

# **Endacott Society** **2017-18 Annual Report**



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## **President's Report**

Thanks to all Chairs of Special Interest Groups who submitted their annual reports. Chairs, in an effort to save time during the meeting are asked not to read their reports as part of the meeting. Likewise, in an effort to be conservative, only two copies of the reports have been placed on each table. (Additional copies can be obtained upon request through Laurie) I do hope every member of the Endacott Society will have the opportunity to read these reports. They are a very special record of a very successful year.

We did have had a very successful year with the beginning of new interest groups, reestablishment of previous interest groups, new volunteers providing new leadership, longtime members continuing time, and new members filling in where needed. This all made my time as President quite rewarding. It has been a pleasure to serve. You all deserve my thanks!

-Allen Wiechert

# **Annual Meeting of the Endacott Society**

**2016-2017**

President Alan Swarts called the annual meeting to order at 10:00am on June 21, 2017 at the KU Adams Alumni Center. Minutes of the 2016 meeting were presented and approved. Copies of the annual report were made available.

## **President's Report**

President Swarts presented some of the highlights of the year. These are highlighted in the President's Report in the printed Annual Report for 2016-2017. The president attended several meetings as Endacott Society representative. During the year he invited Heath Peterson, KU Alumni Association President, to the 10:00 O'Clock Scholars meeting for a presentation of the planned expansion of the Alumni Center Building.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Edna Galle reported that the finances are in good shape as evidenced by the balance sheet. She also highlighted the Phillips Petroleum allocation, which receives funds annually. In this account, the balances at the end of the fiscal year do not carry-over into the next fiscal year, so a small ending balance indicates a good use of the fund. The report was approved.

## **Activities Report**

Annual Activity Reports were orally presented for each group:

Endacott Society Membership Report	Linda Mullens
Arm Chair Travel	Ron Schorr
Bulletin Board and Scrapbook	Pat Kelly
Cards and Game Theory	Edna Galle
Care Correspondence	Janis Hutchison
Cinema Studies – Domestic	Fred Madaus
Cinema Studies – Foreign	Paul Stephen Lim
Computer Study Group	Alan Swarts
Evening Lecture Series	Linda Mullens
Drama Study	Arnold Weis
Gardening Seminar	Allen Wiechert

Endacott Society Library Committee	Dick and Phyllis Sapp
Lunch Bunch	Alan Swarts
Great Books	Ellen Reid Gold
Opera Studies	Victor Wallace and Paul Stephen Lim
Special Events	Paul Stephen Lim
Newsletter	Vic Wallace
10 O’Clock Scholars Refreshments	Pat Kelly
Afternoon Lecture Series	Lee Ketzel, Loraine Lindenbaum, Pat Kelly and Mary Jane Dunlap
Oral History Project	Sandra Wiechert

### **Report of the Nominating Committee:**

Nominating committee members:

Tom McCoy – Past President, and Chair

Alan Swarts – President, 2016-17

Allen Wiechert – President, 2017-18

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidates for election by the membership in accordance with the by-laws of the Endacott Society. For the year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, the following agreed to serve:

Paul Stephen Lim	President-elect
David Bushouse	Secretary
Edna Galle	Treasurer (continuing)

The slate was approved by acclamation.

### **Other Business**

Allen Wiechert takes over as President on July 1. Appreciation was expressed for all the hard work that everyone did this past year.

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

-David Bushouse, Secretary

## **Treasurer's Report**—Edna Galle

<u><b>RECEIPTS</b></u>	<u><b>APRIL</b></u>	<u><b>YTD</b></u>
Phillips Petroleum Mthly Merged Invest.	\$1,162.56	\$11,450.40
Exp./Apr. Annual Transfer (KUAA)	\$0.00	\$6,199.69
Contri. to Endacott Soc. (Exp./Apr.)	\$0.00	\$1,120.00
Misc: O/T Travel; Sweatshirts	\$0.00	\$863.79
Computer Study	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$155.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,162.56</b>	<b>\$19,788.88</b>
<u><b>EXPENDITURES</b></u>		
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$38.63
Care Correspondent	\$0.00	\$19.60
Equipment repairs & upgrades	\$2,164.07	\$2,218.58
Library Committee	\$0.00	\$75.19
Monthly Newsletter	\$404.68	\$3,386.78
Ten O'Clock Scholars	\$763.93	\$4,864.27
Afternoon Lecture Series/B'day Party	\$641.42	\$3,061.98
Evening Lecture Series/Pot-Luck Dinner	\$0.00	\$3,390.39
Misc: O/T Travel; Sweatshirts	\$0.00	\$863.79
Computer Study	\$0.00	\$0.00
Armchair Travel	\$0.00	\$155.34
Card & Game Theory	\$38.28	\$229.02
Cinema Study	\$234.78	\$945.27
Domestic Issues	\$0.00	\$119.62
Drama Study	\$0.00	\$31.26
Foreign Policy Study	\$99.52	\$215.94
Great Books Study	\$0.00	\$24.24
Opera Study	<u>\$114.20</u>	\$651.69
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$4,460.88</b>	<b>\$20,291.59</b>
Phillips Petroleum Co Fund Bal 7/1/2017	<b>\$396.91</b>	
Expression of Appreciation as of July 1, 2017	<b>\$54,754.51</b>	<b>\$54,357.60</b>
Phillips Petroleum Co. 04/30/2018	<b>\$978.97</b>	
Expression of Appreciation 04/30/2018	<u>\$54,833.86</u>	
	<b>\$53,854.89</b>	<b>\$53,854.89</b>

