



# Endacott SOCIETY

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**April 12, 2023**  
Adams Alumni Center

ABOVE: About 35 members attended the 10 O'Clock Scholars coffee on April 12 in the renovated Adams Alumni Center's Paul Adam Lounge. This marked the first time since March 2020 that an Endacott Society group could meet in the Adams Alumni Center. AT RIGHT: MaryKay Mahoney speaks during the April 19 coffee hour.



Photo by Kevin Boatright

## A toast to the strength and sense of community of the Endacott Society

For the first time since mid-March 2020, when the Alumni Center and the campus closed due to the pandemic, Endacott members gathered on April 12 in the Adams Alumni Center for a Wednesday coffee hour. About 35 attended.

In March 2020, Dave Mannering was about to finish his term as president. By April 6, 2020, with suggestions from Barbara Kinzig to try ZOOM and tutoring sessions from Dave Mannering, a few Endacott activities began meeting with ZOOM.

By Summer 2020, Jo Cink

was serving as president and focusing on masking up to pack and store Endacott files and materials while the building was being renovated and the new Welcome Center constructed. Ground-breaking was scheduled in March 2021, and completion was

projected for Fall 2022.

When Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka was elected president in July 2021, we continued to meet mostly on Zoom until April 2022, when we began scheduling hybrid meetings in the Kansas Memorial Union. By March 28, 2021, KU no longer required masks to be worn in classrooms.

As MaryKay Mahoney began her term as president in July 2022, we were arranging a tour of the construction in September. When the alumni building reopened officially Feb. 25, Endacott

### Breaking news

#### MOU negotiations concluded April 27

Negotiations concluded on April 27 and the Memorandum of Understanding was signed by KUAA President Heath Peterson. Endacott Society President, MaryKay will have signed the MOU by the time you read this.

MaryKay reported, "The negotiations were amiable, and compromises were made by both sides."

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Endacott Society will have

- access to the Paul Adam Lounge from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays for our meetings,
- space for five evening pot-luck dinners,
- and up to 12 other meetings a year to be scheduled at our request subject to room availability.

There are some catering requirements, but Endacott Society members may continue the tradition of bringing side dishes to the pot-luck dinners and treats to the Wednesday coffees.

The annual cost to Endacott Society is \$5,000.

### Memorandum of Understanding in a nutshell

Endacott is also provided a furnished office at no charge; however any additional furniture and equipment are our responsibility.

KUAA has advised that occasionally Endacott Society's use of a specific meeting space may be preempted by a patron able to pay the full rental price. When that happens, if alternative space is not available in the building, KUAA will work with campus partners to find a suitable space.

The MOU will be reviewed annually.

Endacott activities not covered by the MOU will need to meet in other locations.



Attendance at the April 19 coffee hour was about 35 members.



Photos by Kevin Boatright

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Society needed to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with KUAA that would provide guidelines for our meetings in the renovated building.

On April 12, when most of the major negotiating points had been settled and the Endacott Society met once again in the Adams Center, MaryKay proposed two coffee-cup toasts: "To the Endacott Society and its future endeavors!" and "To all of the members of the Endacott Society, since it's your strength and hard work and sense of community that are the reason we're here today!"

## Annual reports due May 30 for annual meeting in June

The 2023 Annual Business Meeting will be June 21, during the 10 O'Clock Scholars Wednesday coffee meeting in the Adams Alumni Center's Paul Adam Lounge (Room 122).

Annual Reports from activity directors, committee chairs, and officers are due May 30. Send copy as a Word doc or .txt file to David Bushouse at [bushouse@ku.edu](mailto:bushouse@ku.edu)

In addition to annual reports of activities during the 2022-23 fiscal year, officers for the 2023-24 fiscal year are elected during the annual meeting. The by-laws and recent annual reports are on the Endacott Society webpage under About Us.

