

ENDACOTT SOCIETY — JANUARY 2019

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 JANUARY 16 EVENTS

Tributes to John T. “Jay” Alexander: At Wednesday Coffee, we’ll have some of Jay’s favorite desserts; **Music Appreciation** will feature some of Jay’s more recent favorite Russian musicians; and Maria Alexander will be a special guest at noon with **Lunch Bunch**.

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).

January 10—Nicholas S. Britt, assistant professor of both KU’s Schools of Pharmacy and Medicine, will talk about “**Antibiotic Resistance: We’re All in This Together.**” Researchers estimate that within 30 years antibiotic-resistant infections could surpass cancer as the leading cause of death globally. He’ll talk about how we got to this point and what we can do to curb the problem. 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)

January 24—Dave Mannering and Ron Schorr will share a program on their recent visits to Sicily, a small island with a rich culture due to its popularity as an invasion target: Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Normans, France and Spain. Refreshments at 1:15; presentation at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room.

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).

January 8— 1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The 2009 adventure-comedy *The Bucket List* starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman portraying two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a to-do list before they die. Run time: 97 minutes. Come at 1:15 for coffee and cookies, then their wild ride.

January 29—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *The Bad Sleep Well* begins our trilogy of films directed by Akira Kurosawa. In this 1960 *noir* classic loosely based on Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*, a young executive (Toshiro Mifune) in post-war Japan marries the daughter of his company’s boss on whom he seeks revenge for having killed his father, but in the end greed and murder prevail. (*In Japanese, with English subtitles, 151 minutes.*) Mochi cakes and light refreshments at 1:15, cross and double-cross at 1:30.

Computer Study

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

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30— 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*.

January 2—**TED Talks: Robots** (Dave Mannering)

January 9—**Endacott Website Redesign Session 3** (Dave Mannering)

January 16—**2019 Consumer Electronic Show (CES)** (Alan Swarts)

January 23—**Modern Wayfinding** (Dave Mannering)

January 30—**Lynda.com—Tech Tutorials** (Dave Mannering)

Drama Study

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

January 15—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. We'll see *A Raisin in the Sun*, the 1961 movie starring Sidney Poitier and Ruby Dee, based on Lorraine Hansberry's autobiographical play about an African-American family's decision to move into a white suburban neighborhood in Chicago in the late 1950s. Run time: 128 minutes.

Evening Lecture (Potluck Dinner)

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

No Evening Lecture in January. Program will resume in February.

Games Theory

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

January 17—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 games 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).

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—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).

January 9—Great Books group will discuss Raymond Chandler's 1940 *noir* classic *Farewell, My Lovely*, featuring the wisecracking, hard-drinking, but morally upright private eye Philip Marlowe at 1:30 in the McGinnis Library.

Lunch Bunch

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

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30— Following Wednesday Coffee and Music Appreciation, Endacott members can meet for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week.

Movement Workshop: On a Roll

Dave Mannering (dmannering@yahoo.com, 830-8889)

January 11—From 9 to 10:15 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Dave Mannering will show us in **January 9 previews** how to play piccolo bocce that combines the sports of horseshoes, croquet, bowling and billiards and can be played indoors standing up or sitting down.

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine (susanlevine785@gmail.com, 842-0356) and Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu, 841-1544).
An eclectic mix of 25-30-minute video clips of classical and popular music to usher in 2019 at 11 in the Phillips Board Room immediately following Wednesday Coffee.

January 2—Riccardo Muti conducts the 2018 New Year's concert in Vienna, featuring waltzes by **Johann Strauss II**.

January 9—Five “Golden Oldies” by **The Mamas & The Papas**.

January 16—Special session for **John T. “Jay” Alexander**, featuring **Valery Gergiev** conducting **Rachmaninoff's Concerto #3** (2nd and 3rd Movements) with pianist **Behzod Abduraimov**, live from London's Royal Albert Hall (2016).

January 23 & 30—**Gustavo Dudamel** conducts **Brahms' Variations on a Theme by Haydn**, and **Haydn's Concerto #1 in C major**, live from Vienna's famous Spanish Riding School (2012).

Old-Time Radio Shows

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

January 28—Snow kept us from the November Westerns. Join us from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Music Room for episodes of *Gunsmoke* and *Have Gun Will Travel*. Light refreshments.

Opera Study

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

January 18—Whimsical, lively, mischievous are not adjectives one associates with Richard Wagner, but they are all true of *Das Liebesverbot* (“The Ban on Love”), the opera Wagner wrote when he was 23 and based loosely on Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. In it, all hell breaks loose when the Governor of Palermo (Christopher Maltman) decrees that lovemaking is a crime punishable by death. But the Governor has a few skeletons in his closet, and how they are revealed in the 2016 Teatro Real production of this rarely-performed opera is a treat. (*Sung in German, with English subtitles, 2 hours, 40 minutes.*) Bavarian sausages and light refreshments at 1:15, opera at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room.

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** plans no trips in January.

Public Affairs Forum

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

Public Affairs Forum will be in recess until February.

Singing for Fun

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

January 11—**Linda Mannering** will brighten up January with songs about sunshine and the Caribbean. Think vacation to a warm place from 10:30 to 11:30 in the Music Room.

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”

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

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—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 **February 2019 Newsletter** should be sent by or before **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, to both endacottsociety@gmail.com and Jeannie Eblen (jkeblen@sunflower.com).