

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

### 2022-23 challenges: adapt to change; regrow membership

*During her first meeting as president of Endacott Society, at the June 29 Coffee Hour, MaryKay Mahoney offered the following thoughts on what's ahead for Endacott in the coming year.*

A few months ago, two different people asked me what my vision was for Endacott—what innovations I intended to introduce as president. It was a lovely question and I was charmed by it. But the question reminded me of a piece by the Victorian writer Matthew Arnold, where he talked about the difference between being born in a period of expansion or being born in a period of concentration.

For Arnold, of course one would prefer to be born in a period of expansion—who wouldn't?—but if you're born in a period of concentration, your role is to create the conditions that will eventually make another age of expansion possible.

True, Arnold was talking about literature. And about being in either a time destined for explosions of literary creativity (think

Shakespeare and other Elizabethan writers) or a time destined for writing literary criticism. But I think that in a sense, the central contrast between those two terms—a period of expansion vs. a period of concentration—is a perfect metaphor for our situation right now at Endacott. This will be a year *not* for sweeping initiatives, but for solidifying our position so that we can later move boldly into the future.

It's truly amazing that despite several years of pandemic and our home [the alumni center] being reduced to rubble, this organization is still alive and thriving. That's due to all of you—the members, the chairs (both retired and current), and the previous presidents who continue to help guide and shape the organization.

As a number of people have pointed out over the last few months, we have two major challenges ahead of us this year:

1) adapting ourselves in 2023 to the changed circumstances, environment, and protocols at the renovated Alumni Center, *and*

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### Retiree Rights & Benefits Committee

The RRBC is planning a new university-wide survey that would include retirees from all KU campuses. The committee may need volunteers to be beta testers for the new survey. If you would like to volunteer, please email MaryKay Mahoney [mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu)

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### Volunteers needed to organize Nov. 7 REMembers program; chair activities

Endacott Society needs volunteers to chair several activities, especially the Nov. 7 Endacott REMembers program to honor the memory of friends and loved ones who have died. The event, created by Paul Lim, invites members to speak the names of those to be remembered followed by a moment of silence. A film has followed the reading of the names.

Volunteers are also needed to fill chairmanships for the Lied Center Liaison, Music Appreciation, Opera Studies, Oral History Project, and Public Affairs Forum.

If you would like to volunteer to chair a program please contact President MaryKay Mahoney [mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu).

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2) throughout the year, trying to regrow our membership.

There isn't much we can do about dealing with our changed home at the alumni center until we're closer to the opening date of the building —except to keep reminding ourselves to be flexible. I have a feeling the move back is going to require a fair amount of adaptability from all of us. As for the second challenge, I would like to have everyone start thinking about issues related to Endacott membership and to KU retirees generally.

As you'll probably have realized by now, in terms of my presidency, no, I don't have a grand vision *or* plans for major innovations. I'm hoping we can continue on the path of consolidating and strengthening and reinforcing. And with luck, by the time Paul Willhite takes over on July 1, 2023, we'll be past our own particular age of concentration and perfectly situated for a time of visions and innovations.

## Lawrence Campus COVID-19 Unified Command structure demobilized June 28

On June 28, Chancellor Doug Girod announced that KU had demobilized its Lawrence Campus COVID-19 Unified Command.

“While COVID-19 is not gone from our lives, public health experts feel we have reached an endemic stage where the virus can be managed through normal everyday business practices.

“Additionally... our Pandemic Medical Advisory Team has stopped meeting regularly.

“These actions align with those taken by our community partners, including Douglas County, which ended its COVID-19 disaster declaration earlier in June and demobilized its own county-wide Unified Command Team. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 in consultation with these partners, and we will adjust should circumstances change.”

## Mechanical resonance shakes up coffee hour

The first tremor lasted less than five seconds. Moments later, another. At the third tremor Endacott Society members meeting on Aug. 10 in the Malott Room of the Kansas Memorial Union looked at one another: Did you feel that? At the fourth, longer tremor, maybe five seconds, members with earthquake experience left the building.

The tremors we felt in the Malott Room were not earthquakes and were not experienced elsewhere in the Union. They probably were a physics phenomenon known as mechanical resonance, set in motion by the activity in the Big 12 Room, directly below the Malott Room. Lisa Kring, the Union's director of building services and information technology, found that sorority women were rehearsing a medley of songs involving “a lot of jumping and such” on Aug. 10.

