

# **Endacott Society**

**2016-17**

**Annual Report**



**2016-17 Annual Report**  
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# **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENDACOTT SOCIETY**

**2105-2016**

The annual meeting was called to order by President Tom McCoy on June 22, 2016, at the KU Alumni Center.

Minutes of the 2015 meeting were presented and approved. Copies of the annual report were available at the tables.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A thorough description of all the activities of the president was presented. The president attended several meetings as Endacott Society representative and reported that many members assisted with meetings.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Edna Galle reported that the finances are in good shape as evidenced by the balance sheet. As indicated in the report, income and expenses, there was a healthy balance. She also highlighted the Phillips Petroleum allocation, which is funded annually. Funds in this account do not carry-over into the next fiscal year as other funds do. These funds must be spent annually. Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year are swept before a new allocation is made. The report was approved.

## **ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Annual Activity Reports were orally presented by each group including:

Afternoon Lectures	Armchair Travel
Cards and Game Theory	Care Correspondence
Cinema Studies-American	Cinema Studies-Foreign
Computer Study Group	Conversation With
Drama Studies	Evening Lecture Series
Gardening Seminar	Great Books
Historic Mount Oread	Library Committee
Lunch Bunch	Music
Newsletter	Opera Study

Oral History

Out of Town Travel

Scrapbook

Singing for Fun and Education

Ten O’Clock Scholars

### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for election by the membership in accordance with the by-laws of the Endacott Society. The slate listed Allen Weichert, President-elect, Ed Zamarripa, Secretary (continuing), and Edna Galle, Treasurer (continuing) . The slate was approved by acclamation.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Alan Swarts takes over as President. Appreciation was expressed for all the hard work that everyone did this past year.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

## Treasurer's Report

### EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION & ORAL HISTORY FUNDS

#### RECEIPTS:

APRIL

From Kansas Univ. Endowment Assoc. Funds:

Phillips Petroleum Co. Endowed Retired Faculty Fund:

101	Monthly Merged Invest. Dist.	\$ 1,137.53
102	Monthly Cash Bal. Pool Int.	
Retired Faculty - Expression of Appreciation		
111	Annual Income Transfer from Fund	\$ 0.00
112	Monthly Cash Bal. Pool Int.	
Retired Faculty Oral History Fund:		
115	Periodic Transfer as Needed	\$ 0.00
116	Monthly Cash Balance Pool Int.	
	Sub-total from KU Endow. Funds	
From Contributions to Expression of Apprec Funds:		
121	By Members & Friends	\$ 418.00
122	For use of Copier	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	

#### EXPENDITURES

#### Administration & Committees:

201	Office Supplies	\$ 0.00
202	Copy Machine	\$ 0.00
203	Archivist/Bulletin Brd/Albums	\$ 0.00
205	Care Correspondent	\$ 0.00
206	Expression of Apprec. Memorial Albums	\$ 0.00
209	Oral History	\$ 630.90
212	Library Committee	\$ 0.00
213	Monthly Newsletter	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	Sub-total Administration	\$ 630.90

#### Lecture Series & Study Group Activities:

APRIL

221	The Ten O'Clock Scholars	\$ 269.54
222	Afternoon Lecture Series/b'day Party	\$ 325.72
223	Evening Lecture Series/Pot-Luck Dinner	\$ 326.40
225	Out-of-Town Travel Group:	

	Month: Exp. \$00.00 - Rec.\$00.00=	\$ 0.00
	YTD: Exp.\$00.00- Rec \$00.00=	
226	Computer Study Group:	
	Month: Exp \$313.49- Rec. \$133.00	\$ 180.49
	YTD: Exp \$1793.65-Rec. \$279.00	
231	Armchair Travel Group	\$ 32.86
232	Card & Game Theory	\$ 25.52
233	Cinema Study Group	\$ 31.26
234	Domestic Issues Discussion Group	\$ 0.00
235	Drama Study	\$ 0.00
236	Foreign Policy Study Group	\$ 0.00
237	Great Books Study Group	\$ 0.00
238	Opera Study Group	\$ 57.10
239	Singing for Fun	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	Sub-total Lecture Series/Study Groups	\$ 1,248.89
	<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</i>	<b>\$ 1,879.79</b>

**EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPEND.**

**\$ 1,879.79**

Cash Fund Balances as of July 1, 2016

Phillips Petroleum Co-Endacott Retires Faculty	\$ 6.38
Retired Faculty-Expression of Appreciation	\$ 54,337.09
Retired Faculty Oral History Fund	<u>\$ 195.08</u>

Phillips Petroleum Co.-Endacott Retired Faculty	\$ 2,043.45
Retired Faculty Expression of Appreciation	\$ 58,879.22
Retired Faculty Oral History Fund	<u>\$ 335.01</u>

**CASH FUND BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017** **\$ 57,170.78**

Submitted by Edna Gaille, Treasurer

# **ENDACOTT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**2017**

**Submitted by Linda Mullens**

1. Membership as of April 10, 2017 was 424. On May 16, 2016 the membership was 377. Snapshots, however, are sometimes difficult to compare since annual memberships come due throughout the year for individuals.
2. I obtained lists of retired faculty and staff from July 2015 thru June 2016. The list totaled 129 retirees. Several retirees from this group joined the Endacott Society, which accounts for the large increase.
  - a. Worked with the Alumni Association to cross check the retiree names for current Alumni Association membership and secondary cross check for Endacott Society membership.
  - b. Goals:
    - Those who are already Alumni Association members but not an Endacott Member will be encouraged to become active in Endacott.
    - Remaining retirees will be encouraged to join Alumni Association and become active in the Endacott Society, most likely at the reduced rate offered.
3. Recruitment of the 2015-16 retirees:
  - a. In July 2016, a letter from the Endacott Society (on KU Alumni Association letterhead) was sent to current alumni members who are not active in Endacott. A similar letter was sent to those who are not current alumni members. Both explained our activities and included an Endacott Society brochure. Updated in 2014, this brochure also contains an application for membership.
  - b. Specifically invited them to be guests at the upcoming August 25 evening lecture and dinner.
  - c. The monthly newsletter (included month schedule of events) was sent to all new retirees for three months (September thru November).
  - d. Evaluate success of the process.
    - Those new retirees who attended (14 with guests) received special recognition at the dinner. Ten of the 14 Joined Endacott. Several other new retirees indicated they would like to attend the next dinner. make long term commitments. We will continue to recruit them but understand that the response might not be high.
    - With this in mind, we will consider re-contacting those who have been retired one year or longer. **(future project)**
4. Recruitment of the 2016-17 retirees.
  - a. I have requested lists of the 2016-17 retirees and will contact them over this coming summer.
5. Membership recruitment is an ongoing project. Working with Teri Harris and Stephanie Shackelford of the KU Alumni Association is delightful. They are extremely helpful in our recruitment process.



## **Arm Chair Travel**

We had a world of travel this year.

- In September, Ron Schorr started off the season with a travelogue on a trip to the state of Chiapas, Mexico
- In October, Mike Delany took us on a photographic journey to Cambodia.
- In January, 2017, we went with David Mannering on a trip down the Nile in Egypt.
- In February, Cal Cink shared his visit to ancestral homes in Poland and the Czech Republic.
- And in April, Bruce Linton rounded off the season with videos on Jazz and other cruises on the Caribbean and a trip to Holland.

Thanks to all who shared these adventures.

We're looking forward to new adventures in the coming year.

Submitted by Ron Schorr

## **Bulletin Board & Scrapbook**

**Pat Kelly**

Postings on the bulletin board are limited to Endacott Activities and news about members.

I carefully watch and read the papers and KU related magazines, programs, and everything else for news, and mention of members. Members are encouraged to bring such items and post them on the board, It's okay to move things around to make room for yours, just don't take anything off-unless you leave it with Laurie to keep for me. I must have them to put in the scrapbooks!

We need the scrapbooks to keep the memories alive and well.

## **Cards and Game Theory**

Cards and Game Theory met the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM, except during Spring break. We averaged two tables for bridge and five to six players for scrabble. Endacott Society provided the coffee and tea and participating members provided treats.

Submitted by Edna Galle

## **CARE CORRESPONDENCE**

Thirty-four notes were sent to Endacott members or their families from June 2016 to present, 6/21/17. They were written in regard to condolences [16], congratulations/thank you [4], missing you/thinking of you at LMH or rehab [16], and holiday greetings [38]--73 cards in total. Thirty-one stamps remain for use in coming year; this could be a good sign of fewer illnesses, etc. among Endacotts compared to prior year total of 82

For the newly formed Memorials Committee to annually recognize members no longer living, a listing from 2007 to present has been compiled. Former correspondents Leonora Barker, Loraine Lindenbaum, Beverly Burrows and currently, Janis Hutchison, have left records to share with this committee.

