



Endacott Society 2019 - 2020 Annual Report



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President's Report

David Mannering

The 2019-2020 year started out normally for the Endacott Society, but in March we moved from meeting in the KU Alumni Center into cyberspace as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. As this report is being drafted we are still meeting via Zoom, and we expect to continue Zooming through the summer. This has been challenging for our members who thrive on social interaction and especially so for those who do not have the technology to meet virtually.

The story of our year is contained in the individual reports below, but I will highlight four items:

Our new web site, endacottsociety.org, went live in the early fall. It was basically a year in the making, and it resulted in a completely redesigned site while keeping nearly all of the previous content. The biggest improvement was the addition of a dynamic calendar which facilitates both long-range scheduling and last-minute updates. More details can be found in the Technology Support section below.

In response to reports of difficulties in finding speakers for monthly programs the Afternoon Lecture, Public Affairs and Armchair Travel activities were combined into the Endacott Speaker Series, with each topic only needing to put together a quarterly program. This also resulted in moving the monthly birthday celebration to the third Wednesday Coffee each month. This change has produced mixed success, as we now have a speaker backlog in some areas.

As the pandemic forced changes in the work environment we were informed that the KU Alumni Association could not continue to print and mail our monthly newsletters to our membership. This resulted in significant

changes to both the format and the circulation which are detailed in the Newsletter section below.

Lastly, as I mentioned above, we learned how to meet virtually via the Zoom teleconferencing software in order to keep a few regular Endacott Society activities going through the spring, and now continuing through the summer. Kudos to the activity leaders who braved this new technology and adapted their programs to it.

Before releasing you to dig into the many Endacott Society accomplishments documented below, I want to give a shout-out my fellow Officers:

Gene Pucket is retiring as Treasurer, a crucial position that he volunteered for when our need was great. He's learned a lot this year, both about Endacott Society budgets and about the perils of volunteering.

David Bushouse has continued on as Secretary but took on an expanded role this year by recording the special topics presented in our Wednesday Coffees and in assembling this Annual Report.

President Elect Jo Cink took on several special projects this year (detailed below), and is well prepared to receive the leadership baton at the end of this month.

Paul Stephen Lim was Past President this year and thus will be replaced in that position by yours truly. Paul has truly done a yeoman's work in his three years as an officer.

The Officers group met several times during the year to discuss our strategy in coping with the changes forced upon us. They have been great teammates. - Dave Mannering

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Endacott Society 2018-2019

President-Elect David Mannering, in place of President Paul Stephen Lim who was unable to attend, called the annual meeting to order at 10:15 am on June 12, 2019 at the KU Adams Alumni Center. Copies of the **2018-2019 Annual Report** were available at each table.

Minutes David Bushouse read the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting, which were approved.

President's Report: David Mannering read highlights of President Lim's Report. The President's Report is in the printed Annual Report for 2018-2019.

Treasurer's Report Gene Puckett reported that the finances are in good shape and explained some items in the report. The report was approved.

Standing Committee Reports Annual reports were orally reported for each committee

Nominating Committee

Allen Wiechert

Nominating committee members:

Allen Wiechert – Past President, and Chair

Carolyn Madaus

Ron Schorr

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, **2019** to June 30, **2020**. All have been asked, and all have agreed to serve.

President-elect Jo Cink

Secretary David Bushouse (continuing)

Treasurer Gene Puckett (continuing)

The slate was approved by acclamation.

Endacott Society Membership

Linda Mullens

Newsletter

Jeannie Eblen

Library

David Mannering

Care Correspondence

Janis Hutchison

Bulletin Board and Scrapbook

Susan Levine

Activity Reports Annual Reports were orally presented for each group:

Afternoon Lecture Series and Birthday Celebrations

Mary Jane Dunlap

Arm Chair Travel

read by Dave Mannering for Ron Schorr

Cinema Studies – Domestic

Fred Madaus

Cinema Studies – Foreign

read by Rich Ring for Paul Stephen Lim

Great Books

Rich Ring

Lunch Bunch

Alan Swarts

Computer and Technology Studies

Alan Swarts

Special Events

read by Alan Swarts for Paul Stephen Lim

Drama Study

read by Dave Mannering for Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka

Lied Center Concerts	Allen Wiechert
Evening Lecture Series	read by Dave Mannering for Linda and John Mullens
Games Theory	read by Audrey Kamb Studdard for Esther Smith
Gardening Seminar	Cal Cink
Movement Workshop (<i>Tai Chi</i> and <i>Piccolo Bocce</i>)	David Mannering
Music Appreciation	Susan Levine
Old Time Radio Shows	John Nicholson
Endacott Society Library Committee	Dick and Phyllis Sapp
Opera Studies	Victor Wallace and Paul Stephen Lim
Newsletter	read by Vic Wallace for Paul Stephen Lim
Oral History	ready by David Bushouse for Sandra Wiechert
Out of Town Travel	David Marden
Public Affairs Forum	Thomas Huber
Singing for Fun	Linda Mannering
Ten O’Clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”	Mary Kay Mahoney

Other Business

David Mannering takes over as President on July 1.

Alan Swarts expressed appreciation for all the hard work that everyone did this past year.

Alan Swarts and Richard DeGeorge moved to adjourn.

M. David Bushouse, Secretary

Endacott Society Treasurer's Report 2019-2020

Receipts	YTD
Phillips Petroleum Monthly Merged Investment	11,953.42
Exp./Appr. Annual Transfer (KUAA)	5,924.54
Contrib. to Endacott Soc. (Exp./Appr.)	425.00
Gift: Web Site Revision	1,000.00
Computer Study	226.00
Allen Wiechert Memorial	1,960.00
Total Receipts	21,488.96

Expenditures	
Office Supplies	
Care Correspondent	22.00
Equipment Repairs & Upgrades	-
Library Committee	161.15
Monthly Newsletter	3,265.50
Ten O'Clock Scholars	7,315.65
Afternoon Lecture Series/B'day Party	706.85
Evening Lecture Series/Pot-Luck Dinner	1,580.32
Misc. O/T Travel; Polos & Hoodies	94.12
Computer Study	-
Armchair Travel	273.03
Card & Game Theory	369.75
Cinema Study	1,358.26
Drama Study	140.06
Great Books/Music Appreciation	281.24
Opera Study	415.64
Public Affairs Forum	225.09
Singing for Fun	225.46
Special Events	2,380.50
Old-Time Radio Shows	168.88
Total Expenditures	18,983.50

Phillips Petroleum Co. Fund Balance 7/1/2019	(2,702.02)
Expression of Appreciation as of July 1, 2019	44,425.86

Phillips Petroleum Co. 4/30/2020	2,986.77
Expression of Appreciation 4/30/2020	41,242.53

4/30/2020 Computer Club Bal. 3638.26; Oral Hist. Bal 615.36

Gene Puckett, Treasurer

Membership Report

1. Membership as of May 21, 2020 was 494. On April 28, 2019, the membership was 479. This is a net gain of 15 members. Snapshots, however, are sometimes difficult to compare since annual memberships come due throughout the year for individuals. In March the pandemic caused the KUAA staff to work from home. The result was that membership renewals that came via postal mail were not able to be processed in a timely manner.
2. I obtained lists of retired faculty and staff from July 2018 thru June 2019. The list totaled 154 retirees. At last review, twenty one (21) retirees from this group joined the Endacott Society.
 - a. Worked with the Alumni Association to cross check the retiree names for current Alumni Association membership and secondary crosscheck 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 2018-19 retirees:
 - a. In September 2019, a letter from the Endacott Society (on KU Alumni Association letterhead) was sent to retirees who are 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 2018, this brochure also contains an application for membership.
 - b. Specifically designed invitation for them to be guests at the upcoming October 31 evening lecture and dinner. This was Halloween, and a special 'Save the Date' postcard was also mailed prior to the September letter.
 - 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 (3 with guests) received special recognition at the dinner. Two (2) of the three joined Endacott. Several other new retirees indicated they would like to attend the next dinner. We continued to recruit them but understood that the response might not be high.