The jumping activity resulted in mechanical resonance — the term for what happens in a building when, with the right amount of force, vibrations of an activity such as a rhythmic performance can produce the same vibrations as the natural vibrations of the building itself. Mechanical resonance can shake a building.

MaryKay Mahoney found a CNN report from 2011 about a similar incident in South Korea, in which 17 middle-aged people performing a vigorous Tae Bo workout caused tremors in a Seoul skyscraper and evacuation of the building. Tae Bo is a mix of boxing and tae kwon do.

The Panhellenic Council explained that 85 recruitment counselors from all 11 sororities were learning porch songs from each chapter on Aug. 10. Porch songs are sung by sorority members in front of their chapter houses to greet potential members during recruitment.

The song in the medley that was being rehearsed at the time Endacott members felt tremors may have been a Pi Beta Phi chant that ends with small rhythmic jumps, according to the Panhellenic recruitment schedule. You can view that chant and others in this Bid Reveal video starting at 2:20 minutes. <https://www.facebook.com/KUPanhellenic/videos/438443111645012>

The video shows the recruitment counselors in the Burge Union singing as they reveal their chapter affiliation to the recruits. During recruitment week, the counselors' affiliations are secret.

# SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

**NOTE:** Because of scheduling conflicts, room availability in the Kansas Memorial Union was limited for September. Event locations vary and include the Kansas Memorial Union, the Burge Union, and the Lawrence Public Library.

## Where to park:

Burge Union: Central District Garage, 1583 Ousdahl Road, enter at 19th St. stoplight

Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.: The city garage next door has free 2-hour parking spots on levels 1 & 2 and free parking on level 4.

## 10 O' CLOCK SCHOLARS (Wednesday Coffee hour)

All sessions HYBRID EXCEPT Sept. 21.

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Locations vary.

Wednesday, **Sept. 7, 10 a.m.** (HYBRID)  
Burge Union, Forum A, first floor entrance

Wednesday, **Sept. 14, 10 a.m.** (HYBRID)  
Kansas Memorial Union, Malott Room, Level 6

Wednesday, **Sept. 21, 10 a.m.**  
Monthly birthday celebration.  
Lawrence Public Library, Room A, Lower Level

Wednesday, **Sept. 28, 10 a.m.** (HYBRID)  
Kansas Memorial Union, Malott Room, Level 6

## ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

Thursday, **Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m.**  
Kansas Memorial Union, Kansas Room  
Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore will show highlights of their trip earlier this year to North Macedonia.

## CINEMA STUDIES

All Cinema Study programs will be held in the Lower Level of the Lawrence Public Library (LPL), 707 Vermont St., until the renovation of the Adams Alumni Center is completed. Coffee and water will be provided. If time permits, a short discussion will follow the movie. Suggestions for future movies have been received for which we are thankful but more are always welcome. *J. Tom Adams*

## DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Nora Clark [nora.clark@washburn.edu](mailto:nora.clark@washburn.edu)

J Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

Tuesday, **Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C, Lower Level

### March of the Penguins

Every fall in the Antarctic, the emperor penguins leave their natural ocean habitat to journey inland to their ancestral breeding grounds.

Biologist and filmmaker Luc Jacquet spent more than a year in unimaginably harsh conditions documenting the emperor penguins' ritual, epic struggle not only to reproduce, but also to survive. The

documentary won numerous awards in 2006 including an Oscar and the Critics' Choice Award, both for Best Documentary Feature. (2005. 1 hour, 26 minutes)



## DOMESTIC FILM

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Tuesday, **Sept. 13, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room A, Lower Level

### Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

An American classic, this satire of the Cold War fears of a nuclear conflict was directed, produced, and co-written by Stanley Kubrick. It stars Peter Sellers (in three roles: Capt. Lionel Mandrake, President Merkin Muffley, and Dr. Strangelove),



George C. Scott (Gen. Buck Turgidson), Sterling Harden (Brig. Gen. Jack D. Ripper), Keenan Wynn (Gen. Bat Guano), James Earl Jones (Lt. Lothar Zogg) and Slim Pickens (Maj. T.J. "King" Kong). Filmed in England, the plot is loosely based on Peter George's thriller novel *Red Alert*. The film won the 1964

New York Film Critics Circle award for Best Director; the 1965 Writers Guild of America, USA, award for Best American Comedy; and the top two 1965 British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards. (1964. 1 hour, 34 minutes)