Submitted by Janis Hutchison.

## **CINEMA STUDIES 2016-17**

**Fred Madaus**

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The Cinema Studies group continued using their original format with one exception. Monthly film sessions continued to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Adams Alumni Center. The only change was the starting time. It was decided that it was important to start all cinema studies programs at the same time and because some films, particularly Opera films were a bit longer, we should move start times up slightly. Therefore, all Cinema Studies starting times were moved to 1:30 p.m. with coffee available at 1:15 p.m.

Attendance ranged from 14-29 people per session with an average of 22 people per showing.

Month	Movie	Attendance
July	Wizard of Oz	22
August	Strickly Ballroom	29
September	Doc Hollywood	16
October	Blind Side	20
November	Charlie Wilson's War	21
December	Christmas Story	19
January	Brian's Song	14
February	Two for the Road	27
March	The Greatest Show on Earth	25
April	Singing in the Rain	28
May	Being There	22
June	Railway Man	na

## Cinema Studies: Foreign Films, 2016-17

Submitted by Paul Stephen Lim

The 2016-17 season of Cinema Studies: Foreign Films continued to show a wide spectrum of award-winning foreign-language films, with English subtitles, on the last Tuesday of every month. For 2017, we decided to have a theme, alternating each month between films about childhood and films about food. Short discussions followed each showing.

Average attendance is around 35 people. Largest crowd was 50 people for **Umberto D.** in November, and smallest crowd was 24 people for **Santa Sangre** in December. The Blu-ray and/or DVD copies of the films were all from my own personal collection. I provided the colorful flyers, the postage for mailing out flyers to potential Endacott members, the theme-oriented snacks, the occasional special giveaways and/or raffle items, all at my own expense, but the light refreshments (regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, ice tea and water) were charged to the Endacott Society.

Starting in May 2017, instead of the usual theater-style seating of four or five rows with an aisle down the middle, we decided to experiment with seven rectangular tables, each one accommodating seven people. This new arrangement allows people to put their drinks, snacks and personal belongings on the table instead of the floor or adjacent chairs, which also avoids unnecessary spilling of food and liquids on carpets. But there is now an additional charge of \$1.50 for each one of the seven table cloths.

June 28, 2016: **La Nuit de Varennes** (French). 38 people. For snacks, mini-Madeleine cakes. Ruffled off a fine bottle of vintage French Bastille whiskey, in anticipation of Bastille Day.

July 26: **The Music Room** (Indian). 30 people. For snacks, Indian bread. Ruffled off various Indian souvenirs, courtesy of Beverly Carothers.

August 30: **Umberto D.** (Italian). 50 people. For snacks, Italian Perugino chocolates.

September 27: **Wild Strawberries** (Swedish). 45 people. For snacks, Swedish chocolates and cookies.

October 25: **Diabolique** (French). 30 people. For snacks, Halloween chocolates and candies.

November 29: **Santa Sangre** (Chilean). 24 people. For snacks, Spanish wedding cookies.

December 27: **Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence** (Japanese). 27 people. For snacks, Japanese mochi rice cakes.

January 31, 2017: **The Bridge** (German). 41 people. For snacks, German Kinder chocolates.

February 28: **The Lunch Box** (Indian). 42 people. For snacks, Indian lentil chips.

March 28: **The 400 Blows** (French). 44 people. For snacks, mini-Madeleine cakes.

April 25: **Eat Drink Man Woman** (Chinese). 40 people. For snacks, Chinese steamed pork buns.

May 30: **Forbidden Games** (French). 35 people. For snacks, a variety of French butter and chocolate cookies.

June 27: **Like Water For Chocolate** (Italian). Will include in report next year.

### **Computer Study Group: 2016-2017**

The Endacott Computer Study Group has been meeting continuously for 20 years, since September, 1987. The first leader/organizer was Dr. G. Baley Price. The group leader is Alan Swarts.

Computer Study Group meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Paul Adam Lounge from September through May. Attendance is typically 10 to 20 persons.

