

Endacott Society

Retired Faculty and Staff endacottsociety.org December 2021

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

o! Ho! Ho! It's time to wrap up the year! Endless loops of seasonal songs encourage us to get into the spirit of the season and celebrate the various embedded religious or cultural symbolisms. We deck the halls, festoon our doors with garlands, and fill our homes with perfectly wrapped packages tied up in swirls of colorful bows and ribbons.

Like those gift packages, we expect December to wrap up the year neatly with pretty bows. Indeed, there is much to celebrate in the past 12 months, but sometimes, these December festivities remind me of "brown paper packages tied up with strings," a line from *The Sound of Music* song "My Favorite Things," which Maria sings when she is feeling sad. Beneath the colorful ribbons and pretty bows are knots that tie up the packages — and the knots are just as important.

Let me start by acknowledging our members who departed this year, most especially those who bowed out so close to this month of festivities, and following our Nov. 1 collective annual Endacott ReMembers program. May the knots they tied to make their bows and ribbons continue to bring cherished memories and comfort to their families and loved ones.

Just as I was wrapping the Covid-19 vaccines relief-ribbons around 2021, while acknowledging some break-through cases among those vaccinated, news broke about Omicron, the virulent mutation of the virus in South Africa. Just when the world was growing confident of reopening! A discouraging setback, no doubt, but thankfully, this was not December 2019 when the virus was spreading and no one had a clue what it was. Now, vaccines are available to anyone aged 5 years and older, and booster shots extend the protection of existing vaccines and hopefully prevent another global shutdown.

We had a great turn out for our in-person-meeting on Nov. 24 at Dillons at Sixth and Wakarusa.



Photo by Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka

The 10 O'Clock Scholars coffee hour met in person on Nov. 24 for the first time since February 2020.

Nineteen members showed up, and it was a like a grand reunion.

Seeing people in the flesh and not virtually was so uplifting that we agreed to meet again on Dec. 29, same time and place. (See Page 3: 10 0'Clock Scholars.)

Finally, I tie a huge swirl of bows and ribbons to Mary Jane Dunlap and Evie Rapport for the excellent work they have been doing as newsletter editor and copy editor. As many members have appreciated, the newsletters are highly informative with relevant, topical information, pictures, and aesthetically pleasing overall. There is no way I could have combined being president and being newsletter editor as Jo Cink and Dave Mannering did during their terms as (Covid-19) presidents. Many thanks, Mary Jane and Evie!

May the December 2021 holiday gatherings be almost like they used to be, with family members across generations.

... "Brown paper packages tied up with strings"....

Happy Holidays! — Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka

GIFTS of SUPPORT

Endacott Society gathering donations for Alumni Center renovation

n October, after a coffee-hour meeting with Alumni Association President Heath Peterson, Endacott members suggested making donations to support the renovation of the Adams Alumni Center.

Our treasurer, Pam Houston, has forwarded a few checks received in November to KU Endowment. Members may make donations in any amount as a show of support for the

Alumni Association's plan to make the site function as a campus showcase to welcome visitors and prospective students as well as alumni and current students, faculty, and staff.

The new \$21-million Jayhawk Welcome Center construction has been funded entirely by private donations. About 20 KU Admissions staff will have offices in the center, which will open directly into the Adams Alumni Center.

The Alumni Association plans an \$8 million to \$9 million renovation of the Adams Alumni Center, which

Please make your checks payable to KU Endowment and send to our treasurer: Pam Houston 1807 N. 1150 Road Lawrence, KS 66046 opened in 1983, to support new technology for administering and managing both buildings and the hospitality and storytelling functions. The association and KU Endowment have raised all but \$2 million of total needed to fund the renovation, expected to begin in 2022.

The combined projects are intended to provide a state-of-the-art complex that will show prospective students how KU can position them for success as students and

alumni. Video and other displays will feature career resources, KU business connections, and the university's leadership in research, innovation, and discoveries.

Donations received by Endowment before Dec. 31 can be deducted from 2021 tax returns. Our treasurer suggests sending donations to her before Dec. 20 to avoid delays with holiday schedules at Endowment.

The Endacott Society will continue to collect individual donations, which are tax deductible, through June 30, 2022.

MU honors alumna retired from KU

S andra W. Gautt, retired KU vice provost and professor emerita in special education, was honored in November by her alma mater, the University of Missouri-Columbia, as a recipient of the 54th Faculty-Alumni Award.