A future consideration: Consider re-contacting those who have been retired one year or longer to inquire about their interest in joining Endacott.
4. Recruitment of the 2019-20 retirees.
 - a. I will request lists of the 2019-20 retirees and will contact them late summer.
5. Membership recruitment is an ongoing project. Working with Tegan Thornberry and Stephanie Shackelford of the KU Alumni Association is delightful. They are extremely helpful in our recruitment process. Tegan has taken another job and I will work with Merideth Warriner on membership recruitment this summer.

Linda Mullens

Nominating Committee

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President-Elect:	Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka
Secretary	David Bushouse
Treasurer	Pam Houston

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Paul Stephen Lim--Past President and Chair
Susan Levine
Ray Souza

Committee report submitted by Paul Stephen Lim

Newsletter Report

As we started the year with a looming publication deadline, we found ourselves with a vacancy in the position of newsletter editor. Barbara Kinzig stepped into the position on short notice and became instrumental in ushering a new cleaner-looking format for the monthly newsletter, and she worked closely with the KU Alumni Association staff in streamlining the publication cycle leading up to mailing the newsletter. However, we were forced to cease publication of the printed newsletter in March due to pandemic-induced resource issues.

The replacement for the printed publication is an online-only document one might call a “mini-newsletter” that contains none of the meeting schedule information of the printed newsletter, but is instead smaller and chattier with a sporadic publication schedule.

Because we are no longer mailing the newsletter, the membership must access it via our website **endacottsociety.org**. An e-mail was sent to all members who had released their e-mail addresses informing them of the change and inviting them to subscribe to the Retirees e-mail list where we make timely announcements in between newsletter editions.

Dave Mannering

Bulletin Board and Scrapbook

The past year's scrapbook has been maintained to date, although monthly activities handouts are fewer in number due to the coronavirus global pandemic/stay at home order. Hence, additions to the Endacott Happenings bulletin board since winter are not available. Many thanks to Dave & Linda Mannering for their help in keeping our scrapbook alive and well.

Janis Hutchison

Care Correspondence

Due to the closure of the KUAA Adams Center in March 2020, causing a pause in regular communications of a personal nature, only 51 cards were sent to members this year. They responded to Condolence, Missing You, Thank you, Birthdays, Illness, Congratulations, and December Holiday cards.

Five Endacott members passed and surely will be missed: Allen Wiechert, Ron Heape, John Mullens, Martin Dickinson, and Vernon Chamberlin. Your correspondent is most grateful for those who have notified me regarding sending cards on your behalf, and reminds all to please keep her informed. Thanks.

Janis Hutchison

President-Elect Report

I represented the Endacott Society at the first meeting of the University Senate Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee on October 9, 2019. We discussed housing options for KU retirees and those at peer institutions and asked to check into what other universities provided in the way of on campus housing. We met again in November and divided up responsibilities for checking over the current retiree handbook sections to see what new changes had been implemented, if any, for this year's revision. We had a follow-up meeting in January, but the final revisions were planned for the March meeting, which was cancelled because the campus was shut down by the pandemic.

Special Events

At the October 2, 2019, Wednesday coffee, a KU Safety Officer gave a presentation on the use of the defibrillator that is kept in the hall on second floor of the Alumni Center. This was done to make Endacott members less fearful of this piece of emergency equipment, and the talk was well received by those in attendance that morning. The demonstration was followed by a question and answer session.

The Alumni Association requested that someone from the Endacott Society gather first impressions of the KU campus from our members. It was hoped that their remembrances could be used in an article or ad for the Alumni Association. I started gathering this information via newsletter requests and Wednesday coffee interviews. I concluded this project in January and the results were published in the newsletter and forwarded to the Alumni Association.

In March we collected 10 pounds of frozen hamburger for the Camus Cupboard at the KU Union. This student program is supported by Just Food and other donors to supplement the diets of needy KU students. I hope we can support them in some way when we are able to gather together again in the Alumni Center.

I sent out a request for memories from our members about campus life during the time of the "troubles" and Union fire on campus around April 20, 1970. I also requested members reactions to the current stay-at-home policy due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. This could appear in upcoming newsletter and be placed in the time capsule in the new addition to the Alumni Center.

Jo Cink

Activities

Our activities are the lifeblood of the Endacott Society. The volunteers who lead and/or assist in the monthly activities make the Endacott Society so much more than the typical retiree's coffee club. Many activity leaders have served for many years and some have now decided to step back from some or all of their responsibilities. The ones we know of at this date are Janis Hutchison, Paul Stephen Lim, Esther Smith and Alan Swarts.

Thank you all for your service. – Dave Mannering

Library Report

When I took over responsibility for the library in the summer of 2019, I set two tasks for myself, one short- and the other long-range.

(1) I created and labeled a "Recent Acquisitions" shelf in a clearly visible and accessible section at eye level to house the large number of books donated to the library over previous months. I also created a signup sheet for checking out and returning books. At the end of 2019 I set aside a second shelf to handle the overflow.

(2) I made a beginning on my longer-term project of reorganizing the library, culling out duplicate copies of books and putting them in the freestanding cabinet, with paperbacks available to members for the taking. I hope eventually to tidy up the collection by categories and even alphabetize the books. I sorted the periodicals we receive on a weekly basis. Paul Lim passed along his copies of the Sunday New York Times to make available each week until January, at which point I took over the responsibility.

Between the pandemic closing of the library and Alumni Association plans to renovate the Adams Center, I am concerned at this point about securing and housing the library in the future.

Jim Woelfel

Endacott Speaker Series

Armchair Travel

This year we were scheduled to present four Armchair Travel reports. We had three.

August 2019 Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore shared their 2018 trip to Bulgaria and Turkey.

October 2019. Richard DeGeorge presented "Cuba 2016" when he and his daughters visited Havana on a People-to-People tour.

January 2020. Ray Souza took us back in time to "Cuba 1957 and Cuba 1959". Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba in 1959

April. *Canceled.* Ruth Remmers was due to report on her Fulbright Fellowship research in the Siberian Altai Republic. Hopefully she will be able to share her story in the future.

