

ENDACOTT SOCIETY — DECEMBER 2018

Retired Faculty and Staff of The University of Kansas — (<http://oldku.org>)

SCHEDULED EVENTS

All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The regular Wednesday Dec. 26 Endacott Society meetings will not be held because of the Christmas holiday. Members who want to gather for Wednesday Coffee can do so at 10 a.m., Dec. 26, in the northwest dining area of Dillons at Sixth and Wakarusa in Lawrence.

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

Birthday preparations: Sharon Brown (842-2079). Lecture programs: Mary Jane Dunlap (mjdunlap@ku.edu) and Karen Heintzen (heintzen@ku.edu).

December 13—James Gunn, 95, has published four books in the past two years, including a novel, *Transformation*, and his autobiography, *Star Begotten: A Life Lived in Science Fiction*. He has a new novel in progress and other book contracts in hand. Altogether he has written or edited some 45+ books and received national science fiction awards. He will talk about his writing, science fiction's golden age and perhaps mention his roles as a KU English professor and assistant to Chancellors Franklin Murphy and Clarke Wescoe. KU Bookstore will have a sale table. Sherry at 1:30. Birthdays at 1:45. Program at 2. All in the Summerfield Room.

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr (rwwschorr@gmail.com, 842-8625)

No Armchair Travel in December. Programs will resume in January with a collaboration between Dave Mannering and Ron Schorr on their recent trips to Sicily. Details to follow in the January newsletter.

Cinema Studies

Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu, 841-4939). Foreign Films: Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu, 841-1544) and Rich Ring (richring@ku.edu, 842-5544).

December 11— 1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The 1995 comedy *Grumpier Old Men* starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren, continues to detail the back-and-forth lifelong feud between two neighbors since childhood. But this time, the guys join forces resolving to save their beloved bait shop from becoming an Italian restaurant, just as its new female owner (Sophia Loren) catches the attention of Max (Walter Matthau). Run time: 101 minutes. Come at 1:15 for coffee and cookies, then a movie and laughs.

December 17—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *A Christmas Tale* (2008) features Catherine Deneuve as the matriarch of a dysfunctional family who, at a gathering for Christmas, announces that she has leukemia. The emotional reactions of the family members play out against the background of past tensions and past and present love affairs. (*In French, with English subtitles, 150 minutes.*) French cheeses and light refreshments at 1:15, holiday angst at 1:30. **Note change of date + day.**

Computer Study

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com, 913-238-4732)

December 5 and 12— 9:00 in the Phillips Board Room. Tentative programs and speakers listed below. Note the scope now includes both computing and technology interests. Most sessions will be generic in term of operating system to serve both PC and Mac users. Any special updates or variations will be announced at the Wednesday Coffee and online at www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/ by selecting the link to *Computer Study*.

December 5—**Tot Toys, Bot Toys** (Dave Mannerling)

December 12—**Windows 10 Update** (Richard Kerschenbaum)

December 19—**No Session**

Drama Study

Bob Procter (rprocter@netscape.com, 785-221-2100) and Betty Baron (baronbetty@yahoo.com, 785-842-1728).

December 4 and 18—1:30 in the Music Room. We'll read *A Raisin in the Sun*, Lorraine Hansberry's ground-breaking 1959 autobiographical play about an African-American family's decision to move into a white suburban neighborhood in Chicago. Scripts are available.

Evening Lecture (Potluck Dinner)

Linda Mullens (lmullens@ku.edu, 841-0958)

No Evening Lectures in December and January. They will resume in February.

Games Theory

Esther Smith (esther@ku.edu, 842-1660)

December 20—1:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge and Endacott Library. In addition to bridge, Scrabble, mahjong and chess, we are now adding dominoes and Chinese checkers. All sets are provided. Sign up for bridge at Wednesday coffee; otherwise, just show up and PLAY!

Gardening

Cal and Jo Cink (CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu, 785-594-6546) and Dick Schiefelbusch (rschief@ku.edu, 843-5869).

December 5, 12, 19—9:00 in the Music Room. Conversation, videos and readings, mostly about gardening, sometimes just about nature.

Great Books Study

Rich Ring (richring@ku.edu, 842-5544) and Ellen Reid Gold (e834@ku.edu, 843-6933).

