

ENDACOTT SOCIETY — SEPTEMBER 2018

Retired Faculty and Staff of The University of Kansas — (<http://oldku.org>)

SPECIAL FOUNDER'S DAY EVENT

Earl Schweppe will present *Founder's Day: Paul Endacott and the Endacott Society* at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, in the Phillips Board Room at the Adams Alumni Center. For many years, Earl has been researching the family history of Paul Endacott, our benefactor without whom the Endacott Society would not have its home for our myriad activities. Earl's program with lots of photographs will be videotaped for our archives by Alan Swarts.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

Birthday preparations: Sharon Brown. Lecture programs: Mary Jane Dunlap (mjdunlap@ku.edu) and Karen Heintzen (heintzen@ku.edu).

September 6—Leonard “Kris” Krishtalka, director of KU's Biodiversity Institute, will speak at 2 in the Summerfield Room. Dr. Krishtalka made his debut this spring as a novelist with *The Bone Field*, the first of a three-part mystery series. In addition to reading brief excerpts to whet our appetite for the story, he will discuss the intent of his story and talk about his motivation for writing fiction as well as finding time beyond administrative and academic tasks for creative writing. His first novel is set in Wyoming and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, Pa. His second forthcoming novel in the series is set at KU, Kansas and France. Sherry at 1:30. Birthdays at 1:45.

Note date change.

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr (rwwschorr@gmail.com)

September 20—Richard Kerschenbaum and Jennifer Lattimore will share photos from their spring 2017 trip to Northern Italy and Romania where they visited museums and historic sites in Milan, then on to Lake Como and Transylvania before a final stop in Bucharest. Presentation at 1:30; refreshments at 1:15 in the Summerfield Room.

Card and Game Theory

Esther Smith (esther@ku.edu)

September 20—1:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and Scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies

Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu). Foreign Films: Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu) and Rich Ring (richring@ku.edu).

September 11— 1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. To mark the 17th anniversary of 9-11, Domestic Film will show *Zero Dark Thirty*, the 2012 drama-thriller starring Jessica Chastain, Joel Edgerton and Chris Pratt and directed by Kathryn Bigelow. It chronicles the decade-long hunt for al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden after the September 11, 2001, attacks and his death May 2, 2011, at the hands of U.S. Navy SEALs Team 6. Nominated for five Oscars, the movie won one for Best Sound Editing. Run time: 157 minutes. Please join us at 1:15 for coffee, then a movie.

September 17— 1:30 in the Summerfield Room. Foreign Film Luis Buñuel's *Tristana* features an aging rake (Fernando Rey) who has designs on his innocent ward (Catherine Deneuve), and a young artist (Franco Nero) who falls in love with her. It is a tragic story of the power of lust, love and revenge, and the quest for identity and freedom. Roger Ebert called Buñuel's obsessions melodramatic, hypnotic and almost disgusting. The 1970 film is loosely based on the 1892 novel by Benito Perez Galdos. (*In Spanish, with English subtitles, 98 minutes.*) Chorizos & light refreshments at 1:15, adultery & amputation at 1:30. **Note change of date.**

Computer Study

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com)

September 5, 12, 19, 26 — 9:00 in the Phillips Board Room. Tentative programs and speakers listed below. Note the scope now includes both computing and technology interests. Most sessions will be generic in term of operating system to serve both PC and Mac users. Any special updates or variations will be announced at the Wednesday coffee and online at www.kuonlinedirectory.org/endacott/ by selecting the link to *Computer Study*.

September 5 —KU Chief Information Officer (Mary Walsh)

September 12—TBA

September 19—MIDCO Cable Company (Debbie Schmidt)

September 26—Lawrence Public Library (Melissa Fisher Isaacs)

Drama Study

Bob Procter (rprocter@netscape.com) and Betty Baron (baronbetty@yahoo.com).

September 4—1:30 in the Music Room. We'll finish reading Moliere's *The Misanthrope*, which satirizes the hypocrisies of 17th Century French aristocracy. Copies are available.

September 18—1:30 in the Music Room. We'll begin reading *Tartuffe, or The Imposter*, another play by Moliere, which this time satirizes the hypocrisies of the clergy. Copies are available.

Evening Lecture (Potluck Dinner)

Linda Mullens (lmullens@ku.edu)

No Evening Lectures (Potluck Dinners) are scheduled in September.

Gardening

Cal and Jo Cink (CalvinCink@fac.bakeru.edu) and Dick Schiefelbusch (rschief@ku.edu).

September 5, 12, 19, 26—9:00 in the Music Room. Conversation, videos and readings, mostly about gardening, sometimes just about nature.