Ron Schorr

Arts and Sciences Afternoon Lectures

An Afternoon Lecture Series was introduced that included Public Affairs, Armchair Travel and what had been the Afternoon Lecture program, renamed to Arts and Sciences Lectures. The series would include 12 lectures, four for each of the program groups.

When possible, the one-hour lectures would be on the second Thursday of each month, rotating among the three program groups. The birthday recognition program was moved to the third Wednesday of each month as part of the 10 a.m. Coffee Hour.

Arts and Sciences lectures were scheduled July 11, Nov. 14, Feb. 27 and May 14. This spring we had added a fifth lecture on April 30. Three of the five were presented before March 12 when the Alumni Center closed due to quarantine efforts to contain the Covid-19 pandemic. Attendance for Arts & Sciences programs varied from 25 to 35.

July 11 - Bernie Kish, lecturer in KU's School of Education, and Carole Cadue-Blackwood, Lawrence social worker, talked about their efforts to recognize Billy Mills, Oglala Lakota tribe member, 1964 Olympic gold medalist and military veteran. An alumnus of both the Haskell Indian Nations University and KU, Mills is known for his humanitarian work in community building, especially with Native American youth. Kish encouraged KU to present Mills with an honorary doctorate in the 2019 commencement program. Cadue-Blackwood led efforts to name a Lawrence middle school for Mills.

November 14 - Anne Patterson, lecturer in KU's School of Architecture, whose teaching skills have received national and local recognition, spoke about "How Drawing Helps You See Anew." Some architecture alumni who have visited her studio have confided that they would return to KU just to take Patterson's beginning design class.

February 27 - Leonard "Kris" Krishtalka, director of KU's Biodiversity Center, updated us on the progress to replace Dyche Hall's iconic grotesques and talked about the intrigues of his latest novel, *Death Spoke*. This is the second in Krishtalka's series of three Harry Przewalski mysteries. His first was *The Bone Field* and the third, *The Camel Driver*, was to be released this year. The Kansas Union bookstore had a sales table at the lecture. NOTE: this lecture originally scheduled on Feb. 13 was postponed due to bad weather.

We hope to reschedule talks planned for April 30 and for May 14. Those programs would have been a discussion of immigration and diversity in Kansas communities with Don Stull, professor emeritus in anthropology, and Steve Lerner, Topeka filmmaker. The discussion would include screening Lerner's documentary, *Strangers in Town*, about Garden City, Kansas. We had also scheduled Chuck Warner, retired KU alumnus, to talk about the memoir he has written about his grandfather: *Birds, Bones and Beetles: The Improbable Career and Remarkable Legacy of Charles D. Bunker*. Warner's grandfather was a taxidermist with an eighth-grade education who became curator of birds and mammals with the KU Natural History Museum when it was directed by Lewis Lindsay Dyche.

Committee: Mary Jane Dunlap and Karen Heintzen

Public Affairs Forum

PAF aims to bring in speakers to address topics on local, national and international civic affairs. Topics of current public interest are especially sought after. Historical topics are also considered if they bear importantly on current events. PAF generally meets in the Adams Alumni Center at 1:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the third month of each quarter. Light refreshments are available 15 minutes before the 1:30 program. Speakers generally hold forth for 45 minutes, followed by 15 minutes or so of questions and discussion. Attendance varied over this period from a high of 35 to a low of 26.

Noteworthy during this period was the shift of PAF from occurring once a month to occurring once per quarter, as part of the new Endacott unified speakers series. Also, PAF was suspended because of Covid-19 medical challenges, along with all other

Endacott in-person activities, beginning March 2020. Therefore the PAF events that would normally have been scheduled for March 2020 and June 2020 did not take place.

Public Affairs Forum sessions this year were as follows:

September 9, 2019 Speaker Linda Kuang, of the Kansas City Falun Gong support organization, on the subject of the persecution of Falun Gong, a human rights crisis in China. 35 persons present plus the speaker.

October 14, 2019 Speaker Boog Highberger, Lawrence representative to the Kansas State Legislature, on the subject of current Kansas state legislative politics. 26 persons present plus the speaker.

Thomas M. Huber, chair

Cinema Studies: Documentary Films

When Judy Niebaum suggested that Cinema Studies should include documentary films, the suggestion was enthusiastically supported by the film-going members of the Endacott Society, so this new series was born. The films are all from my own personal collection, and I provided specialty snacks (at my personal expense) to go with each film. Attendance at these documentaries fluctuated between 20-25.

Here is the list of films we showed.

July 26, 2019: For All Mankind

August 23, 2019: When The Levees Broke (Parts 1 and 2 only)

September 13, 2019: Triumph of the Will

October 4, 2019: Food, Inc. and The Biggest Little Farm

November 1, 2019: The Chinese Exclusion Act

December 6, 2019: Nanook of the North and Nanook Revisited

January 3, 2020: The Cats of Mirikitani and Life in the Doghouse

February 7, 2020: Thrilla in Manila

March 6, 2020: Cinema's Exiles: From Hitler to Hollywood

April 3, 2020: Cancelled because of coronavirus.

May 1, 2020: Private screening of Fellini's Roma on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

June 5, 2020: Private screening of Tokyo Olympiad on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

Paul Stephen Lim

Cinema Studies: Domestic Films

The Domestic Cinema Studies group started the year using their long-time format. Monthly film sessions continued to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Adams Alumni Center. All Domestic Cinema Studies starting times are 1:30 p.m. with coffee available at 1:15 p.m. However, in April the coronavirus shut down the campus and Adams Center. No films were run in April or May during the closings. By June, a Zoom program was established and the regular program restarted. The Zoom program used the same time (1:30) and date (second Tuesday of the month). The Domestic Cinema group will continue to use Zoom until the campus/Center opens.

Attendance ranged from 13-21 people per session with an average of 17 plus people per showing.

Month	Movie	Attendance
July	<i>Pillow Talk</i>	16
August	<i>Compulsion</i>	19
September	<i>Hidden Figures</i>	21
October	<i>Running Brave</i>	15
November	<i>Shanghai Express</i>	18
December	<i>Savage Innocents</i>	19
January	<i>The Pied Piper</i>	18
February	<i>Moonlight</i>	12
March	None, Spring Break	
April	None, Adams Center closed	
May	<i>Quo Vadis</i>	Zoom
June	<i>Heaven Can Wait</i>	Zoom

Fred Madaus

Cinema Studies: Foreign Films

We continued to collaborate with other Endacott Study Groups (e.g., Great Books, Domestic Films, Opera Studies, etc.) in some of the films we showed. The films are all from my own personal collection, and I provided specialty snacks (at my personal expense) to go with each film. Attendance at these foreign films fluctuated between 25-35.