Before coming to KU in 1989 to serve as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, Sandra was on the faculty at MU, where she had earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in special education. She and her late husband, Prentice Gautt, were doctoral students at MU when they met. Her leadership in higher education and research in special education have been recognized with numerous awards from her alma mater. She has served as a Fellow on the American Council on Education and in 1999 received a distinguished service award from the Higher Learning Commission.

Since retirement, she has continued to serve her alma mater and KU and the Lawrence community. Sandra sits on the boards of directors of the Lawrence Schools Foundation and the Lawrence Humane Society (Sandra's cat, Sylvie, is a Humane Society alum), the KU Libraries Board of Advocates, and the Douglas County Citizens Review Board. She also is a trustee of the University of Missouri Jefferson Club and the College of Education & Human Development Strategic Advancement Committee.



The Tiger scoreboard of MU's Faurot Field at Memorial Stadium in Columbia, Mo., announced the 54th Faculty Alumni Award to fans during the Nov. 13 football game.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

NOTE: To receive **Zoom links and passwords**, email Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu; for programs administered by Paul Lim, email plim@ku.edu.

No programs are scheduled in December for Armchair Travel, Movement Studies (Tai Chi), Old Time Radio, or Public Affairs.

10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS

(Wednesday Coffee Hour) (Zoom) Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka omofola@ku.edu

Dec. 1. 10 a.m.

Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

Dec. 15, 10 a.m.

Dec. 22, 10 a.m.

Dec. 29:, 10 a.m. Dillons, Sixth Street and Wakarusa Drive

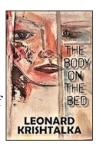
ARTS & SCIENCES Lecture (Zoom)

Kevin Boatright <u>kjboatr@aol.com</u> Thursday, **Dec. 9**, **1:30** p.m.

The Body on the Bed, by Leonard Krishtalka Leonard "Kris" Krishtalka, director emeritus of KU's Biodiversity Institute and professor emeritus, will talk about *The Body on the Bed*, his historical novel set in Lawrence. His fifth book, published in

September, it focuses on a real 1871 murder, the lurid trial that gained national attention, and the female reporter whose "investigative mind leads her to

uncover desperate lives torn by lust, obsession and deceit, a trail of dead victims, the diabolical plot behind the body on the bed, and a final act of perverse justice." The



book was researched in period newspapers, photographs, maps, and court transcripts, and its characters bring to life a riveting 150-year-old mystery. You may never again drive down Kentucky Street, between Eighth and Ninth, without thinking about the house that once stood there and the late Mr. Isaac Ruthman. (He was *poisoned*, you know.)



DOCUMENTARY Films (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu Friday, Dec 3, 1:30 p.m.

Juvenile Justice

Should teens who commit serious crimes be tried and sentenced as children or adults? "Frontline" (PBS) follows four youth offenders through the Santa Clara County, Calif., juvenile courts, observing how the criminal justice system treats their cases and determines their fates. Filmed over 15 months, this report also talks with the judges, caseworkers, prosecutors, and families of the young teens, as well as some of those who were their victims. (2001, cc, 1 hour)

DOMESTIC Films (Zoom)

Fred Madaus fmadaus@ku.edu Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu Tuesday. Dec 14, 1:30 p.m.

The Children's Hour

Based on the sensational 1934 Broadway play by Lillian Hellman, The Children's Hour takes place in a private

school for young girls, where a spiteful student accuses the two women who run the school of having a lesbian relationship. Director William Wyler adapted the play twice on film, first in 1936, with the two women more acceptably fighting for the same man; and then more truthfully years later, with Shirley MacLaine and Audrey Hepburn in a "friendship" ruined by



gossip and James Garner. (1961, cc, 1 hour 48 minutes)

FOREIGN Films (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim. plim@ku.edu Friday, Dec 10, 1:30 p.m. **Un Chien Andalou** Los Olvidados

Two of Luis Bunuel's earliest works on a double-bill: Un *Chien Andalou (An Andalusian Dog)*, a collaboration with Salvador Dali, filled with bizarre and surrealist images that may or may not mean anything (1929, silent, 16 minutes); followed by the heartbreaking Los Olvidados (The Forgotten Ones), about a group of juvenile delinquents living in the festering slums of Mexico City, and how a young newcomer is ultimately corrupted by them (1950, in Spanish with English subtitles, 1 hour 20 *minutes*)

COMPUTING & TECHNOLOGY

STUDIES (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday **Dec. 6, 10 a.m.** Tot Toys, Bot Toys

Monday Dec. 20, 10 a.m. Coding Kids

DRAMA STUDY (Zoom)

Michael Shaw. michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Volpone (The Fox) is a delightful old potboiler by Ben Jonson, who is usually acknowledged as

Shakespeare's greatest contemporary. The grasping villain

of a title character and his rascally servant are surrounded with wouldbe tricksters bearing the Italian names of vulture, carrion crow, and other such birds. As in any traditional melodrama, the cast also



includes a virtuous young woman and man endangered amidst all the evil machinations occurring.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1:30 p.m.