04/30/18: Computer Club Bal:\$3440.94; Oral Hist. Bal. \$1163.24

## **ENDACOTT SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP**

**May 19, 2018**

Submitted by Linda Mullens

1. Membership as of April 2, 2018 was 429. On April 10, 2017 the membership was 424. This is a net gain of 5 members. Snapshots, however, are sometimes difficult to compare since annual memberships come due throughout the year for individuals.
2. I obtained lists of retired faculty and staff from July 2016 thru June 2017. The list totaled 139 retirees. At last review, nine (9) 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 cross check 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 2016-17 retirees:
  - a. In July 2017, a letter from the Endacott Society (on KU Alumni Association letterhead) was sent to 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 2014, this brochure also contains an application for membership.
  - b. Included two favorite recipes from two current members.
  - c. Specifically designed invitation for them to be guests at the upcoming October 26 evening lecture and dinner.
  - d. The monthly newsletter (included month schedule of events) was sent to all new retirees for three months (September thru November).
  - e. Evaluate success of the process.
    - Those new retirees who attended (11 with guests) received special recognition at the dinner. Nine of the 11 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.
    - With this in mind, we will consider re-contacting those who have been retired one year or longer. **(future project)**

Recruitment of the 2017-18 retirees.

I will request lists of the 2017-18 retirees and will contact them over this coming summer.

4. 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.

## **Annual Report: Newsletter**

Eleven issues of the Endacott Society Newsletter were published in the year ending with June 2018, one each month from July 2017 through June 2018, except that the July and August 2017 issues were combined. All members of the Endacott Society receive the newsletter, by mail, one copy per household, usually in the last week of the month before. About 350 copies are mailed. In addition, the Newsletter is published on the Endacott Society webpage, <http://www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/>, usually by the 25th of the month before. Victor Wallace has served as Editor from October 2005 until February 2018, and Jeannie Eblen has served as Editor since. Valerie Spicher, Graphic Designer at KUAA, is responsible for layout and arranging for printing and distribution of the print Newsletter.

Many thanks to all who contributed timely news, and especially to both Valerie Spicher, for her professional layout and efficient scheduling of the printing and mailing, and to Laurie Doud, for reviewing the drafts for accuracy, generally on short notice.

Very special thanks go to those who helped in the transition during and after my hospitalization in March: Jeannie Eblen, Alan Swarts, and Paul Lim. Their resourcefulness and dedication assured continuity and timely delivery of the April 2018 issue under very difficult circumstances.

*Submitted by Victor Wallace, former Editor.*



## **AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES & BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATIONS**

**2017-2018**

The **Afternoon Lecture Series** programs generally are held on the second Thursdays each month at 2 p.m., with recognition of that month's birthday celebrants at 2:15 p.m. and the one-hour program beginning at 2:30 p. m. The exception is JULY when the dates of the International Institute for Young Musicians determine which Thursday will be scheduled.

Note: At the May 9, Endacott coffee, a suggestion was made to change the starting time for all *afternoon* Endacott events to 1:30 p.m. The Afternoon Lecture Series & Birthday Celebrations had presenters scheduled with older time frame through August. We should be able to switch to 1:30 p.m. start time definitely by September (*possibly* in August).

The 2017-2018 program committee co-chairs were Mary Jane Dunlap and Karen Heintzen. Average attendance was 35.

PROGRAMS for the 2017-2018 year series were as follows:

JULY 6 – As has become a traditional July event, students from the International Institute for Young Musicians, under direction of Scott McBride Smith, performed. Afterward, the students -- high school and middle school ages -- also responded to audience questions.

A donation of \$100 was mailed to the International Institute for Young Musicians scholarship fund.

(Note: the July program date is not always on the second Thursday of the month due to the institute's scheduling.)

AUG. 10 – In anticipation of a PBS Series on the Vietnam War, Felix Moos, whose U.S. military assignments included working with rescue and relocation of Vietnamese refugees, spoke on "Reflections on War – Vietnam?"

SEPT. 14 – Following the Aug. 21 solar eclipse, Barbara Anthony-Twarog, professor of astronomy, kept us focused on our galaxy in her talk on "Mapping the Milky Way: the Gaia Spacecraft."

OCT. 12 – Lori R. Kesinger, outreach director for Audio-Reader spoke about the network's history and range services in her talk, "Access to Information with Audio-Reader." <http://reader.ku.edu>

NOV. 9 -- As Veterans Day approached, Evie Rapport, retired special projects editor for the marketing and communications unit of KU Public Affairs, spoke about "The Great War at the University of Kansas: Fall 1916 – Spring 1919." Her topic grew out of her master's thesis research in journalism.

DEC. 14 -- Ron Borchardt, pharmaceutical chemist and distinguished professor emeritus in the School of Pharmacy, talked to us about how changes in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry more than 20 years ago inspired him to propose and establish the Globalization Pharmaceuticals Education Network (GPEN). The international organization benefits doctoral and post-doctoral students.

JAN 11 – WEATHER CANCELATION. Endacott policy is to cancel programs if the Lawrence public schools are closed due to bad weather. We cancelled the event on Jan. 10 when USD 497 announced that

schools would be closed on Jan. 11. We had a panel of six speakers scheduled, four were able to reschedule in March.