Here is the list of films we showed:

- July 30, 2019: The Marriage of Maria Braun (German)
- August 27, 2019: The Trial (Orson Welles, French)
- September 24, 2019: Mephisto (German)
- October 29, 2019: Let the Right One In (Swedish)
- November 26, 2019: Broken Blossoms and The Toll of the Sea (Silent, Chinese)
- December 30, 2019: Force Majeure (French)
- January 28, 2020: The Seventh Seal (Swedish)
- February 25, 2020: Manila in the Claws of Light (Philippine)
- March 31, 2020: Cancelled due to coronavirus.
- April 28, 2020: Private screening of Shoe Shine (Italian) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.
- May 26, 2020: Private screening of La Dolce Vita (Italian) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.
- June 30, 2020: Private screening of Orpheus (Jean Cocteau, French) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

Paul Stephen Lim

Computer and Technology Studies

The Computer and Technology Studies activity started in 1987 and has provided hundreds of informative and entertaining presentations since. It typically meets weekly from September through May. Alan Swarts has led the activity for many years, but had to step down, we hope temporarily, early this year for medical reasons. Due to the pandemic programs were not held in March and April, but resumed in May via Zoom.

Here's a list of programs held September through May:

<i>KU CIO's Update</i>	Mary Walsh
<i>MIDCO Cable Company</i>	Paige Pearson et. al.
<i>Computer Room Technology Demo</i>	Alan Swarts
<i>Technology Security</i>	Julie Fugett
<i>What the Heck Is This? (Tech Quiz)</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>5G – The Good, Bad and Ugly</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Photo Editing with SnapSeed</i>	Jonathan Bacon & Dick Stine
<i>Wearable Technology – E-Textiles</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Excel at Sudoku – Part 1 (spreadsheet tutorial)</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Excel at Sudoku – Part 2</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Excel at Sudoku – Part 3</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>History of the Computer Studies Group</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Technology as an Aid in Museum Displays</i>	Ron Schorr
<i>Tot Toys, Bot Toys 2019</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Computing Humor</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Cloud Storage</i>	Richard Kershenbaum
<i>In the Age of AI (Video)</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>KU E-mail in the Cloud</i>	Alex Wong
<i>Highlights from CES 2020</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Three Amazing Technologies</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Streaming Services</i>	John Nicholson
<i>Maker Spotlight: Arduino</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>What the Heck Is IT? (The Sequel)</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Technology Issues Forum: Online Trust</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Thinking Machines: A Selective History</i>	Dave Mannering
<i>Technology Issue Forum: Controlling AI</i>	Dave Mannering

Dave Mannering

Drama Studies

Drama Study could not wait to begin the 2019-2020 year. By July, the seven plays to be read for Fall semester had been decided, and for Spring, the same number were compiled by the end of November. Two of the listed plays, *As You Like It* and Paula Vogel's *Indecent* were from the KU Theatre production season, and included in planned trips to see actual theatre productions. Everything went smoothly, and we saw *As You Like It* in February, but then COVID-19

happened during Spring Break and the Endacott Society entered a new, uncharted territory. Thank goodness for our excellent leadership team; the Endacott was soon hooked on Zoom. By the first week of April, Drama Study had its first virtual meeting on Zoom, and carried on with scheduled programs while making a few adjustments including the following:

Virtual play reading on Zoom creates time lapses and voice distortions, consequently, play reading during meetings was suspended. Plays must be read in advance, and our Zoom meetings were exclusively for discussions, or video viewing.

As part of efforts to counter the effects of COVID-19 lockdown, and encourage positive energy, the earlier Spring reading list was set aside for more lively, and uplifting plays.

Trips to theatre for play productions were canceled,

Regular attendance dwindled from an average of 13 to 7 attendees; Zoom is good, but not the same as physical interaction.

However, since members meet only to discuss plays, the number of plays read in Spring almost doubled the original list.

Overall, the Drama Study group implemented the changes initiated last year with encouraging results. COVID-19 notwithstanding, we continued meeting twice a month – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, enabling us to read more plays and have more in depth discussions. As reflected in the list of plays below, our expanded reading ranged from classical to contemporary plays across different cultures, and includes female playwrights. Most of the plays were from *The Stages of Drama*, anthology of plays (thanks Paul Lim and the late Bob Procter) but we also choose plays from other sources, especially from KU Theatre & Dance Department seasonal offerings. Members volunteered to facilitate discussions, and we found the richness of the diversity stimulating and delightfully challenging. As usual, Paul Lim enriched our play reading experience with his recordings of stage performances. Altogether, Drama Study read a total of seventeen plays during the 2019/2020 academic year.

Month	Play	Playwright	Screen/Stage
July.	<i>The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail</i> (1961)	Jerome Lawrence & Robert. E. Lee	
August	<i>The Lesson</i> (1951).	Eugene Ionesco	Video: <i>The Lesson</i>
September	<i>A Doll's House</i> (1879)	Henrik Ibsen	
October	<i>'night, Mother</i> (1981)	Marsha Norman	Film: <i>'night, Mother</i>
October	<i>Othello</i> (1603)	Shakespeare	
November	<i>Othello</i>	Shakespeare	
December	i) <i>Chambers</i> (1981)	Paul Lim	
	ii) <i>Master Harold and the Boys</i> . (1982)	Athol Fugard	
January	<i>As You like It</i> (1599)	Shakespeare	KU ¹ Production
February	<i>Indecent</i> (2015)	Paula Vogel	KU Production ²
March	<i>Canoes</i> (2019)	Femi Osofisan.	
	<i>Not All Canoes Sail Back Home</i>		
April	i) <i>No Exit</i>	John Paul Sartre	
	ii) <i>Taming of the Shrew</i> (1590)	Shakespeare	A.C.T. 2000 San Francisco.
May	i) <i>Peace</i> (421 BCE)	Aristophanes	

¹ University of Kansas, Theatre & Dance Department

² Cancelled due to COVID-19

	ii) <i>How I Learned to Drive</i> (1997)	Paula Vogel	
June	i) <i>Inspector General</i> (1836)	Nikolai Gogol	
	ii) <i>Dutchman</i> (1964)	Amiri Baraka	E.A.T. Paul Lim.

Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka.

Endacott at the Lied Center

For the past several years, due to the generosity of Lied Center Executive Director Derek Kwan, Endacott Society members have been treated to a free event which we choose from a short list he provides. This year the event was the King's Singers on October 28, and over 90 members attended. The performance was excellent, but it was a bittersweet evening because Allen Wiechert, the Endacott Society liaison to the Lied Center, the person who had distributed the tickets to the membership, had died earlier that day. Allen was a past president of the Endacott Society.

Dave Mannering

Evening Lecture and Potluck Dinner Series

These events are scheduled the third Thursday of the month for five months. Announcements are put in the monthly newsletter and sent by emails to the Retirees ListServe.

Laurie Doud at Alumni Center made arrangements for the presenter's equipment needs and the number of dinner tables to set up. John and Linda Mullens continued to work with Hy-Vee for meat orders and with Laurie Doud for room set up in 2019.