Along Richard Kershenbaum (4 sessions), Alan Swarts (13 Sessions), and Ron Schorr (1 Session), David Mannering (3 sessions) have all given presentations to the group this year. We have had 10 guest speakers from outside our study group.

The group sessions this year were a wide variety of topics on technology and were not confined to computer interests. We continue to collect \$1 per person per session for those attending.

The group maintains a web site with a listing of current programs and past history of programs.

Prepared by Alan Swarts, convener Endacott Society – Computer Study Group

# Evening Lecture

Submitted by Linda Mullens

## ENDACOTT LECTURE SERIES PROGRAMS - 2016 -17



Scheduled the third Thursday of the month for five months

Put in monthly newsletter

Send email to Retirees ListServe

Send a reminder email to Retirees ListServe

Give Laurie Doud at Alumni Ctr for presenter's equipment needs and number of dinner tables to set up

Send thank note to speakers

John Mullens continues to work with HyVee for meat order and with Laurie Doud for room set up

2016-17	Presenter	Program Title	# Signed Up	# Attended
25-Aug-16	Liqin Zhao	Alzheimer's Disease: A Woman's Disease?	83	80
6-Oct-16	Gayle Sigurdson	Lifelong Recreation Program	64	64
17-Nov-16	Neeli Bendapudi	Her Goals as Provost	84	82
23-Feb-17	Curtis Marsh	DeBruce Center & University Information Center	58	58
20-Apr-17	Paul and Ruth Ann	Distracted Drivers	52	47

**NOTE:** Ellen Gold has volunteered to be a backup as necessary. She has a couple of talks she could give with little advance notice.

## **Drama Study**

**Arnold Weiss**

Drama Study Group met regularly during 2016-17 on the second Friday of each month, except for August. Average attendance was around 8. In addition several films of the plays were also shown.

July 8, 2016—G.B. Shaw's **Mrs. Warren's Profession**

Sept. 9—William Shakespeare's **The Merchant of Venice**

Oct. 14--       “                   “                   “

Nov. 11--       “                   “                   “

Dec. 9--Jean Anouih's **Waltz of the Toreadors**

Jan. 13, 2017--       “                   “

Feb. 10--       “                   “

March 10—Arthur Miller's **All My Sons**

April 11--       “                   “

May 12—John Millington Synge's **Playboy of the Western World**

June 9--       “                   “

Special thanks to Paul Lim and Bob Procter for providing the DVD films and also to Bob for the time-consuming task of literally pasting together a master copy of the plays to be copied for the group.

## **Gardening Seminar**

Allen Wiechert

The Gardening Seminar continues to meet weekly at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays with the help of Stan Roth, Tom McCoy and Cal Cink as discussion leaders. For discussions, the Seminar still relies primarily on the interests, expertise, and problems of the Seminar participants. Plant specimens are often brought to the meeting for identification. Seminar members generously share perennials that they gather while thinning and trimming their gardens.

By way of e-mail, the Seminar uses the weekly newsletters from the Kansas State University Research and Extension Office to receive timely tips on gardening, when and where to plant, and how to prevent and control insect and disease damage. On several occasions, DVDs on the subjects of gardens, plants and animals were shown. One DVD titled "I am a Turkey" was found to be very enjoyable. A set of DVDs titled "Gardens of the world" with Audrey Hepburn provided Good information about many different types of gardens in many countries. We thank Paul Lim for providing this excellent set for the Seminar.

The Seminar may continue its weekly meetings in the same format during the coming year. Averages of twelve members attend on a regular basis. New members and visitors are always welcome.

## **ENDACOTT SOCIETY LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2016-17**

Responsibilities of the Library Committee are listed as follows:

**PERIODICALS:** The treasurer processes subscriptions to periodicals, which include the Atlantic, Chronicle of Higher Education, Consumer Reports, Harpers, Kansas, New Yorker, and New York Review of Books. Each week newly received periodicals are found on the desk in the retirees' office. These are placed on the revolving rack in the northeast corner of the library. Out of date periodicals are removed and placed on the table in the coffee room for anyone who wishes to take them. Rule of thumb is to remove all but the two most recent magazines. Any magazines that are not taken in the coffee room are recycled at the Alumni Center or by committee members. Consumer Reports are kept in a magazine holder on a table and are not to be removed from the library.

**BOOKS:** The library was reorganized two years ago. Magazine holders were purchased to hold the oral histories and were placed on the east side of the book shelves. The books are on the west side of the shelves, organized by subject.