FEB. 8 – As the state legislature reconvened, Duane Gossen, senior fellow with the Kansas Center for Economic Growth in Topeka,” talked to us about “The Long Road to Recovery.” Karen Heintzen also arranged for Duane to have lunch at the Kansas Union with the program committee members and Endacott officers before he spoke. <https://realprosperityks.com>

MARCH 8 – Four members of the Dream Documentary Collective that is producing a two-part film, *I, Too, Sing America: Langston Hughes Unfurled*, on the life and work of Langston Hughes spoke to us: Randall Jelks, KU faculty, and Carmaletta Williams, KU alumna, both executive producers; Darren Canady, KU faculty, writer; and John Edgar Tidwell, KU faculty, producer. The panel discussion included a short video. Alan Swartz recorded the program and posted it on the Endacott Society’s Web pages. [https://youtu.be/8SLVj\\_Ui\\_7g](https://youtu.be/8SLVj_Ui_7g)

APRIL 12 – Joe Colistra, KU assistant professor of architecture and design, talked about designing “smart” housing units that could help aging adults stay healthy. <https://today.ku.edu/2017/02/10/building-home-helps-residents-stay-healthy>

MAY 10 – Two representatives of the Friends of Lawrence Area Trails (FLAT), Kate Dineen and Sarah Hill-Nelson, spoke about trails in the Lawrence and Douglas County area and the variety of uses of those trails for all ages. <http://flatks.org>

JUNE 14 – Mount Oread History Friends representatives, Dale Slusser, president, and Mike Reid, vice president, will talk about this volunteer group that works to preserve and celebrate the beauty and history of the Lawrence campus. <http://hmof.org>

#### NOTES:

##### Index of speakers for Afternoon and Evening lecture programs in recent years

To help in determining new programs, Karen Heintzen created an EXCEL list of previous programs by compiling annual reports and old newsletters. She listed both program speakers for the Afternoon Lecture Series and also for the Evening Lecture Series. The list has been a useful reference when contacting prospective speakers to avoid repeating an invitation or to acknowledge a previous talk. She plans to submit the index to Alan Swartz to post on the Endacott Web site as a reference for any committees planning a program with invited speakers. (Institutional memory is a luxury.)

The Afternoon Lecture Series and Birthdays Celebration event runs 1.5 hours. Speakers using Audio-Visual equipment are advised to arrive 30 minutes early to test the equipment being used. Inevitably there are adjustments to be made for video and slide presentations. We advise speakers to plan on committing 2 – 2.5 hours for our program, which does not include any driving time.

Respectfully submitted by *Mary Jane Dunlap & Karen Heintzen*

## **2017-2018 Armchair Travels Review**

In August 2017 we enjoyed a special presentation on North Korea by Felix Moos.

In September Nora Clark showed us an exciting video and facts about her recent adventures along the Colorado River and Grand Canyon.

In October David and Linda Mannering shared photos and stories from their 2013 trip to Cuba.

In January 2018 Jim and Thelma Taylor took us on a canal boat trip in Burgundy, France. Jim prepared a professional video that was awesome.

In April we had a special feature by Russ and Joyce Hutchins featuring a documentary film about global cinematographers Martin and Osa Johnson.

In May Ron Schorr gave a travelogue about the Havasupai tribe of the Grand Canyon and his 1982 trip there.

--Ron Schorr

## **Bulletin Board & Scrapbook**

Pat Kelly

Postings on the bulletin board are limited to Endacott Activities and news about members.

I carefully watch and read the papers and KU related magazines, programs, and everything else for news, and mention of members. Members are encouraged to bring such items and post them on the board. It's okay to move things around to make room for yours, just please don't remove any, unless you leave it with Laurie to keep for me. I must have them to put in the scrapbooks!

We need the scrapbooks to keep the memories alive and well.

## **Cards & Game Theory**

Cards and Game Theory met the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm, except during Spring break. We averaged two tables for bridge and four to six players for scrabble. Endacott Society provided the coffee and tea and participating members provided treats.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Galle  
Treasurer

## **Care Correspondence** from June 2017 to June 2018.

Sixty-two notes were sent to Endacott members or their families during the past year. They were written in regard to Condolence [17]; Missing you [3]; Thank you [6]; Birthday [5]; or Illness [31].

Condolence cards sent to families of deceased Endacott Society members during past year, 2017-'18: Bob Cobb, Tom Eblen, Ed Zamparria, Arnold Weiss, Larry Nishakawa, Hob Crockett, Bobbie McCorkle, Nancy Lessig, Ann Eversole, Rolf Borchardt, Katherine Giele, Bob Friauf, Virginia Seaver, Hazel Nitcher, Tom McCoy, Henry Buck, and George Brenner. These friends and colleagues are missed by many.

In addition, 40 Dec. Holiday cards were sent. This correspondent appreciates the variety of cards donated by retirees, leaving only the cost of stamps to be provided for in our budget. GRAND TOTAL is 102 remembrances on behalf of Endacotts!

Submitted by Janis Hutchison

## **CINEMA STUDIES: Domestic Films 2017-18**

Fred Madaus

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The Cinema Studies group continued 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 Cinema Studies starting times are 1:30 p.m. with coffee available at 1:15 p.m.

Attendance ranged from 18-29 people per session with an average of 22 plus people per showing.

Month	Movie	Attendance
July	You've Got Mail	18
August	Shane	29
September	Shooting Party	22
October	The Innocents	18
November	When Harry Met Sally	21
December	Out of Africa	23
January	It's a Wonderful Life	22
February	White Dog	21
March	The Hunt for Red October	21
April	The Yellow Rolls-Royce	28
May	Breaking Away	26
June	Atlantic City	TBD

## **Cinema Studies: Foreign Films**

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The 2017-18 season of **Cinema Studies: Foreign Films** continued to show a wide spectrum of award-winning foreign-language films, with English subtitles, on the last Tuesday of every month. From June to December 2017, we continued our alternating films about food and about childhood. And from January through June 2018, we focused partly on one iconic French actor, Alain Delon, showing a retrospective of five of his films on alternating months with other foreign-language features.

Average attendance is around 35 people. Largest crowd was 45 people for *Fanny & Alexander* in September, and smallest crowd was 27 people for *Rocco & His Brothers* in February. The Blu-ray and/or DVD copies of the films were all from my own personal collection. I provided the colorful flyers, the postage for mailing out flyers to potential Endacott members, the theme-oriented snacks, the occasional special giveaways and/or raffle items, all at my own expense, but the light refreshments (regular coffee, decaffeinated coffee, ice tea and water) were charged to the Endacott Society.