# MAY ACTIVITIES

NOTE: The **May 24 Wednesday morning activities are scheduled at the Douglas County Senior Resource Center**, 745 Vermont St. Another KUA patron has booked the Adams Alumni Center's rooms on May 24.

No programs are scheduled in May for:  
Armchair Travel Lecture  
Evening Lecture and Potluck  
Games Theory

## 10 O'CLOCK SCHOLARS

(Wednesday Coffee Hour -Hybrid)

MaryKay Mahoney [mahoneym@merrimack.edu](mailto:mahoneym@merrimack.edu)

Wednesday **May 3, 10 a.m.**, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge

Wednesday **May 10, 10 a.m.**, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge

Wednesday **May 17, 10 a.m.**, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge

Wednesday **May 24, 10 a.m.**, Senior Resource Center, Connolly Room

Wednesday **May 31, 10 a.m.**, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge

## ARTS & SCIENCES Lecture

Kevin Boatright, [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu)

Thursday, **May 11, 1:30 p.m.**

Lied Center Pavilion, 1600 Stewart Dr.

**Lied Center of Kansas at 30: Highlights of the 2023-24 Season**

Derek Kwan, Lied Center executive director, will provide a personal overview of the upcoming 30th anniversary 2023-24 season and the state of performing arts in general.

Classical and popular music, dance, theatre, jazz, comedy, children's shows, student performances, a powwow and indigenous cultures festival, community events? Anything is possible when the curtain rises, and Derek has presented all of it and more since coming to the Lied Center in 2014. Under his leadership, the Lied Center has been a welcoming place for everyone, from school children to senior citizens. The Lied Center provided Endacott members free tickets to the recent performance by the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine.

Derek came to the Lied Center from Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City, where he was



Derek Kwan

vice president of concerts and touring and had been associate director of programming & concert operations. He was also with Michigan's Interlochen Center for the Arts as executive director of Interlochen Presents. Derek's background includes a bachelor's in political science and music from Duke University and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Locally, Derek serves on the board of the KU Innovation Park, the Lawrence Chamber, the LMH Health Foundation and Kansas Public Radio. Please let Kevin know if you plan to attend, by email at [kboatright@ku.edu](mailto:kboatright@ku.edu)

## CINEMA STUDIES

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

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

We will meet in person for all these movies at the Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided or you may bring your own.

## DOCUMENTARY

Tuesday, **May 9, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

**Hollywood Chinese**

*Hollywood Chinese* is a captivating look at the Chinese American experience. This documentary is a voyage through a century of cinematic delights, intrigues, and treasures. It weaves together a wondrous portrait of actors, directors, writers, and movie icons who have defined American feature films from the silent era to the current wave of Asian American cinema. At once entertaining and enlightening, it reveals long-untold stories behind the Asian faces that have graced the silver screen. It also reveals a tangled history of race and representation. Directed by triple Sundance award-winning filmmaker Arthur Dong, who was also the writer. (2007, 1hour 30 minutes)



## DOMESTIC FILM

Friday, **May 19, 1:30 p.m.**

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

**Stand by Me**

After the death of one of his friends, a writer recounts a childhood journey to find the body of a missing boy. It is the summer of 1959 in

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Castlerock, Ore., and four 12-year-old boys — Gordie, Chris, Teddy and Vern — are fast friends. After learning of the general location of the



body of a local boy who has been missing for several days, they set off into the woods to see it. Along the way, they learn about themselves, the meaning of friendship and the need to stand up for what is right. Directed by Rob Reiner and written by Stephen King, Raynold Gideon and Bruce A. Evans, the movie

was an Oscar nominee for Best Writing, Screenplay Based on Material From Another Medium, and won 11 nominations and six awards. (1986, 1 hour 29 minutes)

### FOREIGN FILM

Tuesday, **May 23, 1:30 p.m.**  
Lawrence Public Library, Room C  
**Run Lola Run**