Paul Stephen Lim <u>plim@ku.edu</u> Film: *Volpone*

Ben Jonson's *Volpone*, a merciless satire of greed and lust, remains his most-performed play. The Stage on Screen video of the Greenwich Theatre production, directed by Elizabeth Freestone, features Richard Bremmer as Volpone and Mark Hadfield as Mosca, among others. (2010, cc, 2 hours 39 minutes)

GAMES THEORY (Zoom)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Monday, **Dec. 13, 10 a.m.** Scribbler games

Monday, **Dec. 27, 10 a.m.** Scribbler games

GARDEN SEMINAR (Zoom)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, **Dec. 1, 8:30 a.m.** An Autumn visit to the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden

Wednesday, **Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.** Wednesday, **Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m.**

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

(Zoom)

Jim Woelfel james.woelfel@yahoo.com

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1:30 p.m.

We'll discuss a modern American holiday classic, Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*, published in 1956. It's a funny and poignant story of Capote's boyhood friendship with a distant cousin in her 60s. Capote's parents divorced

when he was 2, and he was sent to live with his mother's relatives in Monroeville, Ala. The cousin was Nanny Rumbley Faulk, whom he called "Sook." The story is Capote's reminiscence of his and Sook's preparations for Christmas. It's short (48 pages) and readily available as a .pdf file. The ambitious might, for a



study in contrasts, want to pair reading *A Christmas Memory* with another holiday classic, Dylan Thomas's *A Child's Christmas in Wales* (1952).

Saturday, Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m.

Paul Stephen Lim <u>plim@ku.edu</u> Film: A Christmas Memory

Paul Lim will be showing a Hallmark TV adaptation of Capote's *A Christmas Memory*. Made in 1997, it stars Piper Laurie, Patty Duke, and Eric Lloyd (1 hour 36 minutes).

LUNCH BUNCH

Location or Zoom plan announced weekly *Ron Schorr* <u>rwwschorr@gmail.com</u>

Thursday, **Dec. 2, noon** Thursday, **Dec. 9, noon**

Thursday, Dec. 16, noon

In consideration of everyone, participants are expected to be fully vaccinated and using masks.

MUSIC APPRECIATION (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu Friday Dec 24, 1:30 p.m. Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Christmas is not Christmas without Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and one of the best recordings of it available on DVD comes to us from the beautiful St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, conducted by Gotthold Schwarz, and featuring the Thomanerchor children's choir. The impressive lineup of soloists includes Dorothee Mields, Elvira Bill, Markus Schafer, Klaus Hager, and Patrick Grahl as the Evangelist. (2018, sung in Latin with English subtitles, 2 hours 30 minutes)

OPERA STUDY (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu Friday, **Dec 17, 1:30 p.m.** Benjamin Britten's The Turn of the Screw

There are many productions available on DVD of Benjamin Britten's opera based on The Turn of the Screw, the novella by Henry James about an English governess who is convinced that her young wards have been bewitched by the evil spirits of two previous servants in the estate, who now intend to carry on their adulterous relationship through the two children. But none is more diabolical than the Glyndebourne production featuring Miah Persson and Toby Spence. (2012, sung in English with subtitles, 1 hour 51 minutes)

PAUL'S PICK (Zoom)

Paul Stephen Lim plim@ku.edu Friday, Dec 31, 1:30 p.m. Auntie Mame

Although I have been frequently accused of loving films which are mostly dour and depressing, I do have a list of

guilty pleasures that I dip into during holidays here in America. On top of the list is *Auntie Mame*, based on the autobiographical novel by Patrick Dennis, featuring the one and only Rosalind Russell as the irrepressible Mame, Jan Handzlik as the young Patrick to whom she opens the world, Peggy Cass as Agnes Gooch, and many others who make me grin from



ear to ear. As a special New Year's Eve

treat, at the end of the film, I will read a short speech which I delivered upon receiving the Kemper Teaching Award at KU back in 2002. (1958, cc, 2 hours 23 *minutes*)

SINGING FOR FUN

Friday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m.

We'll meet in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, to sing winter holiday



songs. Masks and social distancing are required. Since the church hasn't returned to permitting refreshments in the fellowship hall, we'll adjourn for more fellowship and coffee and pastries (or some may prefer an early lunch) to a reserved room at Perkins Restaurant, 1711 W. 23rd St., a short drive east (Clinton Parkway becomes

23rd Street at the intersection with Iowa Street).