We continued with the new seating arrangement of seven rectangular tables, each one accommodating seven people, allowing people to put their drinks, snacks and personal belongings on the table instead of the floor or adjacent chairs. Listed below are the films, the number of attendees and also the snacks served at each one.

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June 27, 2017: *Like Water for Chocolate* (Mexican). 44 people. For snacks, Spanish empanadas.

July 25: *Cinema Paradiso* (Italian). 40 people. For snacks, tiramisu and fresh strawberries.

August 29: *Tampopo* (Japanese). 40 people. For snacks, cold sesame noodles.

September 26: *Fanny and Alexander* (Swedish). 45 people. For snacks, Swedish meatballs.

October 31: *The Exterminating Angel* (Spanish). 30 people. For snacks, Spanish chorizos.

November 28: *Au Hasard Balthazar* (French). 28 people. For snacks, French madeleines.

December 19: *Babette's Feast* (French). 41 people. For snacks, French pastries. And we raffled off a \$50 gift certificate to 715 Restaurant in downtown Lawrence.

January 30, 2018: *Purple Noon* (French). 41 people. For snacks, French pastries. We also raffled off six hardback copies of the recently released *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House* by Michael

Wolff.

February 26: *Rocco and His Brothers* (Italian). 27 people. For snacks, Milano cookies in individual packets.

March 27: *Leviathan* (Russian). 33 people. For snacks, Russian chocolate-covered halva cakes.

April 24: *Mr. Klein* (French). 32 people. For snacks, babka kosher cakes.

May 30: *The Band's Visit* (Egyptian and Israeli). 39 people. For snacks, babka kosher cakes from Russ & Daughters (NYC).

June 27: *The Leopard* (Italian). Will include in report next year.

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Submitted by Paul Stephen Lim  
29 May 2018

### **Computer Study Group: 2017-2018**

The Endacott Computer Study Group has been meeting continuously for 20 years, since September, 1987. The first leader/organizer was Dr. G. Baley Price. The group leader is Alan Swarts.

Computer Study Group meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Phillips Board room from September through May. Attendance is typically 15 to 25 persons, an increase over last year.

Along Richard Kershenbaum (2 sessions), Alan Swarts (14 Sessions), David Mannering (5 sessions), John Nicholson (4 sessions) have all given presentations to the group this year. We have had 12 guest speakers from outside our study group.

A special guest this year was Brian McClendon, developer of the Google Earth software.

The group sessions this year were a wide variety of topics on technology and were not confined to computer interests. Infrequently, we collect \$1 per person per session from those attending.

The group maintains a web site with a listing of current programs and past history of programs.

Prepared by Alan Swarts, convener Endacott Society – Computer Study Group

## **DRAMA STUDY**

2017-18

Bob Procter

Drama Study met at 1:30 in the Music Room.

Bob Procter recommended the group vote on an issue of tenure and change of leadership of this group. He said as best he knew, Arnold Weiss was the first and only leader of the Drama Study group. **He recommended that each May, this group vote on its leader and assistant leader for the coming year; this passed unanimously.**

Bob Procter was elected leader for the coming 12 months with Betty Baron as the assistant leader.

In the last 12 months (mid-May 2017 through mid-May 2018) our group read:

George Bernard Shaw's *"Pygmalion"*

Paul Lim's *"Flesh, Flash and Frank Harris"*

Ionesco's *"Rhinosceros"*

Shaffer's *"Amadeus"*

Auden's *"For the Time Being"*

Giradoux's *"The Mad Woman of Chaillot"*

We've had 14 different Endacott members attend and our average attendance is about 8.

**When a movie is available of a play we've just read**, we like to show it at a time other Endacott members can also attend and view it (Tuesday afternoons). *"Pygmalion," "Amadeus,"* and *"The Madwoman of Chaillot"* were all shown during this period and the average attendance was 25.



## **ENDACOTT EVENING LECTURE AND POTLUCK DINNER SERIES**

2017-18

Linda & John Mullens

Scheduled the third Thursday of the month for five months.

Put in monthly newsletter.

Send email to Retirees ListServe.

Send a reminder email to Retirees ListServe.

Give Laurie Doud at Alumni Center presenter's equipment needs and number of dinner tables to set up.

Send thank note to speakers.

John Mullens continues to work with Hy-Vee for meat order and with Laurie Doud for room set up.

<b>2017-18</b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Program Title</u></b>	<b><u># Signed Up</u></b>	<b><u># Attended</u></b>
24-Aug-17	Russ Hutchins	Mysteries Behind Amelia Earhart	51	60
26-Oct-17	Jim Modig	The Changing Landscape at KU	80	80
30-Nov-17	Marvel Williamson Exec. Dir. Senior Resource Center	Percolators & Wringer Washers: Seniors Aren't What They Used To Be	73	73
22-Feb-18	Cancelled due to inclement weather		-	-
29-Mar-18	Reggie Robinson	Amidst an Unusual Array of Moving Pieces: KU and the 2018 Legislative Session	68	68
19-Apr-18	Victor Bailey	The Iron Lady: How Should We Rate MT?	46	44

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

## **Gardening Seminar for 2017-2018**

The Garden Group 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. In September my wife Jo and I were asked to assume the role of co-chairs of this group when Allen Wiechert became President of the Endacott Society.

Jo and I decided to keep the same general format for the group's meetings with an emphasis on discussions of gardening topics provided by the Kansas State University Extension Service's Horticultural Newsletter that is published online each week (including in blog format). We also wanted to increase the visual component of our discussions beyond the specimens of problem weeds, seasonal flower blossoms, garden pests etc. that are brought in for a show and tell, by using U-tube videos and those provided as supplements to the K-State Newsletter. So, we implemented at least one short video for each meeting and handouts of photographs of things we discuss. These additional items seem to be enjoyed and furnish an impetus for additional discussions. We still find time to talk about natural history observations that the members find interesting and have questions about what they are seeing.