The film explores the events that fate alone controls and displays the constant “what if’s” that occur every moment and that can easily change the events of the next moment. The film follows the interactions between a woman, Lola, and her boyfriend, Manni, who she desperately tries to save from death by helping him regain a huge amount of money he carelessly lost. It takes you on three different journeys with Lola, all controlled by fate, showing you what would happen in each, and all the “what if’s” that provide the foundations for each outcome. Written and directed by Tom Tykwer, it was a BAFTA nominee for Best Film not in the English Language and also had 11 wins and 21 nominations in other awards. (1998, 1 hour 20 minutes)



### DRAMA STUDIES

*Michael Shaw* [michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com)  
Pioneer Ridge Retirement Community  
1000 Wakarusa Road, Community Room  
Tuesday, **May 2, 1:30 p.m.**  
Tuesday, **May 16, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Much Ado About Nothing**, by William Shakespeare

Members gather to read aloud the selected play. Copies are provided for reading. Our host will be Ginny Fambrough, who has this to say about that play: “Should we believe what we hear in overheard conversations? Should we always believe what we see with our own eyes? ... *Much Ado About Nothing* (or ‘about Noting?’) explores these

questions and the ‘merry war’ between the unforgettable Beatrice and Benedick.”

### GARDEN SEMINAR (Hybrid)

*Cal & Jo Cink* [ccinkbird76@gmail.com](mailto:ccinkbird76@gmail.com)

Wednesday **May 10, 9 a.m.**

Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge  
Drought-Tolerant Plants for Kansas’ Challenging Gardening

Wednesday, **May 24, 9 a.m.**

Senior Resource Center, Connolly Room  
Must-Have Plants for Every Garden

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION (Zoom)

*Jim Woelfel* [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

Wednesday, **May 10 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Short stories by Katherine Mansfield**

2023 is the 100th anniversary of the death of Katherine Mansfield (1888-1923). She was preeminently a short story writer and belonged to the Modernist movement in 20th-century literature along with James Joyce, Virginia Woolf, T. S. Eliot, and others. Mansfield was a New Zealander, but from 1908 until her death moved back and forth mainly between England and France, and spent periods of time in Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Jim will announce by email the short-story selections to read for the discussion. If you have not previously attended a Great Books Discussion and would like to join the May 10 session, please contact Jim by email to be added to his contact list.

### LUNCH BUNCH

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

Note: This activity has moved to Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. Ron will announce a local restaurant each week. Or, if there are any reasonably warm Wednesdays, he will announce the plan to dine picnic-style at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St.

Wednesday, **May 3, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **May 10, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **May 17, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **May 24, 11:45 a.m.**

Wednesday, **May 31, 11:45 a.m.**

### OLD TIME RADIO (Zoom)

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

Monday, **May 22, 1:30 p.m.**

**Three Radio Shows**

We will begin with the first episode of **Dr. Kildare**. We will also listen to **Fort Laramie**, a western starring Raymond



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Burr, of the original Perry Mason TV show. The final show will be Jack Webb starring as private investigator **Pat Novak**. PLEASE NOTE: This is the fourth Monday, rather than the fifth (May 29), which is Memorial Day. The waiting room opens at 1:15 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

## OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL

Judy Niebaum [jniebaum@sunflower.com](mailto:jniebaum@sunflower.com)

Dave Marden [mardendl@gmail.com](mailto:mardendl@gmail.com)

Thursday, **June 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Truman Library and Museum**, 500 W. U.S. Highway 24, Independence, Mo.

This caravan day trip is to the recently renovated Truman Library and Museum. If we have at least 15 people we can have a guided tour and a group rate of \$8 per person,

otherwise general admission is \$12. We should have enough volunteer drivers to

accommodate anyone who wishes to join us. After the tour, we will stop at a Kansas City barbecue place for lunch. We plan to leave Lawrence at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Please call Judy Niebaum at 785-953-2240 to sign up or for more information.



