



# Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff [endacottsociety.org](http://endacottsociety.org) June 2021



As we head into June the outlook for a vaccinated population is improving in Douglas County. The percent for fully vaccinated among all residents is 43% and for those of us age 65+ is a remarkable 87%. The mask mandates have largely been lifted but the director of the CDC still recommends masks for all unvaccinated persons and many of us fully vaccinated still prefer to mask in crowded areas particularly indoors. We all hope that conditions continue to improve throughout the summer so we can confidently come together in person for Endacott meetings in the fall.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Jayhawk Student Welcome Center did occur next to the Alumni Center on May 6, so progress is being made on that front.



Ground-breaking ceremony for visitor center (by Dave Mannering)



In the three weeks since, no excavations are visible in our parking lot.



There is a construction trailer, a backhoe and porta-potties on the back side so work is imminent?

Hopefully progress on fundraising for the remodel of the Alumni Center itself continues apace so that by the end of June there are enough funds to begin work on the renovation concurrently. It is nice to think we might be back in the building by the end of 2022. It is my

hope that we will be able to meet at Dillons for Wednesday Coffees in August. If that feels good for the group, we can schedule events at the Union for September. This will of course be our new president Folabo's decision. It has been my honor to serve you as president this year. –  
**Jo Cink**

Happy Birthday to members of the Endacott Society who celebrate birthdays during June and congratulations to those of you celebrating anniversaries during the month.

There are a variety of interesting films, discussions and topics scheduled for June on Zoom. Be sure to attend Wednesday Coffee on June 16 at 10:00 AM for our annual business meeting and election. For a guide to cinema programs contact [plim@ku.edu](mailto:plim@ku.edu). Here are a few more details on some of the programs:

**Computer and Technology Studies** on June 14 (10:00 am) will have Richard Kershenbaum's program on Public Webcams. June 28 will be their annual planning session.

**Drama Study** (June 1 and 15, 1:30 PM) will discuss the Pirandello play "*Six Characters in Search of an Author*". Six people burst into a group of actors about to rehearse a play by Pirandello, because, as the director says, the actors are "reduced to putting on plays by Pirandello" since no good French comedies are available. People or characters? The characters want to live in their own drama produced by the bewildered actors in front of them. And so, the game, or play, continues as we read it.

**Great Books** (June 9 at 1:30 AM) will read two "summertime" short stories by Katherine Mansfield, "The Garden Party" and "At the Bay". Mansfield is considered one of the great 20<sup>th</sup>-century Anglophone short story writers. Although she lived most of her adult life in Britain and on the European Continent, Mansfield (1888-1923) was from New Zealand. Our two selections, first published in 1922, are

among her "New Zealand stories," drawing on memories of her childhood.

**Old Time Radio** (June 28, 1:30 PM) will listen to the two programs cancelled last month, the **Fred Allen Show** and the episode from **The Lives of Harry Lime** with Orson Welles.

The answers to last month's geography quiz:

1. Republic Co. f) Belleville
2. Jewell Co. e) Mankato
3. Smith Co. k) Smith Center
4. Cloud Co. i) Concordia
5. Mitchell Co. o) Beloit
6. Rooks Co. l) Stockton
7. Decatur Co. d) Oberlin
8. Graham Co. j) Hill City
9. Trego Co. n) WeKeeney
10. Ellis Co. c) Hays
11. Rush Co. b) LaCrosse
12. Barton Co. h) Great Bend
13. Rice Co. g) Lyons
14. Ottawa Co. m) Minneapolis
15. Lane Co. a) Beloit



Life Saver Cactus blossom. A nice surprise from a plant grown from a cutting given to Jo Cink by Laurie Doud after several years of new shoots only.