## FOREIGN FILM

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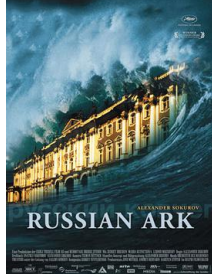
J Tom Adams [papawmik2004@yahoo.com](mailto:papawmik2004@yahoo.com)

Friday, September 30th, 1:30 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, Room A, Lower Level

### Russian Ark

Alexander Sokurov directed this experimental historical drama film described by one reviewer as three centuries of Russian history condensed into an hour and a half. And Roger Ebert wrote, “[T]he effect of the unbroken flow of images (experimented with in the past by directors like Hitchcock and Max Ophüls) is uncanny. If cinema is sometimes dreamlike, then every edit is an awakening. *Russian Ark* spins a daydream made of centuries.” The camera follows an unnamed narrator and a 19th-century French traveler wandering through the Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg. In each room, they encounter real and fictional people. The film was recorded entirely in the Winter Palace of the Russian State Hermitage Museum on Dec. 23, 2001, using a single 96-minute Steadicam sequence shot. (2002. 1 hour 36 minutes)



## DRAMA STUDIES (Zoom)

Michael Shaw, [michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com)

Tuesday, **Sept. 6, 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, **Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m.**

*Misanthrope* by Moliere

Widely regarded as Moliere's greatest play, *The Misanthrope* explores the consequences of absolute honesty in a society where disingenuousness is the rule, or, some would say, the difficulties of distinguishing idealism from egoism. Preston Fambrough will be our host.

## GARDEN SEMINAR (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink [ccinkbird75@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird75@gmail.com)

Kansas Memorial Union (see dates for rooms)

Wednesday, **Sept. 14, 9 a.m.**, Pine Room

Wednesday, **Sept. 28, 9 a.m.**, Alcove D

Garden Seminar will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays in September. The general theme for the meetings will be "Which trees grow best in Kansas?" but we will discuss a variety of natural history and gardening topics as well.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto:rwwschorr@gmail.com)

If the weather is pleasant the group will meet at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. If not pleasant, Ron will announce a local restaurant for that week.

Thursday, **Sept. 1, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 8, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 15, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 22, noon**

Thursday, **Sept. 29, noon**

## MOVEMENT WORKSHOP (Tai Chi)

Haskell Springer [springer@ku.edu](mailto:springer@ku.edu)

Weather permitting: sessions at South Park, east of Band Stand.

Friday, **Sept. 9, 9 a.m.**

Friday, **Sept. 16, 9 a.m.**

## OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

John Nicholson [wryterjccc@gmail.com](mailto:wryterjccc@gmail.com)

Monday, **Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m.**

September's theme is "**Bunco and Conmen.**" We'll listen to a rehearsal of "**Bunco Squad,**" an episode of "**Casey, Crime Photographer,**" and end by listening to "**Dragnet.**" The waiting room opens at 1:15, with the program beginning at 1:30. If you haven't attended before, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

## No September Programs Scheduled for

- Arts & Sciences Lectures
- Computer and Technology Studies
- Evening Lecture series - Potluck
- Great Books Discussions
- Out of Town Travel
- Singing for Fun

## OCTOBER 2022 News

Please submit news for the October 2022 newsletter no later than Sept. 20 to Mary Jane Dunlap [mjdunlap@ku.edu](mailto:mjdunlap@ku.edu)

# Assorted September events in the neighborhood

## Haskell Indian Art Market

**Sept. 3**, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Sept. 4**, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Haskell PowWow Grounds, 2535 W. Perimeter Rd. (south of 23rd and Massachusetts streets)

## Genealogy + Local History Spotlight: Midwest Genealogy Center (Hybrid)

**Sept. 7**, Wednesday, 4 - 5 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. Staff from the Midwest Genealogy Center in Independence, Mo., will join via ZOOM to share information about their resources as well as basics for getting started with genealogy. Free but registration required.

## Tech Club Apple Devices FAQ, online

**Sept. 8**, Thursday, 4 - 5 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, Retirement Boot Camp, 707 Vermont St.