## SINGING FOR FUN

Jim Woelfel [woelfel@ku.edu](mailto:woelfel@ku.edu)

Friday, **May 26, 1:30 p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway, Fireside Room

Jim will announce by email a theme for the selection of songs. This is not a choir but a chorus of voices — some better than others — each registering potential brain and body boosts ([healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing](http://healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing)). If you have not previously tried Singing for Fun and would like to attend on May 26, please email Jim to be added to his contact list.

## TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (Hybrid) (AKA Computer & Technology Studies)

David Mannering [dmannering@yahoo.com](mailto:dmannering@yahoo.com)

Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Lounge

Wednesday, **May 3, 9 a.m.**

**A.I. and Ethics: A Contradiction in terms — Richard DeGeorge**

Wednesday, **May 17, 9 a.m.**

**The Connected Traveler — Richard Kershenbaum**

## Paul Adam Lounge, Room 122 and 122A

The **Paul Adam Lounge** is named for Paul James Adam Sr., a 1933 KU business graduate who was a partner in the Dallas offices of Arthur Young and Co. from 1941 to 1969, the year he died. He was national president of KUAA in 1957-58 and served on KU's 1966 campaign drive and as a KU Endowment trustee. His son, Paul J. Adam Jr., (1934-2017) was a KU engineering graduate who was a former chief executive officer and chairman of Black and Veatch of Kansas City, Mo., and who served as chairman of the World Energy Council. Paul Jr. served on the KUAA national board of directors and led the association as chair in 1998-99.

The **Adams Alumni Center** is named in honor of Kenneth S. "Boots" Adams (1899-1975), who attended KU in 1918-19 and became president and CEO of Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville, Okla.

The **Adams Board Room**, which faces Oread Avenue on the second floor of the Adams



One of three entries to the Paul Adam Lounge on the south side of first-floor corridor of the Adams Alumni building

building, is named in honor of Boots Adams' parents: Louella Stanley Adams and John Valentine Adams.

The Paul Adam Lounge is one large room (122) on the south side of the first floor with an expandable wall to create Room 122A. Previously the lounge was located on the north side of the first floor. The new lounge space was created partly out of a former corridor, the former Endacott Society office-and computer room, and a second KUAA conference room.

# RETIREES IN THE NEWS

## A little bird told us

Retired science educator helps with substitute teacher shortage

This is the tale of a sighting of a Scott's oriole far from its southwestern home by a KU retiree who is helping with the substitute teacher shortage in Johnson County.

Since Dec. 5, KU retiree Steven Case and his wife, Deborah Garnett, have had a natural-history phenomenon at the bird feeder in their Overland Park backyard that got attention in Kansas.

The Shawnee Mission Post reported in January that the couple had sighted a Scott's oriole coming to one of their bird feeders. The bright yellow bird with black markings was 1,000 miles from its southwestern home range.

Steve says Deborah first noticed the Scott's oriole and nudged him to look. Both are experienced bird watchers, but this bird was new to them.

Steve identified it as a male Scott's oriole. He checked the area Audubon Society's rare-bird sighting records to learn this was only the third sighting of a Scott's oriole in Kansas and the furthest east of the three sightings.

Word got around the birdwatching community, and birdwatchers were coming by the Cases' house — "our bird feeders are visible from the street."

A group from Wichita Audubon Society made the three-hour drive to catch a glimpse of the Scott's oriole. Some visiting birdwatchers brought bags of peanuts or mealworms to replenish the bird-feeder offerings that seem to appeal to the Scott's oriole.

In the bird's southern Arizona-California range, it would feed on fruits and insects. Steve and Deborah tried putting out nectars and bits of apples and oranges but have never observed the Scott's oriole utilizing their fruit offerings. The bird seems to prefer the peanuts or mealworms set out for other birds.

As a naturalist, Steve is curious about what the Scott's oriole might do this spring, especially as Baltimore orioles begin to return to this area.