In addition to short videos there have been full length (1 hour) videos on gardening and natural history topics presented during the past year. We hope to introduce similar videos this coming year as they become available.

We asked the new Douglas County horticultural extension agent, Tom Buller to come and visit with the members last fall and we had a lively discussion of what his job entails and the kinds of gardening questions he fields from the public. He has agreed to make an annual visit to our group to fill us in on new gardening ideas, problems we might be encountering and how to deal with those problems.

We appreciate very much the help provided by Laurie Doud and the other staff of the Alumni Center in dealing with problems with the audio visual equipment, seating, coffee supply, etc. throughout the year.

We have a variable number of members that attend each week but typically about a dozen or so are pretty regular. We have had as many as 16 there when the weather is good and other conflicts don't keep them away. The Computer group meets at the same time as we do and when they have an interesting guest speaker or program it often pulls in some of our members. We hope to continue to provide a welcome venue for people to gather and discuss gardening and natural history in the coming year.

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

## **Great books**

2017-2018

Great books finished The Seven Deadly Sins from the Great Books Foundation and began a new book: Imperfect Ideal Utopian and Dystopian visions from the Great Books Foundation.

In June we detoured to read The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa.

Ellen Reid Gold--Chair

## **ENDACOTT SOCIETY LIBRARY**

**2017-18**

Responsibilities of the **Library Committee** can be found in the Endacott Society Bylaws.

The Endacott library houses historical documents related to the Endacott Society as well as books by KU authors, books about KU, and books about Kansas. The **Endacott Garden Seminar** maintains a shelf of gardening-related materials in the library. Books are checked out on the honor system.

The library also contains the growing collection of nearly 700 transcriptions of oral histories of retired KU faculty and staff produced by the **Oral History Project**.

The library stocks at least the latest two issues of the periodicals subscribed to by the Endacott Society. Currently those are: *The Atlantic*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Consumer Reports*, *Harpers*, *Kansas*, *Kansas Outdoors*, and *The New Yorker*. Older issues (except *Consumer Reports*) are made available for members to keep.

A cabinet in the library holds books that are donated by members and are available for other members to take. This collection (known as "Books for Grab") is regularly culled by the library committee to remove older books which are then donated to the Lawrence Public Library book sale.

The library also functions as a small meeting room for Endacott committees and other member activities.

- Submitted by David Mannering and Susan Levine

## **LUNCH BUNCH**

**2017-2018**

Between June 1, 2017 and May 11, 2018 our Lunch Bunch group met 46 times. We have a good, solid group of a dozen – give or take a few – who happily share lunch after our Wednesday morning meetings.

I've added some new restaurants to the list, dropped a few. This is a list of the year's restaurants list: Big Biscuit, Biggs BBQ, Eldridge Hotel, Impromptu, First Watch, Free State Brewery, El Potro, Johnny's Tavern North, Johnny's Tavern West, Longhorns, Marisco's, Paisanos, Perkins, and 23rd Street Brewery.

We're a very congenial group and I'd urge any other Endacott Society member who likes good food and good company to consider joining us.

Respectfully submitted Alan Swarts

## **Music Appreciation 2017 - 2018**

After a hiatus of several months, Music Appreciation was revived and revitalized, switching technology from CD and audio cassette tapes to 20 - 25 minute DVD video clips of musical performances, thanks to new audio/video equipment.

(4K TV and Blu-Ray player, with high-end sound bar and sub-woofer) donated by an anonymous benefactor. The meetings are at 11:00 AM, following the weekly Coffee, under the co-chairmanship of Thelma Taylor and Susan Levine, using the music library of Paul Stephen Lim, who also participates in the selection and presentation of the programs.

The programs have become more diverse, featuring not only classical music but also various popular genres and dance. Attendees have enjoyed performances by the Hamburg Ballet, Van Cliburn and Van Cliburn Gold Medalists, Joshua Bell, Renee Fleming, Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Bing Crosby and Frank Sinatra, Kiri Te Kanawa, Leontyne Price, Ella Fitzgerald, Louls Armstrong, The Beatles, Julia Fischer, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Martha Graham , and many other outstanding soloists, dance companies, and orchestras. Special programs were selected to celebrate holidays, Black History Month, the arrival of spring, and the birthdays of Leonard Bernstein and Irving Berlin.

The number of attendees has been steadily growing to as many as 14 people per week. One result is that the group has outgrown the Music Room and is now using the Phillips Board Room or the Adams Lounge.

Thelma Taylor  
Susan Levine

## Opera Study 2017-18

We continued this year alternating between new and traditional operas, but always focusing on interesting and/or innovative stage productions. All the videos are from my own private collection, on Blu-ray whenever possible. For the summer months and holidays, we tried to present lighter fare, including some dance programs. Average size of audience is around 25-30 people. Again, as in previous years, the Endacott Society paid for the light refreshments, but I provided all the special snacks and also all the items we raffled off. I likewise designed and printed at my own expense all the flyers promoting the monthly programs. The list below indicates not only the programs shown, but also how many people attended, the snacks served, and the occasional things we raffled off to attract bigger audiences.

June 16, 2017: Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*. 24 people. For snacks, Italian chocolates.

July 21: *Callas Forever*, Franco Zeffirelli's film biography of Maria Callas. 36 people. For snacks, baklava and Turkish delights.

August 18: Matthew Bourne's *Car Man*, a dance adaptation of Bizet's *Carmen*. 30 people. For snacks, doughnuts. We raffled off a \$50 gift certificate from Jiffy Lube.