2019-20

Date	Presenter	Program Title	Signup	Attended
August 22	Dr. John Paden	KU Radar Glaciology and the Discovery of Two Large Impact Craters in Greenland	70	70
October 31	James Carothers, Dean Bevan, Mike Shaw and Jim Woelfel	Stories of Halloween Spirits Costumes optional	94	86
December 5	Dr. Howard Graham	Stories: 100 th Anniversary of the KU Memorial Stadium	72	64
March 26	Jeanne Klein	<i>Lawrence Suffragettes</i>		
May 21	Dr. Felix Moos	<i>Birthing Tourism</i>		
<i>Canceled due to Covid 19 restrictions</i>				

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

Linda Mullens

Games Theory

Attendance at the Games Theory sessions has been steady through the year with Scrabble, Bridge and Mah Jongg tables in use each month. Occasionally chess or Chinese checkers players join the group. However, in March the pandemic halted our in-person games. At that time, Esther Smith decided to step down as the activity chair, and that position is currently vacant. In June we started up a new game (We're calling it "scribbler".) via Zoom which is similar to the party game Pictionary, but it's too soon to tell how successful it will be.

Dave Mannering

Garden Seminar

The Garden Seminar of the Endacott Society met on a regular schedule nearly every Wednesday morning from 9:00am to 10:00am during the past year, just prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Wednesday morning Ten O'clock Scholars coffee. This changed however, when health concerns about Covid-19 virus caused the closure of activities in the Adams Alumni Center when the KU campus was closed in March 2020. We then switched over to Zoom meetings from 8:30 to 9:30am Wednesday mornings each week.

Emphasis continues to be on discussions of gardening topics provided weekly by the Kansas State University Extension Service's Horticultural Newsletter. We used You Tube videos and KState Extension videos for discussions. We always find time to talk about interesting natural history observations that the members had and try to answer their questions. There is a show and tell event at the beginning of a meeting where a flower, leaf or twig is passed around for identification. Plant cuttings are often exchanged among members.

Several members gave presentations to the group during the year including Stan Roth who talked about ecology of Kansas bats, Jon Standing who gave two talks on Joshua trees and Sequoias in California, and Cal Cink who showed photographs of the plants in Weeks Bay Pitcher Plant Bog in Alabama.

We introduced the idea of a talk about botanical gardens each month but only worked in two of them, one on the Asticou Azelea Garden in Mt. Desert Island, Maine and one on the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hopefully we can have a few more next year as these presentations were enjoyed by all.

Members had one very enjoyable, early morning field trip this year on September 25th to Susan Rendall's home garden just north of Lawrence. She had a marvelous variety of flowers, shrubs and trees to show us and provided interesting commentary on how she has developed the garden over the years.

Garden Seminar brought back Douglas County horticultural extension agent, Tom Buller, to visit with us in November and we had a lively discussion about his current projects and he fielded questions on a variety of topics. Tom agreed to continue his annual visits to our group next year.

One special project of the group was organizing a memorial to Allen Wiechert, who served as chair of the Garden Seminar for a number of years and was President of the Endacott Society. With the approval of his wife Sandra on planting a tree in his honor, we solicited funds from the

membership and explored options of tree type and location of the planting. Susan and Doug Rendall consulted with Director Derek Kwan about planting two trees outside the Lied Center and placing a bench with plaque between them. The trees were planted on May 2nd and the bench will be installed later in May.

We were sorry to see Laurie Doud retire from the Alumni Center this winter, because she was always of such great help to the Garden Seminar. We are happy to see her now in attendance at our meetings as an Endacott member.

We had a variable number of members attend each week but typically about a dozen or so were regulars. We had as many as 20 there when we met in the Alumni Center but are happy to see about 12 participate in the Zoom meetings on line. We hope that we can move back into a group setting in the autumn but regardless, we welcome anyone to join us for interesting discussions of gardening and natural history. We never stop learning new ideas.

Cal and Jo Cink - Co-chairs of the Garden Seminar

Great Books

These are the activities of the Great Books Group before everything shut down. We met and discussed the following:

July 2019 Gustave Flaubert, *A Simple Heart* and *The Legend of St. Julian Hospitator*

August 2019 Franz Kafka, *The Trial*, with a film.

September 2019 Joseph Conrad, *Typhoon*

October 2019 Herman Melville, *Billy Budd*, with a film

November 2019 Henry David Thoreau's essay *On Civil Disobedience*

December 2019 Washington Irving's short stories *Rip van Winkle* and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*

January 2020 Members' favorite poems

February 2020 Henry James' short story, *The Beast in the Jungle*

Great Books activity leader Rich Ring did not have the home technology required to use Zoom, so Jim Woefel volunteered to temporarily host the meetings starting in May with *The Plague* by Albert Camus.

Rich Ring

Lunch Bunch

Our usual bunch of Wednesday culinary adventurers, usually running between 10 and 14 diners, sampled a number of cuisines, including Mexican, Mediterranean, American, BBQ, Italian and several breweries. In the era of social distancing, we have been dining virtually via Zoom. This will continue into the summer. Ron Schorr

Movement Workshop

The Movement Workshop has been an area of experimentation for us. The first activity in the workshop was Piccolo Bocce started in January of 2019 followed in March by Tai Chi and by Mid-morning Meditation in December. Piccolo Bocce and Mid-morning Meditation have ceased to meet due to declining attendance. However, Tai Chi is still going strong under the leadership of Haskell Springer.

Dave Mannering

Mid-Morning Meditation

Since the Movement Workshop with Tai-chi which I initiated with Haskell Springer as our leader, every Friday from 9 to 10:15 AM, was a success, I thought we might have a good follow-up with Mid-Morning Meditation every first and third Friday from 10:30 to 11 AM. Retired KU professors Judy Roitman and Stan Lombardo, longtime instructors and advocates of meditation exercises, were willing to lead the Endacott sessions. The hope was that the members who came for Tai-chi would stay on for meditation.

There was a great deal of initial interest for Mid-Morning Meditation, starting on December 6, 2019. I donated a dozen meditation cushions (\$60 each) and they were all taken. Fifteen people showed up at the first session, and we all quickly learned “the technique” from Judy and Stan, who explained that we can now all meditate on our own at home or anywhere else, as often as we like. After this, attendance dropped off sharply, to eight then six then four then two. I donated a dozen “prayer beads” to encourage better attendance, but this didn’t help.

Finally, at the end of February 2020, Judy and Stan agreed that all our initial attendees were now meditating on their own at home, so there was no further need to continue the bi-weekly half-hour sessions at the Adams Alumni Center, and thus the program was discontinued.

Paul Stephen Lim

Tai Chi

Before it was interrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Tai Chi group, all rank beginners, had made good progress, considering the limitation under which it began. Starting in March 2019 as a new offering, the class met only once every two weeks, with the purpose of enhancing balance and physical strength, and strengthening memory. Haskell Springer was the regular instructor, with David Hann filling in as needed.

But too much forgetting occurred in the space of two weeks between sessions, inhibiting progress from movement to movement in the Yang style Tai Chi form. When the group switched in early November to meeting every week, however, progress became more rapid and the whole endeavor more satisfying. However, our sessions were ended on January 31, 2020 by the closing of the campus. Here’s hoping that we can resume before too long, when the group will almost certainly start from the beginning but make very rapid progress to the point at which we were discontinued.

In June, I started weekly sessions outside in an open parking lot, with some success.