Donations of books by KU authors or books about Kansas, or other subjects of interest to members, are welcome. Please contact the committee regarding such books.

**BOOKS FOR GRABS' TABLE:** These books are donated by members. Any member may take books to read. There is no checking in or out. The library committee disposes of books in poor condition and recycles older books after approximately 12 months, usually through the Lawrence Public Library book sale.

--Dick and Phyllis Sapp

## **LUNCH BUNCH REPORT**

**2016-2017**

Between June 1, 2016 and May 25, 2017 our Lunch Bunch group met 47 times. We have a good, solid group of a dozen – give or take a few – who happily share lunch after our Wednesday morning meetings.

I've added some new restaurants to the list, dropped a few. This part year's list: Applebees, Big Biscuit, Biggs BBQ, Eldridge Hotel, Impromptu, First Watch, Free State Brewery, El Potro, Johnny's Tavern North, Johnny's Tavern West, Longhorns, Marisco's, Paisanos, Perkins, and 23rd Street Brewery.

We're a very congenial group and I'd urge any other Endacott Society member who likes good food and good company to consider joining us.

Respectfully submitted Alan Swarts

## **Great Books Yearly Report**

**July 30, 2016- June 30, 2017**

This year we finished reading The World's Greatest Short Stories, ed. James Daley. In April 2017 we started reading Chernow's Hamilton. Because of its length, 750 pages, we divided the book in three sections, which we finished in June.

For the second year, we continued Great Books throughout the summer months, extending the Program through the summer months.

Ellen Reid Gold, chair.

## Opera Studies: 2016-17

Submitted by Victor Wallace and Paul Stephen Lim

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The 2016-17 season of Opera Studies continued to feature the best possible stage productions available on Blu-Ray and DVD of operas and occasional dance or concert programs. Because sound quality is important for these musical events, we have a special audio set-up designed by Victor Wallace, featuring better quality speakers, and also a subwoofer.

We mostly present productions of operas, but lighter fare is offered during the summer months. Attendance varies from 14 to 32 people, with the average number being around 24. The video discs are all from Paul Stephen Lim's personal collection, and he also provides the colorful flyers, the postage for mailing out flyers to potential Endacott members, the theme-oriented snacks, the special giveaways and/or raffle items, etc., but the light refreshments (regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, ice tea and water) are charged to the Endacott Society.

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June 17, 2016: Karol Szymanowski's **KROL ROGER**. 32 people. For snacks, Polish chocolates.

July 15: Milos Forman's film adaptation of Peter Shaffer's **AMADEUS**. 28 people. For snacks, Mozart Viennese marzipan. Also raffled off 12 DVD copies of the movie *MOZART'S SISTER*.

August 26: Joshua Logan's film adaptation of Lerner and Lowe's **CAMELOT**. 32 people. For snacks, English biscuits and chocolates. Also raffled off a book about the Kennedys.

September 16: Igor Stravinsky's **RAKE'S PROGRESS**. 25. For snacks, English biscuits and chocolates. Also raffled off a 2000-piece jigsaw puzzle featuring one of the lithographs of The Rake's Progress.

October 21: Giuseppe Verdi's **LA TRAVIATA**. 24 people. For snacks, Italian nougats.

November 18: Richard Strauss's **SALOME**. 28 people. For snacks, German cookies. Also raffled off seven veils for women.

December 16: Matthew Bourne's dance reinterpretation of Tchaikovsky's **SWAN LAKE**. 14 people. For snacks, Christmas cookies.

January 20, 2017: Mieczyslaw Weinberg's **THE PASSENGER**. 22 people. For snacks, German and Polish sausages.

February 17: Daniel Catan's **IL POSTINO**. 27 people. For snacks, Spanish cookies. Also raffled off three hardback copies of The Love Poems of Pablo Neruda.

## Newsletter

Annual report contribution for 2017Newsletter  
Vic Wallace ([wallace@ku.edu](mailto:wallace@ku.edu), 842-7930)

Eleven issues of the Endacott Society Newsletter were published in the year ending in June 2017, one each month from July 2016 through June 2017, except that the July and August issues were combined. All members of the Endacott Society receive the newsletter, by mail, one copy per household, usually in the last week of the month before. About 450 copies are mailed. In addition, the Newsletter is published on the Endacott Society webpage, <http://www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/>, usually by the 25th of the month before.