September 15: Lorin Maazel's *1984* based on Orwell's novel. 20 people. For snacks, English chocolates. We raffled off a Facsimile of Orwell's novel.

October 20: Benjamin Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, based on the novella by Henry James. 15 people. For snacks, Halloween chocolates. We partnered with Great Books, whose members read the Henry James novella, but the low turnout was disappointing.

October 27: A special presentation by Gene Scheer, on his libretto for the opera *Everest*, and on his work with Jake Heggie on the opera *Moby Dick*. 36 people. For snacks, snowballs. Members of the Lawrence Opera Guild were also in attendance.

November 17: Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Anna Nicole*, based on the life of *Playboy* playmate Anna Nicole Smith. 26 people. For snacks, specialty cupcakes. We raffled off a vintage June 1993 issue of *Playboy* magazine featuring Anna Nicole Smith.

December 15: Engelbert Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*. 31 people. We raffled off 12 copies of the Metropolitan Opera's 2018 wall calendar.

January 19: Jake Heggie's *Moby Dick*, an adaptation of the novel by Herman Melville. 35 people. For snacks, dark chocolate sea salt caramels. A panel discussion featuring three Melville scholars from the KU English department followed.

February 16: Puccini's *Turandot*. 29 people. We celebrated the Chinese Year of the Dog by offering Chinese pork buns for snacks, and gave away lots of little stuffed dogs.

March 16: Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov*, to coincide with the Russian election. 28 people. For snacks, Russian chocolates. Panel discussion followed with two professors from the KU History department. We also raffled off three hardback copies of the recently published *Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of Donald Trump* by Michael Isikoff and David Corn.

April 20: Bellini's *I Capuleti e I Montecchi*, a variation on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. 26 people. For snacks, Italian biscotti.

May 18: Verdi's *Aida*. 28 people. For snacks, two kinds of baklava.

June 15: Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Will be included in next year's report.

--Submitted by Paul Stephen Lim  
28 May 2018

## **Out-of-Town Travel**

2017-18

After a hiatus of a couple of years, the Endacott Society Out-of-Town Travel Committee was revived with Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden as co-chairs.

The Group's most recent venture was an expedition to the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute on May 4, 2018. Nineteen Endacott Society members made the trek, and after a robust buffet lunch at "Opie's," participated in a tour of the museum (in the renovated Santa Fe railroad depot building) led by Russ Hutchins, who had recently authored and taught an Osher class on the Johnsons. Shortly before the tour, several members had attended a showing of a French documentary film on the Johnsons by Ron Schorr's Armchair Travel Group. The museum encapsulated the careers of this fascinating couple from small-town Kansas in the early 20th century. They were intrepid explorers, innovative wildlife photographers, pioneer nature film-makers, prolific authors and entrepreneurs whose films of Borneo and their safaris in east Africa captured the imagination of a large audience in the 1920s and 1930s. The tour concluded with a visit to the Johnson's grave site in Chanute.

The other primary activity of the Travel Group has been referring Endacott members to the Lawrence Parks and Recreation travel program.

--Submitted by Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden

## Oral History Annual Report--2017-2018

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Becky Schulte, Spencer Library Archivist

Accomplishments of which we are especially proud are the completed interviews of the KU's 17th Chancellor, Bernadette Gray-Little and Shade Keys Little. (The only other chancellor's oral history we have is that of Ray Nichols, the founder of the Oral History Project back in 1984. Chancellor Robert Hemenway's scheduled interview had to be canceled due to health concerns.) BGL was interviewed by Marilyn Bradt, and soon thereafter Shade was interviewed by David Bushouse. (Shade Little is the only chancellor's spouse ever to do an oral history.)

Normally we select those to be interviewed based on longevity of service to KU, their upper rankings in academic and administrative positions, or perhaps their unusual careers. After being contacted, most, not all, will want to be interviewed.

Interviews are conducted in the Audio Reader Network studios. Recorded digitally, histories then are re-recorded onto cassette tapes for transcribing, and for future listening by KU students, researchers, and families.

Interviewers use guidelines asking the new retirees to tell of their childhoods, family background, education, military service, professional careers, their reflections on KU's present and future, and their own plans for retirement. Interviewees are asked to edit the transcription draft, adding a short curriculum vita and perhaps a picture. Three final copies are made: one for KU Archives in Spencer Library, one for the Adams Alumni Center Library, and one free copy for the new retiree. Costs for transcribing, copying, and binding each history total well over \$220, all covered by KUEA funds. Researchers and families find these oral histories, now numbering over 650, invaluable in learning of careers, KU, even world history. Most have been, or will be, put on the internet.

Oral histories nearing completion: Paul Lim, Jim Orr. Several others are getting a late start.

Oral histories completed 2017-2018: Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, James C. Barnes, Bob Coffeen, Stephen B. Fawcett, Stephen Grabow, Bernadette Gray-Little, Shade Keys Little, Janet Jackson, Burdett A. Loomis, Frederick W. Pawlicki

Soon we will start all over again by interviewing the new 2018-2019 retirees.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM, JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018**

After a hiatus of some 5-6 years the Public Affairs Forum (PAF) has resumed its activities in the fall of 2017. The logic was that while the Endacott Society conducted many activities whose object was various kinds of cultural self-development, there was no activity that allowed people to learn more about, and to discuss, public affairs. Therefore, PAF was brought back to active status. In principle PAF has broad spectrum coverage, addressing public affairs that are local, national, and international. Our programs take place in the Adams Alumni Center on the second Monday of each month, and consist of light refreshments followed by a speaker who holds forth for 45 minutes followed by 15 minutes of questions and discussion. When possible we like to coordinate our speakers and topics with breaking news. Our meetings took place at 2:00 p.m. for most of the year but in the last month, June 2018, and subsequently, will take place at 1:30 to standardize times with other Endacott afternoon activities. Our attendance has varied from 36 persons at the most to 11 persons at the least.