Haskell Springer

Music Appreciation

In July and August of 2019, the Music Appreciation group met in the Phillips Board Room at 11:00 A.M. each Wednesday, following the weekly coffee, to view DVD video clips of musical

performances selected from the music library of Paul Stephen Lim. Programs were varied, featuring classical, pop, jazz, and folk music performed by outstanding musicians.

Those programs were as follows:

July 3 - Selections from the movie *Love Me or Leave Me* (1955) with Doris Day, who had recently died

July 10 and 17 - Gustave Holst's *The Planets*, performed by the National Orchestra of Wales

July 24 and 31 - An "acoustica" jazz interpretation of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*

August 7 and 14 - An August 2003 recreation of the 1717 premiere of Handel's *Water Music Suite*, which was first performed on a royal barge floating down the River Thames

August 21 and 28 - *From the Big Apple to the Big Easy: The Concert for New Orleans--* major pop artists performing in Madison Square Garden in September 2005 after Hurricane Katrina

In September, with the Endacott Society's new schedule, the group began to meet at 10:30 A.M. on the fourth Friday of each month. Programs, becoming somewhat longer, continued as follows:

September 27 - *The King's Singers: From Byrd to the Beatles*, a prelude to the King's Singers planned appearance at the Lied Center in October

October 25 - Yo-Yo Ma performing Richard Strauss's *Don Quixote* with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra

November 22 - The Cleveland Orchestra with soloists Hanna-Elisabeth Muller and Simon Keenleyside performing Johannes Brahms's *German Requiem*

December 27 - A winter holiday program featuring Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 1* ("Winter Dreams") and The Three Tenors singing yuletide favorites at a 1990 concert in Vienna

January 31 - A celebration of the Chinese New Year with Chinese pianists Lang Lang, performing scherzos by Chopin in Versailles, and Yuja Wang, performing works by Gershwin and Ravel in Salzburg

February 28 - David Alden's film version of Franz Schubert's *Die Winterreise* with tenor Ian Bostridge and pianist Julius Drake

The March programs were canceled.

In April some members of the group joined a Zoom presentation of Verdi's *Requiem*.

In May, a program of Ottorino Respighi's *The Pines of Rome* and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 6* ("The Pastoral") was enjoyed on Zoom.

Leonard Cohen is the featured artist for June.

Susan Levine and Paul Stephen Lim, co-chairs

Old Time Radio Shows

Our listening group meets for two hours once a month to learn about, listen to, and discuss Old Time Radio shows. No preparation is required of attendees except to show up and enjoy. The shows from the '30, '40s, and '50s, and their associated commercials, elicit lively discussion both about the shows and related

aspects of life then, such as the roles of homemakers and the nature of advertising.

Like other Endacott groups, the 2019-2020 year had some ups and downs. Our attendance ranged from 16 to 6, averaging about 10. On the recent Zoom meetings in April and May 2020, the attendance has been higher at 15.

We do not meet in December, and March events were canceled. We were back up in April with Zoom, and will continue to do so until in-person meetings possibly resume. The Zoom format has been working well for this group. Aside from a technical glitch at the beginning of the first program, they have run exceptionally smoothly. The only thing missing with Zoom is sharing snacks from recipes based on foods popular in that era.

In July, our theme was **Hard-Boiled Detectives**. We listened to episodes of *Pat Novak*, *Sam Spade*, and *Richard Diamond*.

In August, the theme was **Variety Shows**. They were a combination of traditional variety shows, and shows that were mostly comedy. We heard *Jack Benny*, *Gene Autry*, and the pilot episode for *Danny Kaye*'s long-running program.

September brought **Hard-Boiled Detectives** again but the time featuring **Women Private Eyes**. Although there were not many women detectives on the air during radio's Golden Age, we managed to find several that showcased their variety. We played a *Phyl Coe* episode (a play on the name of the sponsor, Philco Radio Tubes). It required listeners to tune in the following week to hear the solution to the crime. In our discussion, however, we were able to use the clues presented to correctly solve it. We also listened to an episode of *Miss Pinkerton, Inc.*, and a *Candy Matson* show from 1949.

Halloween was the theme for October. We listened to three of the scariest stories available. First was a *Quiet Please*, "The Thing on the Fourble Board." Then a newlywed couple meets a monster in their closet in *Suspense*'s interpretation of "The House in Cypress Canyon". The final scary program was a *Lights Out* from 1948 titled "The Revolt of the Worms." In the middle of the frightening stories, we took a lighter fare break with *Baby Snooks* trick-or-treating on Halloween.

In November, it was time to look at the **Holidays**. We listened to an episode of *The*

Six Shooter with James Stewart, which had a direct interpretation to the story of Scrooge. We listened to Christmas Music from 1946 with *Jill's All-Time Jukebox*, and learned about Thanksgiving, courtesy of *The Answer Man*. We finished up with *Jack Benny's* Christmas Show from 1954.

December called for our annual break, so we could spend it with loved ones.

In January, the theme was **Soap Operas**. Since most soaps are only 15 minutes, we were able to sample several of them. Among others, we listened to *Just Plain Bill*, *Stella Dallas*, *The Romance of Helen Trent*, and *Ma Perkins*.

February was our final in-person meeting, although we didn't know it at the time. The theme was **Science Fiction**, and we listened to stories by Robert Heinlein and Ray Bradbury in *X Minus One* and *Dimension X* episodes, as well as a *Mysterious Traveler* story from 1950. We even made time for the pilot episode of *Buck Rogers* from 1939.

In March, we were not able to meet, since the Center was closed, and I hadn't figured out Zoom yet. We had planned the theme of **March Madness**, but it seemed appropriate to cancel the madness and insanity episodes that were scheduled.

April brought about our first Zoom conference call. The theme was **Comedy** again, as levity seemed much needed during lock-down. We started a episode, and had a technical issue. We listened to episodes of *Jack Benny*, *Father Knows Best*, and *George Burns and Gracie Allen*. We had suggestions from the group for future programming.

The May meeting was a mix of **Lighter Fare** and **World War II-Newscasts**. We heard an episode of *Jack Benny* that was voted in Old Time Radio Collectors' groups online as one of the best. *The Life of Riley* was also a popular episode. A newscast from H. V. Kaltenborn about the complexity of ending World War II in Europe, and a broadcast by Lowell Thomas from the same time frame

allowed us to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the War's end, as well to do a nice comparison between the very different styles of the two broadcasters.

Our June meeting will be another Zoom meeting on June 29th from 1:30 to 3:30. It
John R. Nicholson

will be a true **Potpourri**, as we will listen to *Gunsmoke*, *The Shadow*, and *Fibber McGee & Molly*.

We will continue to meet via Zoom over the summer, at least. I hope you will join us.

Opera Study

I have tried to show only the best and most recent productions available on DVD or Blu-ray, all from my own personal collection. At each session, I also provided snacks appropriate for the opera we were watching. Additionally, after some of the screenings, we raffled off tickets to various cultural events at the Lied Center in Lawrence or the Carlsen Center at JCCC in Overland Park.