December 12—Great Books group will read several Christmas stories from the website **20 Famous Christmas Stories** at 1:30 in the McGinnis Library.

Web link: <https://osr.org/blog/tips-gifts/20-famous-christmas-stories/>

Lunch Bunch

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com, 913-238-4732) and Ron Schorr (rwwschorr@gmail.com, 842-8625)

December 5, 12, 19— Following Wednesday Coffee and Music Appreciation, Endacott members can meet for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week.

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine (susanlevine785@gmail.com, 842-0356) and Fred Pawlicki (fpawlick@ku.edu, 785-393-2783).

Choral music for the holiday season in 25-30-minute video clips at 11 in the Phillips Board Room immediately following Wednesday Coffee.

December 5 & 12—**Jean-Pierre Ponnelle** directs a provocative staged version of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* featuring Lucia Popp, John van Kesteren and Hermann Prey, with the Munich Chorus and Orchestra (*In Latin, with English subtitles*).

December 19—Christmas with *Chanticleer*, an Orchestra of Voices.

Old-Time Radio Shows

John Nicholson (wryterjccc@gmail.com, 913-579-9145)

No Old-Time Radio Shows in December. They will resume in January.

Opera Study

Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930), Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu, 841-1544) and Ted Johnson (tj@ku.edu, 842-5328).

December 21—You've seen Matthew Bourne's reinvention of Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* with an all-male corps de ballet, and Bizet's *Carmen* transformed into *The Car Man* set in a sweaty body shop. Now witness his new ballet based on Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*, which he envisions as "A Gothic Romance" spanning 100 years, complete with good fairies and evil vampires. (*1 hour 45 minutes*) Spotted dicks and light refreshments at 1:15, mind-blowing choreography at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room. **After the program, 12 Metropolitan Opera 2019 calendars will be raffled to lucky winners.**

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum (judyniebaum@gmail.com, 785-842-3127) and David Marden (mardendl@gmail.com, 785-749-3080).

The **Out-of-Town Travel Group** of 24 Endacotters and several guests took a day trip on Friday, Nov. 2, to **Lindsborg (Little Sweden)**. Highlights of the day included an informative docent-led tour of the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery at Bethany College, the Small World Gallery downtown owned by Jim Richardson, noted *National Geographic* photographer, and a visit to the Hemslöjd Dala Horse Factory.

The group plans no travel in December.

Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber (lexington1.com@gmail.com, 843-1157)

December 10—**Patrick Miller**, assistant professor of political science at KU, will speak at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room about "**The Significance of the November 6, 2018, Elections.**" Blue wave? Realignment of major parties? Come join us and find out. Light refreshments at 1:15; presentation at 1:30.

Singing for Fun

Bruce Douglas (bruce_douglas@me.com) and Linda Mannering (lmanneringne@yahoo.com, 785-830-8889).

December 14—Bruce Douglas will lead the group in singing festive music of the season from 10:30 to 11:45 in the Music Room.

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”

Pat Kelly (patckelly@sbcglobal.net, 842-0523)

December 5, 12, 19—10:00 in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and other treats and announcements.

Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services:

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained from Laurie Doud at the KU Alumni Association. Laurie should also be contacted to subscribe to the email list. For the *Endacott Society Newsletter* online: Check the web: <http://oldku.org> and select the link to *Newsletter* or *Calendar*.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, whether or not one is a KU alumnus or retiree, you should be an alumnus of any accredited institution of higher learning, and sign up and pay, as a member of the KU Alumni Association, designating a desire for Endacott Society membership. (Call 785 864-4760, asking for “records,” or log in online at www.kualumni.org/join and click “Retired Faculty and Staff.”) Annual membership dues in KUAA are: single \$25, joint \$30, and will be subsequently billed on the anniversary of your membership.

Another option is annual Jayhawk Society membership—single \$100, joint \$150, to be paid directly to the KU Alumni Association. Any dues above the annual \$25 or \$30 will be applied by KUAA to support Endacott Society programs.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center. These funds will be deposited in the Expressions of Appreciation Fund and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society’s various activities throughout the year.

Newsletter Copy

Copy for the **January 2019 Newsletter** should be sent by or before **Sunday, December 9, 2018**, to both endacottsociety@gmail.com and Jeannie Eblen (jkeblen@sunflower.com).