In the past the PAF was divided into two groups, one addressing local and national affairs and the other international affairs. Leading the international group was James Drury, a well-known Political Science Department chairman and intelligence lieutenant-colonel in the US Army Reserve. Felix Moos was aware of this tradition and approached Paul Lim about reviving the PAF in a contemporary setting. Paul agreed this was a good idea, and Felix Moos and I served as co-chairs of the new activity for most of this reporting year. Felix helped establish the logic of our new forum and was instrumental in finding several of our speakers of both local and international consequence. In the final months of the year Felix transitioned to a senior statesman role and left the sole chairmanship of PAF to myself.

### **PAF SESSIONS FOR THE REPORTING YEAR WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

09 OCT 2017 Speaker MAJ Hosub Shim, South Korean Army, on the subject of international relations on the Korean peninsula, 34 persons plus the speaker present.

13 NOV 2017 Burdett Loomis, elections of 2018, 36 present.

11 DEC 2017 Kevin Willmott, political values in his films, 35 present.

08 JAN 2018 Zac Boatwright, influence of social media on elections, 34 present.

12 FEB 2018 Patrick Miller, elections of 2018, 21 present.

12 MAR 2018 Dustin Stumblingbear, dynamics of local election politics, 11 present.

09 APR 2018 Jake Kipp, Russia's new global role under Putin, 24 present.

16 APR 2018 Chris Keary, implications of guns on campus, 18 present.

14 MAY 2018 Gary Bjorge, Chinese soft power and Confucian Institutes, 29 present.

11 JUN 2018 Lisa McLendon, Fake news and the need for reliable journalism, n.a.

--Respectfully submitted by Thomas Huber, Chair, Endacott Public Affairs Forum



## **Endacott Society Singing for Fun: 2017-2018**

As president-elect of the Endacott Society, after I had successfully revived the defunct monthly *Public Affairs Forum* and the weekly *Music Appreciation Group*, I was asked by some Endacott Society members if I could do the same with *Singing for Fun*, which used to meet once a month, but was on hiatus due to health reasons and subsequent deaths of Roberta Spires & Winnie Gallop.

The task began with going through ten large boxes which Roberta Spires had dutifully collected of commercial sheet music, and also mountains of cut-and-paste song lyrics. She had her own unique filing system, and it would have been difficult for anyone else to quickly retrieve and use the material on a regular basis. So I enlisted Endacott member Linda Mannering to help me sift through the boxes, and together we decided on the songs we could use regularly.

Piano players Linda Mannering and Bruce Douglas were recruited to be co-chairs for the “new and improved” *Singing for Fun*, with Linda in charge of the program for odd-numbered months, and Bruce for even-numbered months. They each have their own special songbooks with two respective sets of 16 different three-ring binders. From month to month, they decide on special themes by way of song selections--e.g., holiday music for December, love songs for February, celebrating Jerome Kern’s birthday in January, and Irving Berlin’s birthday April, etc.

Linda uses the red 1-inch three-ring binders, and Bruce uses the black 1 ½-inch three-ring binders. Linda’s sheet music and song lyrics came mostly from Roberta Spire’s treasure trove, and Bruce provided his own materials because he has been successfully leading a similar singing group for retirees at Brandon Woods for many years.

In order to get this program started, I personally provided the 32 three-ring-binders, the reproduction of all the song lyrics for roughly 240 songs and the plastic sleeves for each one for all the binders, the alphabetical indexing of all the songs, etc. I was urged to submit receipts for all the expenditures being incurred, but since the whole thing was now running into hundreds of dollars, I decided

the Treasurer of the Endacott Society would probably frown on the expense for such an endeavor, so I decided to just donate the materials as a one-time non-taxable gift.

*Singing for Fun* meets in the Music Room at the Adams Alumni Center on the second Friday of each month, 10:30 to 11:30 AM. The Alumni Center provides three carafes of water for parched throats. There are around 12 regular attendees, with 16 being the biggest number thus far. The Music Room can actually accommodate only 16 people. If the number keeps increasing, we might have to provide more songbook binders. Also, if warranted, the Alumni Center is agreeable to us moving to a larger room on the ground floor of the Center. Also, the Alumni Center has asked us if we would like to change from the old upright piano we've been using, to a new higher-end electronic keyboard. After some discussion, all our pianists rejected the kind offer of newer technology in favor of the old upright piano, which everyone claims "sounds better."

We were informed recently that the Alumni Center wants to renovate the Music Room, which includes the removal of all the storage cabinets on the back wall, where we have been storing our 32 three-ring binders songbooks, and also all of Roberta Spire's materials that we were not using. A decision was made to move and store our songbooks in a locked cabinet in the Computer Room, and for Linda Mannering to take all of Roberta Spire's remaining materials and store them in her own home.

I have been happy to help revive and revitalize *Singing for Fun*, but from here onwards, co-chairs Linda Mannering and Bruce Douglas are in charge, not just of the programming, but also for all publicity, including the printed announcements in the monthly *Endacott Newsletter*, and via email on the Endacott list-serve. Linda will have to handle the publicity, because Bruce is not officially a member of the Endacott Society, but is merely helping us out through the kindness of his heart and the dexterity of his musical fingers.

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Submitted by Paul Stephen Lim

28 May 2018

## **10 o'Clock Scholars & Refreshments**

**Pat Kelly & Ann Blackhurst**

Duties of the snack coordinator are:

Arrange for someone to bring donuts, cookies, fruit, or whatever for the coffee each week.

Ann Blackhurst ensures member name badges are available each week.