Starlings and some other blackbirds can hybridize, but Steve and Deborah have observed starlings and blackbirds chasing the Scott's oriole off their feeders.

How the Scott's oriole managed to migrate so far east is a mystery. Steve told the Post reporter: "Sometimes male birds and mammals will disperse to expand the population." Steve reasoned that the bird had found shelter, perhaps finding other bird feeders in the area, allowing it to winter in Kansas, despite some minus-45-degree wind chills.

Although Steve and Deborah are long-time birdwatchers, they don't keep lists of birds sighted or travel to see birds.

A licensed psychologist, Deborah retired in 2019. Once Steve fully retires, they do have some travel plans.

Steve retired in May 2020 as director of KU's Center for STEM Learning. Retirement seemed the viable option in March 2020 when the campus shut down and budget cuts in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences had shuttled the

remains of the UKanTeach program into the School of Education. The program prepares math and science majors to teach at secondary level.

But as Fall 2020 approached, Steve realized: "I wasn't done yet. I missed the classroom. I missed the relationship that develops in a classroom with students."

Well aware of the shortage of qualified math and science teachers in Kansas and nationally,

Steve was learning from former students of a shortage of substitute teachers in Johnson County.

He became licensed to substitute in the Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley, and Olathe school districts. Last fall, while substituting at Shawnee Mission West, he learned the principal had no qualified applicants for a long-term substitute position in science. Steve applied and began teaching two classes this spring: an Earth-Space core graduation class, and a Forensics

Science elective class.

A biologist with limited experience in geology, Steve took a teacher license practice exam to certify his qualifications to teach the Earth-Space class. Steve recalls a geomorphology course that included a field trip to the New Madrid fault zone, taught by



Photo by Steven Case

Scott's Oriole at bird feeder at Cases' Overland Park home.



Steven Case and Deborah Garnett

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# RETIREES IN THE NEWS

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the late Wakefield Dort, that had pushed geology almost to the top of his career list. “If I hadn’t gone into biology, I would have been a geologist.”

Before he began working with KU’s STEM program, Steve directed the Olathe Prairie Center, a state-owned tallgrass prairie preserve and educational center, for 12 years. And he also taught high school science for 20 years. The high-school classroom hasn’t changed much for him. “Kids are kids.”

But the pandemic has created some changes. “Today’s juniors were freshmen when the pandemic began.”

He notices learning gaps in math and in classroom skills that he attributes to trying to learn from home during the pandemic.

The Forensics Science class is “all about evidence handling. But to look at DNA evidence, students need some chemistry; even physics would help in understanding patterns and velocity when looking at blood spattering, for example. And all of it requires a solid foundation in math.”

In his lab sessions, Steve realized his usual method of creating research groups and assigning roles for each student — principal investigator, group manager, and materials manager — wasn’t working.

“They didn’t know how to work together. Too many have missed out on how to utilize a classroom — the social aspects of a group working together.”

Steve plans to continue substitute teaching for a few years.

## Joyce Castle’s fans applaud her career

**M**ezzo-soprano Joyce Castle, University Distinguished Professor of Voice, is retiring this spring after more than 20 years teaching. Her April 16 farewell concert at the Lied Center featured selections highlighting her extraordinary career, which began in 1970 with her professional debut at the San Francisco Opera in the role of Siebel in *Faust*.

Castle, a 1961 KU graduate who attended high school in Baldwin City, has performed for opera, concert, musical comedy, and cabaret audiences in the U.S. and abroad. She won a Grammy for her performance in Leonard Bernstein’s *Candide* and was a leading artist at the New York City Opera for 25 seasons and at the Metropolitan Opera for 14 seasons.

Mark Ferrell, her longtime collaborator, accompanied her on the piano for the farewell concert. He retired in 2022 after 37 years as the School of Music’s production and music director.