FIX IT!

Volunteers help mend broken items in Lawrence Public Library Repair Studio

awrence Public Library's Repair Studio will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, in the auditorium. Repair mentors, all volunteers with a knack for fixing things such as lamps, clocks, small appliances and torn clothing will work with you to restore life to broken items. Hazlett Henderson, who organizes the Repair Studio says, "While we can't guarantee that everything will be fixed, we can guarantee a fun time tinkering, experimenting, and learning about how things work." If you are interested in trying to repair something, or if you would like to volunteer, contact Hazlett at hhenderson@lpks.org. Registration is not required, but you can reserve a spot with a mentor here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 10c0f4aaaa62ba1f9ce9-repair

Helping Hammer offers older adults assistance with small home repairs

he Douglas County Senior Resource Center offers **L** assistance with small home-maintenance projects through the Helping Hammer Senior Home Repair service. Typical projects might be fixing a leaky faucet, installing a grab bar, adjusting a sticky door, or cleaning the gutters.

Helping Hammer staffers are insured, have their own tools, and are fully vaccinated.

Hourly rates range from \$15 to \$50, depending on annual income and household size. For example, for a one-person household with an annual income below \$17,750 the hourly rate would be \$15. At the high end of the rate scale, for a one-person household with annual income of \$60,000, the hourly rate is \$50. For a two-person household with \$60,000 annual income, the hourly rate is \$35.

The scheduling process requires planning.

Larry Woydziak, program specialist at the senior center, notes that the repair work is done through the Lawrence Tenants to Homeowners Inc. program but that requests are made through the Senior Resource Center.

Larry takes your name, contact information, and a description of work needed, and provides rate details. Each week he passes requests to the Tenants to Homeowners office, which will contact you. A Helping Hammer repair person will visit with you to determine any materials needed, estimate of the cost of labor and materials and offer approximate dates to schedule the work.

For more information, call the Senior Resource Center 785-842-0543 and ask for Helping Hammer Senior Home Repair.

In the long run department.

wo Endacotters recently participated in area running competitions as members of the runLawrence club. **Gene Wee** earned second place in the men's age 70-74 division in the Oct. 10 Prairie Fire Half Marathon in Wichita. Wee is treasurer of runLawrence, a club for runners of all ages. **Catherine Shenoy** won the women's ages 64-78 division of the Nov. 7 Billy Mills 10K on the Haskell Indian Nations University cross-country course.

Gene retired from the Kansas Union administration in 2016 with 45 years service to KU. Catherine retired in 2019 from the School of Business, where she directed the Center for Business Analytics Research and the school's MBA programs.

Dick Lipsey is also active in runLawrence events. Before retiring from the Associated Press, Dick was active in a faculty-staff running group known as Mad Dogs & Englishmen. His late wife, Lynne, kept pace with him as a runner.

CHAMPSS Orientation Dec. 9

The Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging will have an orientation session at 2 p.m. Dec. 9 for CHAMPSS (Choosing Healthy Appetizing Meal Plan Solutions for Seniors), a nutrition program for adults, at the Lawrence Public Library.

JAAA partners with local businesses in Shawnee, Douglas, and Jefferson counties to offer a dining alternative to congregate meal sites, seven days a week. CHAMPSS participants can visit any location and enjoy a nutritious meal. There are no income guidelines.

Orientation is limited to 35 participants. Email: <u>cjohnson@jhawkaaa.org</u> or call 785-235-1367 to reserve a spot. If you are unable to attend the session, the orientation video is online at <u>http://www.jhawkaaa.org/services/</u>nutrition/

Links to programs recorded in November We had requests to record three November Zoom programs.

10 O'Clock Scholars (Wednesday coffee hour), **Nov. 3** Q&A about the State Employee Health Plan with Janet Stanek, state SEHP director and her staff. <u>https://youtu.be/L-SmJkYMtm0</u>

Armchair Travel, Nov. 18

Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore's trip to Rome and Romania.

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/CvpU iY-

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Public Affairs Forum, Nov. 11 Panel discussion on homelessness

https://youtu.be/zkPzDDE3Tg0.





Photos by Paul S. Lim

Pandemic delayed dedication of headstone for Loraine Lindenbaum

T he children of Seigfried and Loraine Lindenbaum (pictured above) had hoped to gather in summer 2020 to dedicate their mother's gravestone at the Beni Israel Cemetery in Eudora, where she was buried next to her husband in October 2019.