The library's tech staff will answer your pressing tech questions about iPhones and other Apple devices. (Android session in October.) Free, but registration required. <https://lawrence.bibliocommons.com/events/62ec13064a1d3a320084ca26>

## So, You Have an Aging Parent: 101

**Sept. 12**, Monday, 6 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library Auditorium, 707 Vermont St., Pizza provided. \$5 suggested donation. Douglas County Senior Resources Center staff will offer an overview of common concerns adult children may have about trying to help aging parents, provide definitions of concepts possibly new to some, and offer resources to learn more.

## Civic Engagement 101 (Hybrid)

**Sept. 13**, Tuesday, 6 -7 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library Auditorium  
The library and the League of Women Voters are offering a series on civic engagement, focused on local government and how to engage with civic leaders.

## 2022's Midterm Elections: Big States, Big Consequences

**Sept. 14**, Wednesday, 4- 5:30 p.m.

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Dr. Gerald F. Seib, former Kansan and former Wall Street Journal executive Washington editor, is the Fall 2022 Dole Fellow and will lead this eight-part Discussion Group Series on the 2022 midterm elections.

## Wine Around the World, online

**Sept. 15**, Thursday, 5 - 6 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. Each month the library hosts a virtual tour of a renowned wine region with Steve Wilson of City Wine Market. Wine purchases are optional. Registration required. <https://lawrence.bibliocommons.com/events/62ec14608ca4b42b00813267>

## Gray Anatomy: Physical Therapy, online

**Sept. 28**, Wednesday, 4 -5 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. Lawrence Memorial Hospital Health staff will discuss advantages of physical therapy for living longer and stronger. Free event, but registration required. <https://lawrence.bibliocommons.com/events/62ec152295a425390069308c>

## 2022 Dole Leadership Prize: Juan Manuel Santos

**Sept. 20**, Tuesday, 7 -8:30 p.m.

Dole Institute of Politics, 2350 Petefish Dr. The Dole Institute will honor the former President of Columbia, Juan Manuel Santos, a KU graduate in economics and administration.

## Art in the Park Lawrence 2022

**Sept. 24 - Sept. 25** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.

## KU's 110th Homecoming

**Sept. 26-Oct. 1**

Homecoming week culminates Oct. 1 with KU vs Iowa State football game in the David Booth Memorial Stadium, 11th and Mississippi streets (tickets). Time to be announced.

<https://kualumni.org/ku-alumni-association-sets-dates-for-homecoming-2022>



# Welcoming the Azizi family



TOP photo: Louise and Allan Hanson enjoy a performance by Ric Averill, invited by Lim to lead the group in singing folk songs. Baset; his father, Fariadoon; and mother, Parwana, are seated behind the Hansons.

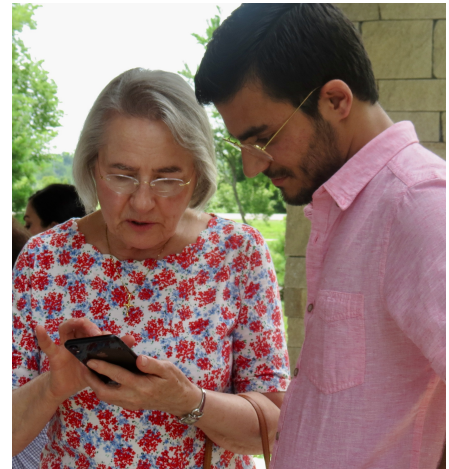
LOWER photo from left; Baset Azizi, Carolyn Madaus, Paul Lim and Ling-Lung Moos.

**E**ighteen days before graduating KU on May 15, Baset Azizi (pink shirt) was reunited with his family from Afghanistan for the first time in six years. His parents and sisters had evacuated Kabul on Aug. 24, 2021, but could not enter the United States until April 2022.

Baset had participated in an Endacott Public Affairs Forum last fall. Paul Stephen Lim (center, plaid shirtsleeves) organized the July 3 picnic at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum to welcome the family to Kansas. Several Endacott members wore “Make Afghan Refugees Welcome” T-shirts that Paul had printed for an August 2021 Endacott Film Festival featuring movies about Afghanistan.



Clockwise: Endacott President MaryKay Mahoney, Susan Levine, Laurie Doud, Maria Alexander, and Jackie Bogner. Lawrence artist Ric Averill led the group in singing folk songs. Maria Alexander and Baset Azizi. J. Tom Adams brought watermelons to share with all.