Here's the list of what we showed:

July 19, 2019: Rossini's *Le Comte Ory* (with Javier Camarena and Cecilia Bartoli)

August 16, 2019: Berlioz' *Beatrice et Benedict* (2016 Glyndebourne production)

September 20, 2019: Puccini's *La Boheme* (2014 Malmo production). Two tickets to the touring production of the Broadway musical *Rent* at the Lied Center were raffled after the screening.

October 18, 2019: Harrison Birtwistle's *The Minotaur* (Royal Opera House production)

November 15, 2019: Richard Strauss' *Ariadne auf Naxos* (with Renee Fleming and Sophie Koch). Three tickets to the benefit performance of *Bon Appetit* at the Lied Center (featuring Joyce Castle as Julia Child) were raffled off at the event.

December 20, 2019: Christmas dance program featuring *Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo*. Four tickets to the Trockadero performance in April 2020 at the Carlsen Center at JCCC were raffled after the screening. Unfortunately, the performance at JCCC was canceled in April due to the coronavirus.

January 17, 2020: Contemporary Chinese Peking Opera, *You and Me* (staged by Zhang Yimou). Two tickets to the performance by Chinese Acrobats at the Lied Center were raffled after the screening.

February 21, 2020: Tchaikovsky's *Pique Dame: The Queen of Spades* (2011 Barcelona production). Three sets of authentic Russian nesting dolls were raffled after the screening.

March 20, 2020: Canceled due to coronavirus.

April 17, 2020: Private screening of Beethoven's *Fidelio* (with Karita Mattila and Rene Pape) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

May 15, 2020: Private screening of Puccini's *Tosca* (with Placido Domingo and Catherine Malfitano) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

June 19, 2020: Private screening of Gluck's *Orpheus et Eurydice* (with Bejun Mehta) on Paul Lim's personal Zoom Pro account, by invitation only.

Attendance at the events fluctuated between 20-35.

Paul Stephen Lim

Oral History Project

Committee members: Marilyn Bradt, David Bushouse, Nora Clark, Alan Swarts, Barbara Watkins

Interviewers: Marilyn Bradt, David Bushouse, Nora Clark, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Fred Pawlicki, Betty Baron and as needed, Jewell Willhite

Transcribers: Marilyn Bradt, David Bushouse, Jewell Willhite

Project support: Deb Bia, Chancellor's Office; Trish Jess, KU Bookstore; Nick Carswell, Audio Reader; Dwight Parman, KUAA VP for Finance

We have all been affected by COVID-19 in ever so many different ways. For the Oral History project, it's meant no Audio Reader space, no face-to-face interviews, no work at the closed Adams Center, and virtually no contact with the KU people we normally depend upon. Luckily, I had taken about 25 completed histories over to Spencer Research Library's KU Archives in January, just before the pandemic.

These are the oral histories completed so far: Frank Baron, Rex Buchanan, Jim Carothers, Dennis Domer, Ed Laut, Stephen Shawl, Dean Stetler, and Paul Willhite. John Edgar Tidwell has almost finished editing his oral history. At least four others are committed for interviewing as soon as conditions are better.

Sandra Wiechert

Out of Town Travel

Topeka: October 24; a group of about 15 Endacotters toured the Kansas Historical Society Archives and Museum and Kansas State Capitol Building. The State Historical Society tour included in-depth behind the scenes sessions on the museum, archives and archaeological lab.

Kansas City: January 30; 21 Endacotters visited the World War I Museum in Kansas City and enjoyed lunch at the "Over There" cafe. In addition to the permanent exhibit, there was a bonus tour of a special temporary Vietnam war exhibit.

The Coronavirus pandemic caused a late April tour of the Genghis Khan exhibit at Union Station to be canceled.

Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden

Singing for Fun

Our programs for the period July - February were a lively mix of in-house and guest singing sessions, including Doris Day songs (July), The Brothers Four and other folksongs (August), the Andrews Sisters (September), autumn music (October), Irish songs with guest leaders Chris and Kelly Bohling (November), songs of Sinatra and Streisand and holiday music (December), music of Cole Porter (January), and love songs led by guests Kim and Edward Poston from the School of Music (February).

Sadly, our March program, to be led by Apple Valley Farm "alumni," had to be canceled because of the coronavirus lockdown.

Linda Mannering and Jim Woelfel

Special Events

October 31, 2019. Linda Mullens, chair of the Evening Potluck and Lecture series, had not intended to have an event on Thursday October 31st, but was enthusiastic when I suggested a **Special Halloween Celebration**. Linda arranged for the dinner and drinks, and I provided the "creepy" decor, the prizes at each table, and the prizes for the three best costumes. I also produced the program that followed the dinner, with Endacott members Jim Carothers, Mike Shaw, Dean Bevan and Jim Woelfel reading four horror stories, with special slides provided by David Mannering, who also videotaped the highlights of the evening. Best costume awards went to Shari Stimetz, Jeanne Klein and David Mannering. The judges were Elle Patton and Susan Rendall. Linda Mullens said later that this was the best attended Evening Potluck Dinner & Lecture ever.

November 4, 2019: Endacott ReMembers. As with the previous two years of Endacott ReMembers, there was a whiteboard on which members were urged to write down the names of members who are no longer with us. There were eight rectangular tables, each with eight chairs. At each table, I provided a loaf of challah bread, different cheeses and fruits, and votive candles. The Endacott Society provided the sherry and other light refreshments. Again, as in previous years, we showed a film appropriate for the occasion. This time it was the Japanese animated feature, *The Grave of the Fireflies*, which had been requested by Endacott member Bob Procter before he died earlier in the year. About 35 people attended the event.

Allen Wiechert Memorial Bench and Trees at the Lied Center. When Allen Wiechert died unexpectedly on October 29, 2019, I suggested to the Endacott Society's Garden Seminar group (of which Allen was a longtime member) that we raise funds to plant a tree for Allen somewhere on the KU campus. Because Allen had been the University Architect of KU, and because he had also been instrumental in the building of the Lied Center, I asked Derek Kwan if it would be appropriate to plant a tree on the grounds of the Lied Center in Allen's memory. Derek was enthusiastic about the project, so I spearheaded the fund-raising among members of the Endacott Society, with Endacott Treasurer Gene Puckett in charge of the funds collected. After less than a month, we collected \$2,030, enough not just for one tree, but two trees, plus a bronze bench. With input from Sandra Wiechert, the project was turned over to Susan and Doug Rendall, who selected the two trees ("Rising Sun" Redbuds) and planted them in late April right by one of the main entrances to the Lied Center, with Sandra in attendance. The bench arrives later, and there will be a more formal ceremony at that time.

Paul Stephen Lim

Technology Support

Information Technology has played a large role in the Endacott Society ever since we acquired our first computer in 1988. Today we still have a few computers and a multi-function printer in our office available to the membership, but most of our IT support activity involves electronic communications including:

- The endacottsociety.org web site
- The endacottsociety@gmail account
- The Endacott Society YouTube channel
- The Endacott Society Zoom account
- The Retirees ListServ List

The new web site was unveiled this year, and because of the dynamic calendar feature it requires considerably more maintenance than the old site did. However, the WordPress software makes changes to the site relatively easy to do. Part of the changeover to the new site involved us acquiring the endacottsociety.org domain name.

