

ENDACOTT SOCIETY — FEBRUARY 2018

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

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

February 8—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following a celebration of February birthdays, Duane Goossen, Kansas Budget Director for 12 years in the administrations of three governors (Republican Bill Graves and Democrats Kathleen Sebelius and Mark Parkinson) will talk to us about "The Long Road to Recovery." Mr. Goossen, currently Senior Fellow of the *Kansas Center for Economic Growth*, will discuss what must happen for Kansas to recover from the financial troubles of the last 5 years, and what that may mean for higher education and other state programs.

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr (rwwschorr@gmail.com)

February 22—Program at 2:30, refreshments at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Ron Schorr will take us camping in Shangri-la. The spectacular waterfalls and isolated community within the Havasupai Indian Reservation in Arizona attract thousands of visitors each year. (Havasupai means people of the blue-green waters.) The presentation will delve into the geography, scenery, and tribal history of the area, and their relation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Card and Game Theory

February 15—1:00 in the Library. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies

Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu), Audrey Kamb-Studdard (audkamb@ku.edu), and Bruce Linton (balinton@ku.edu). Foreign Films: Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu)

February 13—Film at 1:30, coffee at 1:15 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The domestic film of the month will be the 1982 Samuel Fuller movie, *White Dog*, starring Kristy McNichel, Paul Whitfield and Burl Ives. In this rather heavy drama, a dog trainer attempts to retrain a vicious dog that has been raised to attack only black people. Running Time is 90 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

February 26—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. We continue our Alain Delon retrospective with Luchino Visconti's heart-wrenching *Rocco and His Brothers* (1960). It's Italy in the 1950s, and the widow Rosario has moved her entire family from a small farming village to Milan to seek a better life. She has five sons ("Just like the five fingers on my right hand!"), three of whom work hard and manage to succeed (barely), but another one drifts into a life of crime and shames the family beyond endurance. The fifth one is still a child. Will he survive the family's move to Milan? (In Italian, with English subtitles, 3 hours.)

Italian biscotti and light refreshments at 1:15, video at 1:30. *Please note that the foreign film this month is being shown on the last Monday of the month, and not the last Tuesday, because of room availability at the Alumni Center.*

Computer Study

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com)

February 7, 14, 21, 28—9:00, in the Summerfield Room. Selected topics in computing will be presented and discussed. Updated topics and speakers are listed online at www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/ and select the link to *Computer Study*.

Drama Study

Bob Procter (rprocter@netscape.com)

February 6, 20—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will finish reading W.H. Auden's verse play *For the Time Being* and will then decide on the play for January 20. Copies will be available.

Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

Linda Mullens (lmullens@ku.edu)

February 22—5:30 wine and cheese, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. Our after-dinner speaker will be announced at Wednesday Coffee and via email, after publication of this *Newsletter*.

Please sign up for this event by Wednesday, February 14, and indicate what food you will bring. You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling or emailing Linda Mullens.

Gardening

Cal and Jo Cink (CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu) and Dick Schiefelbusch

February 7, 14, 21, 28.—9:00 in the Music Room. Conversation and readings, mostly about gardening, sometimes just about nature.

Great Books Study

Lucy J. Price (lucyjprice@outlook.com) and Ellen Reid Gold

February 14—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. Great Books will discuss two short stories, *Fat* by Raymond Carver and *Famine* by Xu Xi. These two stories are found in the anthology, *The Seven Deadly Sins Sampler* published by the Great Books Foundation (2007). For electronic copies of these stories, please email Lucy Price. The discussion of the Carver story will be led by Lucy Price, and the discussion of the Xu story by Rich Ring.

Music Appreciation

Thelma Taylor (taylor@searoads.com, and Susan Levine (susanlevine785@gmail.com)

We are celebrating Black History Month with 20-25 minute video clips, in the Music Room, immediately following the Wednesday Coffee.

February 7—Leontyne Price sings four arias by Puccini and Verdi, in concert in Montreal (1982).

February 14—Four hits by Ella Fitzgerald, live in Belgium (1957) and Sweden (1963).

February 21—Selections from *Revelations*, featuring Alvin Ailey and the American Dance Theater at Lincoln Center (2015).

February 28—Four hits by Louis Armstrong, live in Australia (1964).

Opera Study

Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu), and Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu)

February 16—1:30 In the Summerfield Room. February 16 happens to be the Chinese New Year, so what better opera to show than the sumptuous 2009 *Metropolitan Opera* Franco Zeffirelli production of *Turandot*, Puccini's tale of the Chinese princess who beheads all the suitors who cannot answer her quixotic riddles, until she finally meets her match. They are all supposed to be Chinese, but no matter: Maria Guleghina is the portly princess, Marcello Giordani is her hefty suitor, and Marina Poplavskaya is Liu, the servant who doggedly follows and serves her blind master, played by Samuel Ramey.

2018 also happens to be the Chinese Year of the Dog, so plan to chow down on delicious Turan-Dog treats and light refreshments at 1:15. Video at 1:30. Special Turan-Dog party favors will also be distributed after the show. (Sung in Italian, with English subtitles: 129 minutes.)

Public Affairs Forum

Felix Moos (felix@sunflower.com) and Tom Huber (lexington1.com)

February 12—2:00 in the Summerfield Room. Light refreshments at 1:45. Assistant Professor Patrick Miller of the KU Political Science Department, a specialist in American politics will speak to us about the 2018 election cycle that is now beginning and on which so much depends. Please join us for presentation and discussion of the upcoming elections.

Singing for Fun

Bruce Douglas (bruce_douglas@me.com) and Linda Mannering (lmanningne@yahoo.com)

February 9—10:30 am in the Music Room. Love is in the air, and Bruce Douglas will guide us in song on matters of the heart and "funny valentines."

Ten O'clock Scholars (Wednesday Coffee)

Pat Kelly (patckelly@sbcglobal.net)

February 7, 14, 21, 28.—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies 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 (ask at the desk when in the Alumni Center). For the *Endacott Society Newsletter* online: Check the web: www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/ and select the link to *Newsletter* or *Calendar*.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, whether or not one is an alumnus, you should be, or sign up 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 **March 2018 Newsletter** should be in the hands of the editor, Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu), on Sunday, **February 11**.