



Endacott Society

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Important message about future newsletters

It's not as easy as you would think to alter formats and production schedules for printed newsletters, and with the current pandemic-related work logistics it has become impossible to print and mail our newsletter. So this edition will be published on the Endacottsociety.org website only.

Since we only have a few articles in this mini-newsletter edition, we have provided on the remaining pages something for you to do while self-isolated. These mazes are so difficult that this whole coronavirus mess might be over before you finish them! (They are courtesy of KrazyDad.com – They have lots of free puzzles – check them out.)

When a new newsletter is published we will post a message on the Retirees e-mail list with a link to it. We are also putting other Endacott Society announcements on the list. If you are not on the Retirees e-mail list and would like to be added, send an e-mail to endacottsociety@gmail.com, and we will add you. – Dave Mannering

Membership climbing

On March 15 last year the membership of the Endacott Society was 477. This year on the same date we had 505 members. I'm not sure if that is an all-time record, but it certainly is the most we've had in a while. Thanks to our membership chair Linda Mullins and to you for recruiting our new members. Let's keep it up.

Campus Cupboard donation

At the suggestion of President-Elect Jo Cink the Endacott Society added to its March 4 Wednesday coffee meeting a "meating" by delivering ten pounds of member-donated frozen hamburger to the Campus Cupboard, a food pantry for KU students. The student group operating the Cupboard (based in the KU Memorial Union) expressed their appreciation to Endacott Society on behalf of the students using their services. Let's hope this is the beginning of a long relationship that the Endacott Society has with this deserving student organization. Those Endacott members who expressed an interest in a financial contribution can make a check out to the KU Alumni Association with the words "Campus Cupboard" on the subject line and get a receipt.

Alumni Center Computer Room

Many of you probably have never been the computer room in the Alumni Center, but it is a significant room for Endacott, because it is the only room in the Alumni Center that is used by solely by the Endacott Society (with very rare exceptions). It's a bit cluttered (as you can see from the photo), containing not only three computers, a printer/copier, and various scanner devices, but also a desk, cabinets and shelves, and various props for our activities (piccolo bocce court, card table, computer cart, etc.). It also houses some historical documents of the Society and a few relics that give it a bit of a museum-like feel at times. Anyway, when

we are not having a pandemic it is available for Endacott members to use. (Be sure to tidy up when you're done!)



What is Games Theory anyway?

Those of you who have not attended one of these monthly sessions may suppose that we have heavy lectures on probability, statistics, and strategy. And that's exactly what we do (wink, wink).

But somehow we still manage to play games steadily for about two hours. There are usually three games going on at the same time, sometimes four if chess or Chinese checkers is being played. One game uses cards (Bridge), one uses tiles (Scrabble), and the other uses both (Mah Jongg – the cards are just for scoring).

In the early days of the KU Retirees Club dominoes and cribbage were included in the selections, but tastes have changed, or perhaps the lectures just got to be too heavy.

Play on!

Springtime in the Cink's Garden

Calvin Cink, the leader of the Endacott Garden Seminar, reports that an inch and a half of rainfall on Baldwin City's parched soil produced an immediate response in the flower beds around the Cink home with dozens of daffodils and even more periwinkles blossoming into a most welcome profusion of yellow and purple color. Thank goodness for gardens, bird feeders, and their associated wildlife to help us through this.

Meeting with Zoom

Endacott Officers are experimenting with Zoom Teleconferencing software to hold online meetings. We are contemplating holding our annual meeting in June via Zoom if the Alumni Center is still closed. In the meantime Old-Time Radio will be trying it out for their April meeting as described below.

Old-Time Radio Listening Group

John Nicholson will be hosting the Old-Time Radio session at its usual last Monday date and time, April 27, from 1:30 to 3:30. Our initial Zoom meeting topic will be Comedy. In these stressful times we can all use some humor, and old-time radio serves up a lot. We will listen to Fred Allen, Jack Benny, and more. To join our Zoom meetings, you can use computer, tablet or phone. You will need a device that connects to the Internet, some way of listening, e.g. speaker on our device, headphones, etc. If you want to participate in discussions or make comments, you will also need a microphone. You can join on your browser or download the free Zoom software on your device. If you would like to join this Zoom Comedy session please email John at wryterjccc@gmail.com. He will confirm that you will be an attendee and will send you the login link the day before the

meeting. We look forward to listening with you online!

Now it's playtime! Get to work on these mazes!