Most of the content from the old site was preserved on the new site, just in a different format; however the Oral Histories transcripts have been removed, since they were redundant with those kept at the Spencer Research Library. We did keep a searchable index of the transcripts that are on site at the Alumni Center.

The Gmail account was relatively idle for the first part of the year since we had moved the newsletter submissions to the newsletter editor's e-mail account. The Gmail account became active again in association with our new Zoom account, as we use the Gmail contact list to manage the subscriptions to the Endacott Society ZOOM Guide.

Our YouTube channel is only used to house videos linked from our web site. The only video posted there this year was from the Halloween Party.

We began training the membership on Zoom in March and purchased a one-year Pro license for Zoom in April, which we have used for dozens of meetings to date. Unfortunately, not all of our members have the required home technology to use Zoom, and the pandemic made it difficult to acquire some of it.

The Retirees ListServ e-mail list has been used throughout the year for announcements and occasional recreational posts. The subscriptions to the list have increased by about twenty-five since we ceased physical meetings in March.

Other technology we use frequently at the Alumni Center includes a video camera, projector, and slide and photo scanners.

Dave Mannering

Wednesday Coffee Hour (Ten O'Clock Scholars)

The Ten O'Clock Scholars Committee is, during ordinary times, responsible for organizing refreshments for the Wednesday 10 a.m. meeting (approximately 40-60 people attend the meeting each week). MaryKay Mahoney and Susan Levine are committee co-chairs. Ann Blackhurst distributes nametags, and Janis Hutchison manages the announcements. When both committee chairs were absent on August 7, Nora Clark and Ron Schorr hosted the gathering.

Because KU's spring break was followed by the coronavirus shutdown, the last on-site meeting was held on March 4. As of April 8, Wednesday coffee, like a number of other Endacott events, moved online via Zoom. President Dave Mannering set up the Zoom meeting system, trained Endacott members in using it, and has continued to facilitate the online Wednesday coffee meeting.

In non-pandemic times, the structure for refreshments is as follows:

On the first Wednesday of each month, the Endacott Society covers the cost of the refreshments, which are provided by the committee co-chairs.

On the third Wednesday of the month, refreshments - with birthday cake the central feature - are provided by the Birthday Committee, comprised of Sharon Brown, Betty Bunce, and Joyce and Russ Hutchins.

On the other Wednesdays, refreshments are provided by volunteers from the Endacott membership.

Wednesday coffee refreshments are at times linked to specific events. On July 10, Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden provided treats from their wedding festivities. On January 22, Paul Lim provided themed treats to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Rat.

At the Wednesday coffee meetings on October 9 and again on May 20 (via Zoom), Heath Peterson, Alumni Association President, spoke to the membership about Alumni Association plans and decisions.

The Endacott Society Annual Business Meeting is held during Wednesday coffee in June

When the Alumni Center is closed because of the academic calendar, Fred Madaus usually organizes a Wednesday coffee meeting at an outside establishment.

Duties of the co-chairs during ordinary times:

- Purchase refreshments for the first Wednesday of each month.

- Make sure the blue binder is available each week so that members can sign up to contribute refreshments. Check to make sure upcoming slots get filled.

- During announcements, thank those who have provided that week's refreshments and announce who will be covering the snacks for the following week.

- Contribute a description of the committee's yearly activities for the annual report.

Refreshment contributors for the past year:

Betty and Frank Baron, Laura Borchert, Betty Bunce, Jo and Cal Cink, Irene Davis, Jeannie Eblen, Pam and Doug Houston, Joyce and Russ Hutchins, Janis Hutchison, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Linda and John Mullens, Cathie and Fred Pawlicki, Esther Smith, Shari Stimetz.

MaryKay Mahoney and Susan Levine

Special Topics and Events

July 3, 2019 President David Mannering welcomed everyone to the first Coffee Hour of the new Endacott year. The Coffee Hour was started in September, 1983 and it is a tradition that is 36 years old. The first meeting had coffee and donuts.

David passed out cards on each table imprinted with a red **V**, which he explained was for Volunteers. He offered a salute to all our volunteers: "May we never take you for granted." In July 28 people and in September 38 people are volunteering their time for Endacott events. We have come a long way from our early years.

He then passed out Endacott cards with information about the organization. Hand one to an eligible prospective member as you try to recruit them.

July 10, 2019 Members Judy Niebaum and David Marden brought refreshments for a second wedding reception to celebrate their wedding with Endacott members. Cake, cookies, nuts and champagne were there for all.

President David Mannering offered a toast: "To Judy and David for following the Endacott motto: Who knew retirement could be so much fun!"

July 17, 2019 The monthly celebration of birthdays is now held on the third Wednesday of each month. Members present who have July birthdays were cited. A special rendition of Happy Birthday was sung for Dick Shiefelbusch, who turns 101 years old in July 2019.

August 21, 2019 Members with August birthdays were honored with cake and a cheese plate. Those present who were honored with a birthday card and a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday were: Sandra Wiechert, Susan Levine, Pat Miller and Martha Souza.

September 4, 2019 President David Mannering introduced the new webpage for the Endacott Society, <http://endacottsociety.org/>. The new site features a new interactive interface with easy links to the calendar of events, the current and past Newsletters and specific webpages for interest groups and events by using the icons at the bottom of the first page.

September 18, 2019 Cake, cheese and fruit were served in honor of members with September birthdays. Janet Riley honored Gene Puckett with a special cake for his 90th birthday this month. Also honored were Shari Stimetz, Ann Blackhurst and Dick Sapp, 91.

October 16, 2019 Paul Laird, Professor of Music History, is chair of the University Senate Committee on Retired Faculty Rights and Benefits. President-Elect Jo Cink is the Endacott representative on the Committee, and other members include Madi Vannaman, Human Resources and Chris Brown, Provost's Office. Paul explained presented some issues that interest the Committee, such as Sprague Apartments and the need for more such housing, expanding Endacott membership among new retirees, and email issues, such as deleting unwanted retired faculty accounts.

October 29, 2019 Over 90 Endacott members were guests of the Lied Center of Kansas for a concert series performance by The King's Singers, a group with a great tradition of performing at the Lied, although now with younger members. Sadly, Derek Kwan, director of the Lied, had to announce the death that day of Allen Wiechert, who has organized the Endacott at the Lied concerts with Derek for many years.

October 31, 2019 Over 100 members attended the October 31 Potluck Dinner and Lecture. The lecture was the reading of three well-known scary stories by Dean Bevan, Mike Shaw, and Jim Carothers. Visit <http://endacottsociety.org/special-events/halloween-party/>. Be sure to click on the video: Halloween Party Video Highlights. President Dave Mannering won Best Costume as a Mad Scientist.

May 20, 2020 On the 6th Coffee Hour Zoom meeting, 24 members were joined by Heath Peterson, President of the KU Alumni Association. He spoke about the impact of the Covid pandemic on the building operations, the calendar, the Adams Center remodeling project and the future construction of a Visitor Center in place of the current parking lot. The building will open when the campus does. Construction of the Visitor's Center could start as early as November 2020.

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