In the Jewish tradition, the gravestone is unveiled within a year of a person's death. With the pandemic restrictions on travel in 2020, the children rescheduled the dedication for Oct. 31, 2021. (From left, top photo: Beth Gendler, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ann Gutkin, Washington, D.C.; and Jeffry Lindenbaum, Billings, Mont.) While in Lawrence, they attended the Nov. 1 Endacott ReMembers program.

Siegfried died in 1993. He was a professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at KU. Before moving to Minneapolis in 2018, Loraine served as the Endacott chair of the Afternoon Lecture Series and Birthdays Celebration for several years.

In Memoriam

In years past, we haven't noted members of Endacott and the KU community lost to death each year. We try to remember all members who have died as we are notified. With pandemic conditions separating us, memorial services have been Zoomed or delayed. This list includes Endacott members and nonmembers. The names in boldface are of recent members or their spouses.

2020

Dec. 23 James E. Gunn 1923-2020 Memorial services remain pending until the pandemic will permit gathering safely. http://www.sfcenter.ku.edu/news.htm

Dec. 25

Robert Lawrence Hohn 1941-2020 Memorial service was Dec. 30. https://warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/robert-l-hohn/

<u>2021</u>

Jan. 7

Nancy Hale-Martinko 1946-2021 A celebration of life will be when friends and family can attend. <u>https://rumsey-yost.com/2021/01/nancy-hale-</u> <u>martinko/</u>

Jan. 10

Lynne F. Lipsey 1947-2021 Memorial Service was June 26. <u>https://rumsey-yost.com/</u> 2021/01/lynne-hinkel-lipsey/

Jan. 11

Marion "Chris" Louise Linton 1915-2021 Memorial service was May 30. https://warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/marion-chrislinton/

March 11

Goodwin P. "Goody" Garfield 1925-2021 A celebration of life was April 18. <u>https://rumsey-yost.com/2021/03/goodwin-p-goodie-garfield/</u>

July 4

Tudy Marie Youngberg 1937-2021 Funeral service was July 9. <u>https://warrenmcelwain.com/</u>obituary/tudy-marie-youngberg/ July 28

Bruce A. Linton 1923-2021 Memorial service was Aug. 21. https://warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/bruce-a-linton/

Sept. 25

Burdett A. Loomis 1945-2021 The celebration of life was Nov. 7. <u>https://</u> obituaries.ljworld.com/us/obituaries/ljworld/name/ burdett-loomis-obituary?id=31170334

Oct. 6

Lilian Eleanor Symons 1925-2021 Memorial service was Oct. 18. <u>https://</u> warrenmcelwain.com/obituary/eleanor-symons/

Nov. 6

Earl Justin Schweppe 1927-2021 An informal Celebration of Life will be 2-4 p.m. Jan. 22, 2022, at the Carnegie Building, 200 W. Ninth St., Lawrence. <u>https://obituaries.ljworld.com/us/obituaries/</u>ljworld/name/earl-schweppe-obituary?id=31616249

Nov. 8

Patricia "Pat" Creel Collinson Kelly 1925-2021 Memorial service was Nov. 16. <u>https://rumsey-yost.com/</u> 2021/11/patricia-creel-collinson-kelly/

Nov. 11

Jean Kygar Eblen 1944-2021

A Celebration of Life will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 26, 2022, in the Big 12 Room of the Kansas Memorial Union. A smaller celebration reception will be 1:30-3:30 p.m. March 5, 2022, at the Red Buffalo's Bull Building in Sedan. <u>https://rumsey-yost.com/2021/11/jean-kygareblen/</u>

Nov. 19

Thomas Michael Skrtic 1946-1941 Services Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home https://rumsey-yost.com/2021/11/thomas-michael-skrtic/







KU's new Welcome Center, which will open into the Adams Alumni Center building, takes form.The first floor was draped in plastic by Nov. 24. The building is expected to open in Fall 2022. View live updates on the webcam at JavhawkWelcomeCe nter.org, select 'Updates' and scroll to Live Cam.

January 2022 Newsletter Send news for January by or before Monday, Dec. 20, to mjdunlap@ku.edu

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DUES & GIFTS

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 and ask for Records; or go online at <u>www.kualumni.org/join</u>, scroll down to Membership Options for Every Jayhawk, click on Endacott Society, and select an option.) Dues for retirees are \$30 a year. Spouses or partners can be added at no additional cost.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current members or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045-3169. These contributions will be deposited in the **Expressions of Appreciation Fund** and can, if designated, be used to support the Endacott Society's activities.