Photos by Paul S. Lim and Mary Jane Dunlap

ALIGNED: The Azizi family, is seated from left: mother, Parwana; father, Fariadoon; son, Baset; and daughters, Afson, Ghezal, and Sona. Endacott members standing with the family are from left: Esther Smith, Susan Levine, Laurie Doud, Sue

Himes, Roger Stoner, Carolyn Madaus, Fred Madaus and Audrey Kamb-Studdard. Read more about the family. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-basets-afghan-family-resettle-in-kansas>

## BEGAN RUNNING MARATHONS AT AGE 34

# Lipsey finished 50th state marathon in June

**D**ick Lipsey, 77, may be the only Endacott member with a cardiac pacemaker who has completed 50 marathons, in every state and the District of Columbia. He is the 19<sup>th</sup> Kansan to run 50 marathons in 50 states.

A July 3 feature story in the Lawrence Journal-World reported that in June, he ran two marathons three days apart – June 1 in Delaware and another on June 3 in Pennsylvania – completing a goal he set in 2010 to run a marathon (26.2 miles) or longer race in all 50 states.

Lipsey was one of three runners finishing their 50<sup>th</sup> state marathon on June 3, all receiving a medal from Mainly Marathons (We Run This Country) celebrating their achievement. His daughters accompanied him to the June marathons and watched him finish the last two runs.

In the past 42 years, Lipsey has run 68 marathons or longer races. In 2017, he not only ran three marathons in five days in May (Maine, Vermont, and Rhode Island) but also in September finished a 100-mile run. He told the Journal-World that getting a cardiac pacemaker inspired his decision to finish a marathon in all 50 states.

Lipsey began distance running during his Army days. He was age 34 when he ran his first marathon in Frederick, Md., while stationed in Washington, D.C. In 2005, he began having difficulty running continuously. His condition worsened, and four years later a heart problem was diagnosed that led to his receiving a cardiac pacemaker, October 2009. He had by then run marathons in 28 states and decided to go for 50.

Since reaching his goal in June, Lipsey said he has limited himself to walking to comply with doctor's orders following a recent cardiac procedure.

"I hope to get back to running more, perhaps working back to shorter races in the 5-mile to half-

marathon range. When my current restrictions end, I plan to run outside more often, mainly to condition my legs to the pounding. I avoid concrete and asphalt and run on the trails and at the levee whenever possible."



Photo courtesy of Dick Lipsey

Dick Lipsey holds a commemorative mosaic map of the U.S. that was created by one of his daughters. She pinned a pair of miniature running shoes to each state.

Lipsey has had two careers: first with the U.S. Army, which stationed him in several states as well as abroad and which in 1985 brought him and his family to KU as an ROTC instructor; and second, with the Associated Press Kansas City office as a journalist.

Before retiring from the Army, Lipsey earned a master's degree in Soviet Studies at KU. He also worked on a master's degree in journalism and took a reporting job with The AP in Kansas City. He finished the master's in journalism in 1995 and continued at the Kansas City AP office until 2008, when he and his wife, Lynne, both retired.

Lynne was a program manager in KU's Continuing Education Division, now Lifelong and Professional Education. They moved to Estes Park, Colo., returning to Lawrence in January

2020, after Lynne was diagnosed with cancer, to be closer to their daughters. Lynne died in January 2021.

Since returning to Lawrence, Lipsey has reconnected with friends who also had been in the Mad Dogs and Englishmen faculty-staff running group. Known for running in the midday sun, the Mad Dogs used their lunch hour to run along routes near the campus. He found that former Mad Dog KU retirees Wes Hubert, Ed Morris, Bob Hanzlik, and Jim Guthrie now walk, rather than run, in the midday sun. When possible, he has walked with them.

The Mad Dogs group discontinued in 2018. In addition to Wes Hubert, current Endacott members on the Mad Dogs alumni list include Doug Houston and Lindy Eakin. Lipsey served as historian and maintained their website.



# KU Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee

<https://governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits>

## Endacott Society brainstorms retirement services ideas

**W**ednesday Coffee Hour discussions throughout July focused on retirement experiences and membership recruitment. President MaryKay Mahoney summarized six ideas emerging from the discussion and has forwarded them to John Poggio, chair of the Retirement Rights and Benefits Committee, and Ed Meyen, Endacott's representative on the committee.