Everyone is asked to volunteer to bring snacks for a coffee, it does not have to be homemade or fancy. We have between 60-80 come each week. If you bring more than one kind of cookies, or cookies and fruit, people will take one of each thing—so it takes quite a few. I suggest people find a partner to help.

The person who provided the treats for the day is announced and thanked, and the person signed up for next week is reminded. The sign up schedule is put on the information table about 9:00 AM, so it is available for early comers and put in a drawer in our "office" after the coffee.

If the Adams Center will not be open on a Wednesday morning, we have sometimes decided to meet at another cafeteria. It is very informal and everyone gets their own breakfast or snack. Sometimes someone brings something for everyone just for fun. A lot of people come and I think we all have a good time.

## **Endacott Society Special Events: 2017-2018**

Organized and presented by Paul Stephen Lim

I proposed two special events for the Endacott Society this past year, and luckily the Adams Alumni Center was available for both occasions. One of them was a once-in-a-lifetime event, and the other hopes to be an ongoing annual event.

**Monday August 21, 2017** at 10 AM: To prepare all Endacott members who were interested in the **Total Solar Eclipse** occurring in Lawrence, KS, I showed two informative half-hour DVD documentaries on total solar eclipses around the world at the Adams Alumni Center, to a large crowd of around 50 people. I brought snacks, and light refreshments were provided by the Alumni Center.

I had made arrangements months in advance, that the group would then walk over from the Alumni Center to the Oread Hotel at 11 AM, to join 75 others who had also signed up for the event and were already on the rooftop. We actually had nearly 140 Endacott members and friends show up. The Oread staff was completely overwhelmed, but tried their best to serve food and drink efficiently to everyone who ordered things from the hotel restaurants. Government-approved eclipse safety sunglasses which I had purchased also months ago were sold at \$1 a pair even though they cost \$1.40 a pair from Amazon. I did not want to profit from the event, but I also did not want to be bothered making change, so I was happy to absorb the cost of the sunglasses personally.

The actual solar eclipse started at 11:30 AM, and those assembled on the Oread rooftop witnessed perhaps only the first two or three minutes of it, because heavy clouds drifted in and covered the sun and moon for the rest of the event. Still, a good time seemed to have been had by everyone. Will I get to do this again in my lifetime? Do I want to? Probably not.

**Monday November 6, 2017** at 1:30 PM: In an effort to honor Endacott members who have died but are certainly not forgotten, I proposed a new annual event called ***Endacott ReMembers***, to take place on the first Monday of every November.

The Summerfield Room at the Adams Alumni Center was set up with seven rectangular tables, each one seating seven people comfortably, for a total of 49, with additional chairs available if necessary. In front of the room, to one side, was a large white chalkboard, with lots of erasable magic markers. Attendees were encouraged to write the names of friends and loved ones from the Endacott Society whom they wanted to recognize and remember, to be followed by the special video presentation of *The Roe's Room*, a very evocative 1997 film by Lech Majewski. I provided seven loaves of challah bread at my own expense from Great Harvest Bread Company, one for each of the seven tables, and the Endacott Society provided the sherry wine and other light refreshments.

There were 24 people in attendance at this event. Unfortunately, the audio/video equipment in the Summerfield Room malfunctioned, so we could not watch the film. Instead, a hand-held microphone was passed around the room, and everyone who had written down a name on the chalkboard was given a chance to share a memory about the friend or loved one being remembered.

We hope to hold ***Endacott ReMembers*** annually, on the first Monday of every November. The event is meant to be formal and respectful, but not in any way depressing. We will continue

with the writing down of names on the chalkboard, and with everyone breaking bread and drinking wine together. The film will vary from year to year. Besides myself, the other committee members for **Endacott ReMembers** are Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Susan Levine, Judy Niebaum and Loraine Lindenbaum.

***The Endacott Society provided the refreshments for these two special events. Paul Stephen Lim provided the DVDs and audio/visual materials, the special snacks, and also all the flyers to promote these events. All rooms are complimentary of the Alumni Association.***

-Submitted by Paul Stephen Lim/ 28 May 2018

## **Endacott at the Lied**

Since 2015, Derek Kwan, Executive Director of the Lied Center has sent a yearly e-mail to Sandra and me thanking the Endacott members for attending this year's selected free performance. He expresses how wonderful it is to host so many members and looks forward to welcoming us again to another performance during the next Lied season. In his e-mail, Derek repeats the structure that he, Sandra and I collaborated on. It is as follows:

- Each summer, the Lied Center administration will choose a list of four or five performances for the upcoming season that may be of interest to Endacott Society members.
- This list will be presented to Endacott Society leadership who can determine one show from this list which Society members can attend for free as part of a group social outing. The manner in which the one show is determined is completely up to Endacott Society leadership.
- If there is an intermission at this particular performance, all Endacott Society members in attendance will be invited to the Intermezzo for some light Hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

A list of four or five shows is provided for consideration. Derek asks that the Endacott Society Lied Committee determine by mid-September which event to attend as a group.

Endacott Event Selecting Procedure (Established 2015)

Endacott Event Selecting Committee, 2017-2018:

Lied Liaison (standing): Allen Wiechert

Lied Liaison (standing): Sandra Wiechert

Past President: Alan Swarts

President: Allen Wiechert

President Elect: Paul Lim

Committee Meetings Agenda:

Distribute proposed events. Review and select.

The event chosen for this last year was the Staatskapelle Weimar Orchestra of Germany. It was attended by sixty-five Endacott members.

--Allen & Sandra Wiechert

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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, **2018** to June 30, **2019**. All have been asked, and all have agreed to serve.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: David Mannering

SECRETARY: David Bushhouse

TREASURER: Edna Galle

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Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Alan Swarts -- Past President and Chair

Allen Wiechert --2017-18 President

Paul Lim -- 2018-19 President