Victor Wallace served as Editor for the year. Valerie Spicher, Graphic Designer at KUAA, is responsible for layout and arranging for printing and distribution of the print Newsletter.

Many thanks to all who contributed timely news, and especially to Valerie Spicher for her professional layout and efficient scheduling of the printing and mailing, and Laurie Doud for reviewing the drafts for accuracy, generally on short notice.

Submitted by Victor Wallace, Editor.

## **10 O'Clock Scholars & Refreshments**

**Pat Kelly**

Duties of the snack coordinator are:

Arrange for someone to bring donuts, cookies, fruit, or whatever for the coffee each week.

Everyone is asked to volunteer to bring snacks for a coffee, it does not have to be homemade or fancy. We have between 60-80 come each week. If you bring more than one kind of cookies, or cookies and fruit, people will take one of each thing—so it takes quite a few. I suggest people find a partner to help.

The person who provided the treats for the day is announced and thanked, and the person signed up for next week is reminded. The sign up schedule is put on the information table about 9:00 AM, so it is available for early comers and put in a drawer in our "office" after the coffee.

If the Adams Center will not be open on a Wednesday morning, we have sometimes decided to meet at the cafeteria in the Clinton Parkway/23<sup>rd</sup> St. Hy-Vee or Dillons. It is very informal and everyone gets their own breakfast or snack. Sometimes someone brings something for everyone just for fun. A lot of people come and I think we all have a good time. Phyllis Sapp usually does the arrangements for that.

## Afternoon Lecture Series

Lee Ketzal; Loraine Lindenbaum; Pat Kelly, Mary Jane Dunlap

The Thursday Afternoon Lecture Series programs are generally held on the second Thursdays each month at two p.m., with recognition of that month's birthday celebrants for the first half-hour and the program starting promptly at 2:30 p. m. for one hour.

The program committee for 2016-2017 was comprised of Lee Ketzal, Loraine Lindenbaum, Pat Kelly and Mary Jane Dunlap.

Attendance varied from 30 to 46, with an average turn-out of 38 members and guests. All meetings were held in the Summerfield and Bruckmiller rooms of the Adams Alumni Center. Laurie Doud, Special Events Coordinator of the Alumni Association, always saw to it that the audio-visual needs of our presenters were provided and multiple other details were attended to.

### **The programs for the 2016-2017 year were as follows:**

July 21: Three of Dr. Scott McBride Smith's highly-talented young musicians who were participating in this year's International Institute of Young Musicians' competition and instructional schedule performed for us. They were introduced by Isaac Holbrook, the Director of Operations for the Institute.

August 11: Alice Lieberman, Professor of Social Welfare and Chancellor's Club Teaching Professor, told us about her career to date, her experiences as a mentor of many of her students, and the difficulty of figuring out "why it works when it works and why it often does not."

September 15: Frank Baron, Retired Professor of Germanic Languages/Literatures, and Jim Jewell, KU Media and Film Specialist, presented their short documentary film named "Heart of the Andes: Alexander von Humboldt's Science in the Art of Frederic Edwin Church."

October 13: Lawrence native Beth Llewellyn, named Chief Executive Officer of Health Care Access in June, 2015, will discuss with us her favorite topic: "Health Care Access--A Right in Lawrence and Douglas County."

November 10: Jack B. Wright, Professor Emeritus of Theatre at KU, enlightened us about "The History of the Department and University Theatre from Crafton to the Present."

December 8: Marvin Hunt, Director of Lawrence's new Peaslee Technical Center, told us about "Peaslee Tech: A Start-up's First Two Years."

January 12: Pat Melody, retired Director of Theatre at Haskell Indian Nations University, presented a program called "American Indian Theatre: Stories from Haskell's Thunderbird Theatre."

February 9: Professor Emerita of Business, Jill Kleinberg, told us about her volunteer work over the years with Douglas County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a remarkable program of our Douglas County District Court.

March 9: Lawrence's new City Manager, Tom Markus, delivered a "City Hall Update." He entertained dozens of questions, as well.

April 13: Russ Johnson, President and CEO of Lawrence Memorial Hospital, reported on "Prospects for Improved Health Care in Douglas County and our State." He also talked about potential medical partnerships looming in LMH's near future.