1. It's important for the RRBC to consistently query the administration about benefits — like parking permits and access to tickets to cultural events — to keep those items from disappearing or changing drastically in status. Keeping retirees on the university's radar and keeping lines of communication open may help prevent or slow the erosion of these benefits.
2. KU retiree workshops related to health insurance, financial planning, and estate planning have been helpful. One member also described how HR had helped him set up a checklist of what he needed to do before retirement. However, this information may not be reaching everyone; at least one member went to the Lawrence Senior Resource Center for retiree healthcare information.
3. Pre-retirement workshops and/or links to articles on non-financial aspects of retiring would be useful. Topics might include lifestyle choices, planning for use of time, new socialization patterns, etc. The Endacott Society could cosponsor such a workshop with the RRBC.
4. A workshop for people who've been retired a year or so to connect with other retirees, answer unforeseen questions, and explore options would also be helpful. The Endacott Society could cosponsor such a workshop with the RRBC.
5. The description of the Endacott Society in the KU Retirees Handbook needs to be revised for accuracy. Revisions may also be needed for other services. The Parking section, for example, makes no reference to one-day permits.
6. A directory of community resources for retirees is needed — something we can do ourselves and house on the Endacott Society website. This list would include links to groups such as the Senior

Resource Center for Douglas County, AARP Tax Aide, volunteer opportunities, Lawrence Parks and Recreation Lifelong Recreation activities, the Lawrence Public Library's Retirement Bootcamp, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, etc. (Our website includes links to the KU Retirees Handbook, the KU State Employees Health Plan, and Parking Information.)

## RRBC Annual Report suggests Endacott Society clarify links to KU Alumni and to Endowment

**T**he Retirees Rights and Benefits Committee (RRBC) Work Group Final Report for FY 2022 is online. <https://governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits-committee-work-group-final-report-fy-2022>

The report identifies 12 themes that emerged in surveys of KU retirees. The 12<sup>th</sup> theme specifically addresses the Endacott Society:

**KUEA and Endacott Groups.** Membership in the Endacott Society, affiliation with KU Alumni Association, the role of KUEA, etc. needs to be made known and clarified if necessary. Many retirees are not KU alumni and fail to understand why affiliation with the Alumni Association may be required, useful, necessary, or available. In the same way, these agencies and others, such as the KU Endowment Association (KUEA), need to be kept aware of all retirees, their needs, desires, and preferences.

**Recommendation:** A document describing how the Endacott Society was initially established in the Alumni Association through a contribution by an alumnus needs to be added to information that describes the Endacott Society. The focus should be on clarifying membership in the Alumni Association as a condition of membership in the Endacott Society and recognition of the donor. KUEA must be given access to and allowed formal contact with retirees to present the services they can and are willing to provide.

*Note: Various accounts of our organization's history are available on our website under the ARCHIVE heading. The newsletter editor is updating the history to commemorate our 40th anniversary in 2023.*



## Allen L. Wiechert Memorial Garden Bench

Allen L. Wiechert died Oct. 29, 2019, following an Oct. 27 car accident. Before retiring as University Architect in 1995, one of his final projects was the Lied Center construction. In retirement, he began volunteering as a Lied Center usher and he and his wife, Sandra, joined the Endacott Society, where he chaired the Gardening Seminar for a few years and served as president in 2017-18.

ABOVE: Three Lied Center ushers who volunteered with Allen: Robert Markley and Diane and Victor Sisk. RIGHT: Doug and Susan Rendall planting one of two Rising Sun Redbuds for the memorial. CENTER Lied Center Director Derek Kwan, who supported the memorial. BELOW left: Iris Smith Fischer holding a picture of her late husband, Hans, who had been Allen's architect colleague and Boy Scout friend. (Right) Bruce and Chris Linton, both died in 2021.





CLOCKWISE: Marilyn Chamberlin admires one of the Rising Sun Redbud trees. During a routine check at the Lied Center, three Lawrence firefighters stopped to visit Allen’s bench. In summer 2020, Janis Hutchison admired phlox blooming alongside the bench. Laura Borchert visited the bench as afternoon sun began to light up the viburnum behind the bench.

## Memorial takes on a ‘life of its own’

The garden bench and two Rising Sun Redbud trees were given by Allen Wiechert’s friends. The redbud trees will eventually shade the bench, located between the main entrance and the box office (the Jayhawk statue) entrance. Since its dedication in April 2020, the bench has become

an inviting stop for family and friends to have pictures taken. Sandra’s remembrance album began with a few photos of friends and family members sitting on the bench. The album has grown, she said, and “taken on a life of its own. I have 105 photos and I’d like to have 105 more.”

