



Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org January 2020



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

Featured News --- *A Look Back at 2019*

The Endacott Society had an eventful year to end the “teens” decade. The newsletter was redesigned with a new masthead, new column formatting, and a calendar insert. The web site was redesigned with a new look, new menu, and a dynamic calendaring system. Also, we acquired our own URL: endacottsociety.org. Our brochure was redesigned. The web site, the newsletter, the brochure, and Endacott clothing featured our new activity icons.

Speaking of activities, we added **Movement Workshop** activities, which by the end of the year featured **Tai Chi**, **Piccolo Bocce** and **Mid-Morning Meditation**. The Endacott **Afternoon Speaker Series** encapsulated the **Public Affairs Forum**, **Armchair Travel** and the new **Arts & Sciences Lecture** into a single rotating time slot. The birthday party moved to the third **Wednesday Coffee** of the month. **Music Appreciation** moved to the last Friday and lengthened its programs.

Over a dozen people attended the first session of **Mid-Morning Meditation** with Judy Roitman and Stan Lombardo. They showed us some breathing exercises to be done either sitting on chairs or on floor meditation pillows. All 15 brand new meditation pillows were claimed. We have heard that the meditation exercises are already helping with better sleep for some members. **Mid-Morning Meditation** will continue on 1st and 3rd Fridays, after **Tai Chi**. Two new major evening social events that were well-received and much enjoyed were the **Junior-Senior Prom dance** in the Spring and the **Halloween Potluck Costume Party** in the Fall.

The above items are all about change, but 2019 was still mostly about the Society continuing to do the things we have become accustomed to: the wonderful programs, speakers and

treats(!) that we experienced each month, the special events and parties, the camaraderie, laughter, and also the occasions for sorrow that visited us during the year.

I’ve heard the Endacott Society described by nonmembers as “a bunch of retirees sitting around drinking coffee.” Yeah, we did that too.

Best wishes for the upcoming New Year!

—Dave

Breaking News

Laurie Doud announced that she is retiring at the end of the year. Endacott members were stunned to hear this, as Laurie has been such an integral (and beloved) part of our operation for many years. Space does not permit listing all of the great services she has provided for us, but, most importantly, she has been our champion and our friend. The Society presented Laurie with a small gift as a token of our appreciation. We wish her well in her retirement, and hope to see her soon as an Endacott Society member.

Laurie Doud receiving a candle gift to thank her for being a ‘beacon of light’ for the Endacott Society.



Cinema Studies

• Documentary Film

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Jan 3–1:30

It’s reigning cats and dogs! First, we have ***The Cats of Mirikitani***, the story of a Japanese-American survivor of the WWII internment camps, now a homeless painter living in the streets of



New York, who finds an outlet for his work after he is befriended by Lawrence artist **Roger Shimomura**. 2006, 74 minutes. ***Life in the Doghouse*** is about two men who rescued and opened their house to over ten thousand dogs in the course of ten years. 2018, 84 minutes. Animal crackers and light refreshments at 1:15, felines and canines at 1:30.

Scheduled Events

• Domestic Film

Fred Madaus, fmadaus@ku.edu

Tuesday Jan 14–1:30

We will view the 1972 version of *The Pied Piper* starring Jack Wild, Donald Pleasence, John Hurt and Donovan. The legend dates back to the middle ages. A piper dressed in multi-colored clothing, who was a rat-catcher hired by the town to lure rats away with his magic pipe. 1972, 86 minutes.

• Foreign Film

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Tuesday Jan 28–1:30

It's the Chinese Year of the Rat, so we're showing *The Seventh Seal*, Ingmar Bergman's iconic 1957 film about a medieval knight who plays a fateful game of chess with Death in rat-infested Europe during the Black Plague. Swedish, with English subtitles, 97 minutes. Scandinavian cookies and light refreshments at 1:15, the Grim Reaper at 1:30.

Computer and Technology Studies

Alan Swarts, aswarts25@gmail.com

Wednesdays–9:00

Jan 8–Cloud Storage

Jan 15–In the Age of AI - Part 1

Jan 22–In the Age of AI - Part 2

Jan 29–Highlights from the 2020 Consumer Electronics Show

Drama Study

Omofolaba Ajayi-Soyinka, omofala@ku.edu

Betty Baron, baronbetty@yahoo.com

Tuesdays Jan 7, 21–1:30

Jan 7–We will begin reading William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, to coordinate with its presentation by the KU Department of Theater & Dance, running February 21 through March 1.

Jan 21–We will finish *As You Like It*, followed by discussions.

Endacott Afternoon Speaker Series

• Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, Jan 9–1:30

Ray Souza will give a presentation on Cuba. He visited Cuba in 1957, the year before the Castro revolution. As Richard DeGeorge earlier gave a presentation on modern Cuba. I look at these as Cuba before and after Castro. Refreshments at 1:15, presentation at 1:30

• Arts & Sciences

Mary Jane Dunlap, mjdunlap@ku.edu

Karen Heintzen, heintzen@ku.edu

No program this month.

Future Event–Save the date! Thursday Feb 13–1:30 Leonard “Kris” Krishtalka, director of KU's Natural History Museum, will talk about his latest novel, *Death Spoke*, and give us an update on the museum's project to renovate Dyche Hall's grotesques.

• Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber, lexington1@gmail.com

No program this month.