May 11: Mayor Leslie Soden spoke about the "Challenges and Opportunities as Mayor and City Commissioner." A spirited discussion followed.

June 8: Mr. James E. Modig, R. A., University Architect and Director of KU's Design and Construction Management Program, told us about "KU's new Central District: Its missions, goals and anticipated accomplishments."

# Oral History Project Annual Report

2016-2017

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**Committee members** Marilyn Bradt, David Bushouse, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Pat Kelly, Alan Swarts, Barbara Watkins

**Interviewers** Marilyn Bradt, David Bushouse, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Pat Kelly, and as needed Jewell Willhite.

**Transcribers** Juliann Banhart, Marilyn Bradt, Jewell Willhite

**Project support** Deb Bia, Chancellor's Office; Trish Jess, KU Bookstore; Jennifer Nigro, Audio Reader; Dwight Parman, KUAA VP Finance; Becky Schulte, Spencer Library Archivist

The sudden death of Bob Brown really took a toll on our productivity this year. His interviewing style and perseverance in completing numerous interviews were so appreciated, and frankly it's been hard for us to get back on track. But, now we are.

Usually we select those to be interviewed based on longevity of service to KU, their upper rankings in academic and administrative positions, and perhaps their unusual careers. After being contacted, most will want to be interviewed; some will not.

Normally all interviews are conducted in the Audio Reader Network studios. Recorded digitally, histories then are re-recorded onto cassette tapes for transcribing, and for future listening by KU students, researchers, and families.

Interviewers typically use guidelines asking the new retirees to tell of their childhoods, family background, education, military service, professional careers, their reflections on KU's present and future, and their own plans for retirement.

Interviewees are asked to edit the transcription draft, and perhaps add their picture and a short curriculum vita. Three final copies are made, with one going to the Adams Center Library, one to KU Archives at Spencer Library, and one free copy given to the new retiree. With costs for transcribing, copying, and binding, each oral history's costs exceed \$220, all covered by KUEA (mostly from the Grace Medes Fund). The larger numbers of newly retired faculty and staff in recent years have driving our costs up, but we earnestly hope this project can continue. Researchers and families reading these oral histories, now totaling over **600**, find them invaluable in learning of careers, cultures, KU, and even world, history.

**Oral Histories completed since July 2016:** Michael Davis, Martin Dickinson, Hobart Jackson, Jr., Phillip McKnight, Elias Michaelis, Gerald Mikkelson, Don Steeples, Val Stella, and Jeff Weinberg.

The project is lengthy and complex. But we are proud of our work and the contribution we make to KU history.

## **President's Report**

**2016-17**

I would first like to take the opportunity to honor those who are no longer with us. We miss you all and the many things you brought to the Endacott Society. Next year under Paul Lim's leadership we will have a special day to honor them.

Thank you to all of the event and activity coordinators; the ones who wrote the prior pages of the annual report. They are the individuals who make the Endacott Society a great organization serving a diversity of higher education retirees.

It has been great year for me. A few new ideas were brought forward:

- "Good Morning Endacott Society"
- Name tags and name tag storage box
- Sharing the Master of Ceremonies responsibilities at the 10:00 O'clock Scholars
- Thank you Phyllis Sapp for organizing a "New Year's Party"
- Cleaning up the Computer Lab area and archiving association documents in Spencer Research Library
- People were encouraged to move around at 10:00 O'clock Scholars to meet new people
- Shirts and jackets project

A lunch meeting was held with Endacott Society president-elect, Allen Weichert and Heath Peterson, President of the Alumni Association, to discuss the Endacott Society and the Alumni Association future plans.

Heath Peterson met with the 10:00 O'clock Coffee attendees to provide an overview of the planned expansion of the Alumni Center building and other Association activities.

I especially want to honor Jerry Niebaum. He is the one who invited me to join the Endacott Society. Without him, I would not have enjoyed the many opportunities the Endacott Society offers and missed meeting all of the great members. Thank you Jerry!!

It was great fun and I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president.

Submitted by Alan Swarts



## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the by-laws, and with pleasure, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Endacott Society members to be elected for officer positions effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. All have been asked, and all have agreed to serve.

PRESIDENT-ELECT:	Paul Lim
SECRETARY:	David Bushhouse
TREASURER:	Edna Galle

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Tom McCoy--Past President and Chair  
Alan Swarts—2016-17' President  
Allen Wiechert—2017-18' President