# Osher fall catalog online

Classes include online, in person and hybrid; special travel events

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's Fall 2022 catalog includes some 60 classes or special events for people age 50 or older. The classes are offered at several sites including Lawrence and are offered in various formats – some in person only, others only on Zoom and some hybrid.

The catalog is online <https://lpe.ku.edu/osher-about>.

Six Endacott members will be teaching fall courses:

**Thomas Fox Averill** — two courses: Burns (Robert), Bagpipes & Barleycorn – celebration of essentials of Scotland; Thanksgiving & Indigenous Foods: A Celebration.

**Kevin Boatright** – The History of Photojournalism.

**Diana Carlin** — Ghosts in the White House: men and women behind the President's Words examines speeches written in the White House.

**Lindy Eakin** — Texas: A Revolution and A Republic? A review of the state's history and development.

**Jim Peters** — George Washington Carver: scientist and inventor born into slavery.

**Evie Rapport** – Trust the Science: Francis H. Snow and his faculty colleagues.

Three recent KU retirees are also teaching fall courses: Bill Keel: German Settlements and Culture in Kansas; John C. Tibbetts: Stargazing, which reviews his more than 35 years of interviewing renowned filmmakers, actors, authors, and musicians; and Bernie Kish: The History and Tradition of KU Athletics History; The Meaning of Veterans Day.

Osher's special events include a Sept. 30 day trip to Topeka that offers bird banding demonstrations on Washburn University's environmental site in rural Topeka. The site was established in the 1930s by Karl Menninger, who had a lifelong interest in nature and conservation. His grandson, Karl, will join the Osher guests to tour his grandfather's home and science lab.

A two-day trip is planned Oct. 6 and 7 to Guthrie and Oklahoma City. Stops in Oklahoma City include the National Memorial, the Bricktown Canal, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, the Oklahoma City Museum of Arts, and the First Americans Museum that opened in 2021.

Other events include: an Oct. 21 half-day visit to Lecompton, Kan.; a Nov. 3 and 4 visit to Historic Fort Riley and Lindsborg Kan., with an overnight stay in Salina; and a Nov. 16 Historic Kansas City Bus Tour.

## Lawrence Lifelong Recreation Fall Classes begin in September

The Lawrence Parks and Recreation Lifelong Program's Fall Newsletter lists events and classes designed for those 50 years and older. The Fall 2022 activities include a bocce ball workshop, ukulele classes, fencing, senior strength training and a range of fitness and exercise options. Here is a link to the Fall newsletter <https://assets.lawrenceks.org/lprd/lifelong/lifelong-fallnewsletter22.pdf>

Lifelong classes are smaller and relocated to larger rooms for physical distancing. Registration is required. You may register for classes at any Lawrence recreation center, or online at [www.lprd.org](http://www.lprd.org).

For more information, contact Gayle Sigurdson, Lifelong Recreation programmer, at 785-832-7909.

## Lawrence Arts Center classes, events

In addition to adult classes ranging from printmaking to ceramics, from tap to ballroom dancing, the Lawrence Arts Center offers exhibitions, performances and events. Here's the link to their Fall 2022 catalog: <https://lawrenceartscenter.org/adult-education/>

## Krishtalka's 'Body on the Bed' One of the Best Books of 2022

Anamcara Press recently announced that Leonard "Kris" Krishtalka's historical thriller *The Body on the Bed* was named one of Campus Circle's best thrillers of 2022. Campus Circle is a free alternative newspaper published in Los Angeles, Calif., and distributed to 900 retail outlets. The review noted the novel based on a murder in the 1800s is the "story of a woman questioning the status quo, feels timeless."

# In Memoriam

We have included members of Endacott and retirees and their spouses in the KU community. The names in boldface are recent members.

**JOANNE BANKS COFFEEN**, 1930 -2022, died July 17. She is survived by her husband, Robert Coffeen, retired lecturer in the School of Architecture, Design and Planning and adjunct associate professor in the School of Engineering.

**JOHN LEE HASLAM**, 1939-2022, died July 8. He was retired from the Biopharmaceutical Innovation & Optimization Center.

**JAMES ROBERT (BOB/DUKE) KENT**, 1941-2022, died unexpectedly July 4. He was a Lawrence firefighter and an adjunct researcher in KU departments of special education and of American studies.