Future Event–Save the date! March 12, 2020–1:30

Evening Program and Potluck Dinner

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Future Events–Save the dates! Thursdays March 26, 2020 and May 21, 2020

Games Theory

Esther Smith, esther@ku.edu

Thursday Jan 16–1:00

Bridge, Scrabble, mahjong, chess, dominoes and Chinese checkers. All sets are provided. Sign up for games at Wednesday Coffee; or just show up and PLAY!

Garden Seminar

Cal and Jo Cink, CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu

Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22, 29–9:00

Roundtable discussion of flora and fauna, with frequent video material. Also, presentations about an interesting botanical garden.

Great Books Study

Rich Ring, richring@ku.edu

Ellen Reid Gold, e834@ku.edu

Wednesday Jan 8–1:30

The Great Books group will meet to read and discuss members' favorite poems. Send one or two short poems to Rich Ring so that copies may be made available to all. We usually meet in the Library.

Lunch Bunch

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Ron Schorr, rwwschorr@gmail.com

Dick Schiefelbusch, rschief@ku.edu

Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Following our Coffee, Endacott members can meet for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week.

Movement Workshop

• Mid-Morning Meditation—New!

Judy Roitman, jroitman@ku.edu

Stan Lombardo, lombardo@ku.edu

Fridays Jan 3, 17–10:30

Learn basic meditation techniques, and share relaxing silence with others. After Tai Chi on 1st and 3rd Fridays.

• Piccolo Bocce

Dave Mannering, dmannering@yahoo.com

No Piccolo Bocce sessions this month.

• Tai Chi for Beginners—Now Weekly!

Haskell Springer, springer@ku.edu

David Hann, akansaswriter@yahoo.com

Fridays Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31–9:00

Tai Chi teaches better balance control. Wear loose clothing and soft shoes. All are welcome.

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Friday Jan 31–10:30

We celebrate the Chinese New Year with *Lang Live in the Great Hall of Mirrors in Versailles*, playing six scherzos by Chopin; and *Yuja Wang in Salzburg*, playing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G major*. 90 minutes. Chinese cookies at 10:15, Chinese pianists at 10:30.



Old-Time Radio

John Nicholson, wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday Jan 27 –1:30

Please make plans to join us for some Old Time Radio Soap Operas. We will hear *One Man's Family*, the longest-running soap opera, with over 7,000 episodes; *Mary Noble*, *Backstage Wife*, a young girl from Iowa goes to New York and marries a famous actor; *Young Widder Brown*, who raises 2 young children alone in a quirky small town, and *The Romance of Helen Trent*, who shows listeners how to find romance when over 35. In honor of the soapy history, we'll be giving away laundry soap to several lucky attendees.



Mark your calendars and join us for a fascinating look into some of the most popular and enduring radio shows. Light refreshments.

Opera Study

Paul Lim, plim@ku.edu

Victor Wallace, wallace@ku.edu

Ted Johnson, tj@ku.edu

Friday Jan 17--1:30

Renowned Chinese film director Zhang Yimou stages *You and Me*, a contemporary Peking opera based on an ancient legend about deceit and the power of filial love. The production fuses the traditional with the modern, and the result is an overwhelming feast for the senses. *Mandarin*, with English subtitles, 140 minutes. Chinese pork buns and light refreshments at 1:15, courtly intrigue at 1:30.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum, judyniebaum@gmail.com

David Marden, mardendl@gmail.com

Thursday, Jan 30–10:30

The out-of-town travel group will lead a trip to the **World War I Museum** in Kansas City. The WWI Museum is rated the number one attraction in Kansas City by *Trip Advisor*. Our guided tour will begin at 1 pm and take approximately 2 hours. In addition to the Museum's permanent collection, there is a new exhibit on the Vietnam War. We will carpool to the Museum from the Adams Alumni Center at 10:30 a.m. We will have lunch at the "Over There Cafe" in the Museum at **11:30**, before beginning our tour at **1:00 pm**. Museum admission is \$12 for Seniors. Sign up at Wednesday Coffees.

Singing for Fun

Linda Mannering, lmanneringne@yahoo.com

Jim Woelfel, jameswoelfel@yahoo.com

Friday Jan 10–10:30

Our January session in the Music Room will feature the music of Cole Porter. Please join us for singing some of his enduring melodies and elegant lyrics! Jim Woelfel will lead from the piano.

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA Wednesday Coffee

Susan Levine, susanlevine785@gmail.com

MaryKay Mahoney, mahoneym@merrimack.edu

Birthdays: Sharon Brown

Wednesdays Jan 8, 15, 22, 29–10:00

Wednesday Jan 1–10:00 Dillon's, 6th & Wakarusa

Conversation with coffee, tea, cookies, other treats, announcements and possibly special guests or programs. January Birthdays will be celebrated on the third Wednesday, January 15.

At Recent Coffees

On November 27 the Adams Alumni Center was closed, so over thirty Endacott Members attended Ten O'Clock Coffee at Dillon's, 6th & Wakarusa.



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Copy for the **February 2020** Newsletter should be sent by or before **Monday, January 13, 2020**, to Endacott@jrnvr.com.

Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained at the Wednesday Coffees. Members may subscribe to the Endacott e-mail list by sending a request to Endacott@gmail.com. For the Endacott Society Newsletter online, check the website endacottsociety.org and select the link to Newsletter or Calendar.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, one must have retired from KU or any accredited institution of higher learning. Sign up and remit dues 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.") Retirees who want to join Endacott Society can do so at the cost of \$30. Spouses or partners can be added at no additional cost. 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.