (2) Chairman's Report / Bericht des Vorsitzenden
- (3) Treasurer's Report / Bericht des Schatzmeisters
- (4) Auditors' Report / Bericht der Kassenprüfer
- (5) Exoneration of the Committee / Entlastung des Vorstands
- (6) Election of the Committee / Wahl des Vorstands
- (7) Election of two Auditors / Wahl von zwei Kassenprüfern
- (8) Any Other Business / Sonstiges

Between 23 and 25 March:

Visit of The Rt Hon The Lord Hunt of Wirral MBE PC, ESU Chairman International; Lord Hunt will give us a talk and help celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Between 4 and 6 May:

Visit of ESU-Austria members to Munich

16 June:

Visit of ESU-Bavarian members to Hamburg

Second half of June:

Garden Party, hosted by Dorothy and Ben Bahr

19 October:

Talk by Pauline Chakmakijan on "British and Continental Freemasonry"

ESU International Book Project 2007

ESU World Members' Conference Photo Competition

Suggestions of programme for 2005/2007 / Programmvorschlage fur 2007/2009:

A copy of the Minutes of the AGM 2005 is attached to this newsletter for members with e-mail. Extra copies will be available for "snail-post" members at the hotel on 23 February

Regarding item (6) above, please note the following projected candidates:

1. Chairman: Walter Herglotz
2. Vice Chairperson: Claus Bruegmann
3. Vice Chairperson: Eileen Stonard
4. Secretary: Rosemaria Gaubatz
5. Treasurer: ?
6. Auditors: ? Bela Alexander, ? Peter Landsmann
7. Election Chairman: Ben Bahr

The ESU Constitution requires two Vice Chairpersons **plus a Treasurer**. Therefore, our members are invited to volunteer for these positions on the Committee.

Please ring me by **Monday, 12 February** (in the evenings), or Eileen (089 – 33 16 69) **at the latest**, if you plan to attend and vote in our AGM 2007.

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On 19 January, our member Ben Bahr who had lived in Africa between 1956 and 1969 and got married there to Dorothy in 1962 (lovely film taken on their wedding day!), gave us a most interesting talk on "Life in Colonial East Africa". His discourse was based on various books (authors, e.g., Tanya Blixen, Errol Trzebinski, Beryl Markham etc.) and films and stories of insiders making the rounds during the years Ben lived in Kampala, Dar-es-Salaam, and Kenya.

Of course, he also pointed out the different lifestyle in East Africa, the great variety of landscapes, mansions from the colonial times, and flora and fauna, which occasionally he and Dorothy also liked to admire from a one-engine plane, and briefly described the changes – unfortunately, not to the better – East Africa has undergone since their stay there.

A lively Q&A period followed Ben's lecture.

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Happy Birthday!

In February we would like to send our best wishes to Susanne Grimm (24 February), and "yours truly" (4 February).

In the Pipeline:

In September, Claus met Lord Hunt, ESU Chairman, in London. Lord Hunt expressed his eagerness to come and visit the Bavarian Branch, probably between 23 and 25 March 2007.

Also in London, Claus met the new President of ESU-Austria and they discussed the possibility of Austrian members visiting Munich in early May.

While Walter was in Hamburg recently, he met Mr. Howard Kroch, the Chairman of ESU-Hamburg. They discussed a possible visit to Hamburg by members of the Bavarian Branch in May or June.

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In February the Amerika Haus (Karolinenplatz 3, phone 089 - 55 25 37-0) will present the following:

Thurs–Fri, 09–16 Feb., 7:30 p.m. – Theatre Performance "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury, presented by the TNT Theatre Britain under the direction of Paul Stebbings, is a dystopian fiction novel in a world where books were banned, critical thoughts suppressed.
Tickets 18 € / 9 €; reservation at 089 – 34 38 03

Thurs, 15 Feb., 6 p.m. – Lecture – Admission free – "Quebec and the Constitutional Act, 1982: Then, and Now": Prof. Louis Massicatte, American University of Washington, DC, will recall in his presentation how bitterly divided Quebecers were among themselves about the Canadian Constitution in 1982.

Through 23 Feb. 2007 – Exhibition "Behaviour of Light", Photographs by Janet Sternburg
The American photographer and lyricist understands her non-edited photos, with their natural light and the light's reflection, as documents of a manifold impression of the senses. Thus she is an observer of the individual moment.

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From the Official Limerick Collection:

Last night I was roused by the pipes
Being played by a band of strange types.
Then they tossed a caber,
And shouted: "Vote Labour!"
My sporran lit up and said: "Cripes!"

I've a small breed of dog called a Scottie,
Who's home-trained and sits on a potty.
He gives a loud yap,
The mischievous chap,
Then stands up and wipes his wee bottie.

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

Should you have any suggestions regarding our web site, please e-mail your comments
to Claus Bruegmann under cbr.cbw@t-online.de

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