Great Books Study

Rich Ring (richring@ku.edu) and Ellen Reid Gold.

September 12—Great Books will continue discussion of readings from the anthology *Imperfect Ideal: Utopian and Dystopian Visions* (Great Books Foundation, 2015): Mencius, fourth century BCE Chinese philosopher; Aristotle's *Politics*; and Robert Novick's *A Framework for Utopia*, all addressing the topic, "The Best Life Possible" at

1:30 in the McGinnis Library.

Lunch Bunch

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com)

September 5, 12, 19, 26— Following Wednesday coffee and Music Appreciation at KU Alumni Center, Endacott members have the option of meeting for lunch at a Lawrence dining spot announced each week

Music Appreciation

Susan Levine (susanlevine785@gmail.com) and Fred Pawlicki (fpawlick@ku.edu).

Classic and popular fare with 20-25-minute video clips immediately following the Wednesday Coffee at 11 in the Phillips Board Room.

September 5—The young **Joan Baez** sings six of her "golden hits" from the 1960s.

September 12—**Joan Baez** celebrates her 75th birthday in concert with friends Judy Collins, Paul Simon and others.

September 19 and 26—**Joshua Bell's Nobel Prize Concert**, featuring Tchaikovsky's *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra*.

Old-Time Radio Shows

John Nicholson (wryterjccc@gmail.com)

September 24—Hear **comedy selections** from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Music Room. Light refreshments at 1:15.

Opera Study

Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu), Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu) and Ted Johnson (tj@ku.edu)

September 21—We present at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room the first of three Verdi operas, *Ernani* (1844), based on the play by Victor Hugo, set in 16th century

Spain, about a beautiful young woman (Svetla Vassilieva) being pursued by no less than three suitors--her elderly uncle and guardian (Alexander Vinogradov); the kindly King of Spain (Ludovic Tezier); and Ernani, a mysterious bandit (Ramon Vargas). The 2014 Monte Carlo production rises to the occasion. (*In Italian, with English subtitles, 130 minutes.*) Italian cookies and light refreshments at 1:15, love and courtship at 1:30.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum (judyniebaum@gmail.com) and David Marden (mardendl@gmail.com).

The Travel Group will focus on shorter day trips and will poll members at an upcoming meeting. **Potential destinations** include **Baldwin** (Black Jack Battlefield and Baker University), **Fort Scott** (Lowell Milken Center for Unsung Heroes and the Gordon Parks Museum), **Topeka** (Brown vs. Board of Education National Historic Site), **Lindsborg** (Little Sweden) and **Lawrence** (Haskell Cultural Center and Museum at Haskell Indian Nations University).

Public Affairs Forum

Tom Huber (lexington1.com@gmail.com)

September 10—**Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka**, professor emerita with joint appointments in the Department of Theatre and Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, will speak at 1:30 in the Summerfield Room on “**The Political Dynamics of Present-Day Nigeria.**” Light refreshments at 1:15.

Singing for Fun

Bruce Douglas (bruce_douglas@me.com) and Linda Mannering (lmanneringne@yahoo.com).

September 21—**Linda Mannering** will lead famous songs about September at 10:30 in the Music Room. **Note the date change.**

Ten O'Clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”

Pat Kelly (patckelly@sbcglobal.net)

September 5, 12, 19, 26—10:00 in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and other treats and announcements.

Endacott Society Membership List and Online Services:

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained from Laurie Doud at the KU Alumni Association. Laurie should also be contacted to subscribe to the email list. For the *Endacott Society Newsletter* online: Check the web: <http://oldku.org> and select the link to *Newsletter* or *Calendar*.

Dues

To be a member of the Endacott Society, whether or not one is an alumnus, you should be, or sign up as, a member of the KU Alumni Association, designating a desire for Endacott Society membership. (Call 785 864-4760, asking for “records,” or log in online at www.kualumni.org/join and click “Retired Faculty and Staff.”) Annual membership dues in KUAA are: single \$25, joint \$30, and will be subsequently billed on the anniversary of your membership.

Another option is annual Jayhawk Society membership—single \$100, joint \$150, to be paid directly to the KU Alumni Association. Any dues above the annual \$25 or \$30 will be applied by KUAA to support Endacott Society programs.

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of current or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center. These funds will be deposited in the Expressions of Appreciation Fund and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society’s various activities throughout the year.

Newsletter Copy

Copy for the **October 2018** *Newsletter* should be sent by **Sunday, September 9, 2018**, to both endacottsociety@gmail.com and Jeannie Eblen (jkeblen@sunflower.com).