**RAMONA KATHRYN LANGLOIS**, 1946 -2022, died Aug. 5. She is survived by her husband, Leo, retired from the Office of the Comptroller.

**JIM A. LONG**, 1944 -2022, died July 27 at Bridge Haven Memory Care. He retired in 2009 as director of outreach development. His earlier posts included vice provost for Facilities, Planning and Management and associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Earlier he was director of the Kansas and Burge unions. He also chaired the KU Campus Historical Preservation Board. He is survived by his wife, Larissa.

**GEORGE F. MCCLEARY, JR.**, 1937 -2022, died June 26. He was retired associate professor of geography and atmospheric sciences. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn.

**GEORGIA JEAN PORTER**, 1947 - 2022, died June 15 at Baldwin Healthcare and Rehabilitation. She was administrative assistant for more than 30 years in the Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department.

**MARY ROSE TUVEN**, 1939 -2022, died July 19. Her husband, Charles Kelso Hoag, emeritus professor of Music, died in 2018.

## Monarch Watch celebrating 30th anniversary in September

To observe Monarch Watch's 30th anniversary Lawrence Mayor Courtney Shipley has proclaimed September the Month of the Monarch.

Founded and directed by Orley "Chip" Taylor, Monarch Watch is a nonprofit education, conservation, and research program based at KU. Taylor retired from teaching in 2016, but continues to direct Monarch Watch.

Most of the anniversary events required registration last month, but no registration is needed for the free Sept. 17 annual Monarch Watch Tagging event from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Baker Wetlands Discovery Center, 1365 N. 1260 Road. And no registration is needed to visit Monarch Waystations around Lawrence.

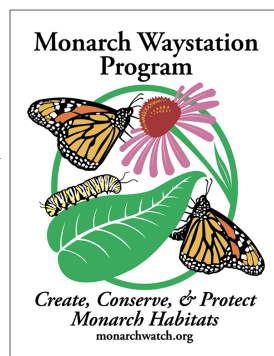
The Monarch Waystation program started in 2005 with a garden at Foley Hall, 2021 Constant

Ave, on West Campus and has grown to some 47,700 sites in the United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and nine countries.

Endacott members Doug and Susan Rendall have created a Monarch Waystation in their home gardens. Other Lawrence Monarch Waystations include:

- YaYa's Butterfly Garden at Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.
- South Park, 1141 Massachusetts St.
- Douglas County Fairgrounds at 2021 Harper St.
- Haskell Indian Nations University's Culture Center and Campus Garden and its wetlands, 2300 Barker Ave.
- Prairie Park Nature Center, 2730 Harper St.
- Baker Wetlands, 1365 North 1250 Road
- The Robert K Georgeson Monarch Waystation at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St.
- DeVictor Park, 1100 George Williams Way

In an interview with The Lawrence Times, Taylor noted the Monarch Waystation program "turned out to be very successful in the sense it has become kind of a brand. It's jumped the fence, so to speak, and it's become a symbol of how you create a habitat for a species that you care about."



# Facelift (age 39)



## Oct. 7 Save the Date

**3 p.m. tour of Alumni renovation,  
Welcome Center construction**

Staff from KU Alumni and Facilities Planning and Development will escort us at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7, on an hour's tour of the renovation and construction work in progress for the

Adams Alumni Center building (above) and the new Jayhawk Welcome Center.

We will assemble at 2:50 p.m. at the covered walkway entry on the top level of the Mississippi St. Parking Garage, across the street from the alumni center.

Protective equipment such as hardhats will be provided. We are advised to wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.

The photo above was taken July 22.

## *Expressions of Appreciation*

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of living 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 gifts will be deposited in the *Expressions of Appreciation Fund* and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society activities.

## MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Formed in 1983, Endacott Society is a program within the KU Alumni Association for retired faculty and staff and is open to retirees from other accredited institutions of higher education. Our purpose is to provide activities that enable members to continue their professional relationships with KU and to participate in our service, educational, and social opportunities. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual or couple membership. To pay dues or apply for membership, contact the Records Office of the KU Alumni Association by calling 785-864-4760 or go online [www.kualumni.org/join](http://www.kualumni.org/join) to find the membership option for Endacott Society.