Some years ago, Joyce established the Joyce Castle Campaign for KU Opera with KU Endowment to raise \$250,000. Endacott members Jeff and Mary Weinberg provided the lead gift of \$100,000 for that campaign. The fund is now more than \$300,000.



Photos by Paul S. Lim

Above: Amidst bouquets of balloons, Joyce Castle and her accompanist, Mark Ferrell, take their curtain calls at her farewell concert on the Lied Center stage. Below left: At a reception following the concert, Joyce visits with former Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, Chapel Hill, N.C. Right: Endacott members toasted Joyce’s career with balloons. From left: Ron Schorr, Dick Himes, Sharyn Katzman, Sue Himes, Mary Johnson, and Susan Levine.



## Steven Lee volunteers to lead Games Theory activities

Steven Lee has volunteered to lead the Games Theory activities for Endacott members.

MaryKay Mahoney, president, introduced Steven during the March 29 coffee hour in the Douglas County Senior Resource Center. She and Steven are exploring the possibility of resuming Games Theory activities by renting the SRC Game Room. Once final decisions are made, they will announce a schedule for Games Theory activities.

Steven retired Dec. 31, 2018, from the Educational Psychology Department in the School of Education and Human Services. He joined the Endacott Society in part at the suggestion of his colleague, the late Bob Hohn, who served as Endacott president in 2013-14.

Playing games, including several outdoor sports, has been part of Steven's lifestyle since childhood. He and his partner enjoy playing cribbage and gathering with family or friends for board or card games, especially word games like Ruzzle or Balderdash, or Rummikub or dominoes, which now also have electronic versions.

Within the Educational Psychology Department, Steven and his colleagues sometimes

would play Face the Music, a game similar to Name that Tune, in which players recall songs by the year they were released and the artist who introduced the song.

Steve played tennis in college and for the past seven years has been playing pickleball. He took up competitive sailing as a University of Nebraska student. He still sails, mostly on Lake Shawnee with a two-person sailing kayak. He attends a Parks and Recreation Tai Chi class with MaryKay.

For Games Theory, in addition to continuing to offer bridge and mahjong, he is hoping to introduce a game each month that would involve a table or tables of six to eight players – social games that don't necessarily involve a study guide to play.

Why play games?

"Mainly to enjoy socializing with people," Steven says, "and second, to stretch participants' cognitive abilities, as even basic guessing games can challenge thinking and recall skills. All these things and a little competition are good for us as we age."

In retirement, he and his partner have been volunteering with Meals on Wheels. They also have an RV and make occasional trips to Colorado for a change of scenery and the camaraderie of other RV campers.

In 2020 they made their first time trip to watch the Royals in spring training in Surprise Ariz., one week before the pandemic shut down all of spring training. He describes himself as a "fair weather Royals baseball fan. I'm enthusiastic in April, but lately not so much in summer."



Steven Lee giving a tip of his cowboy hat while attending a western themed cook out in South Dakota.

### 2023 Goodman Lecture in Japanese Studies examined culture through traditional food

Los Angeles chef David Schlosser spoke April 19 at the Cider Gallery in Lawrence on his career in discovering and promoting traditional Japanese cuisine. Sponsored by KU's East Asian Studies Center, Schlosser was the 2023 Grant Goodman Distinguished Lecturer in Japanese Studies. Schlosser's Japanese culinary odyssey began in 2002 while working as a chef to the U.S. Ambassador to Japan. In 2019 the Japanese government appointed Schlosser a Goodwill Ambassador to Promote Japanese Cuisine. He owns two Japanese restaurants in Los Angeles.



Photo by Paul Stephen Lim

Some Endacott members and retirees attending the Goodman lecture gathered for a photo with Chef David Schlosser. Front, from left: Maria Alexander, Susan Levine, Sharyn Katzman, Elaine Gerbert; and (back row) guest Hanna Buza, Muriel Cohan, Patrick Suzeau, Richard DeGeorge, Laura Borchert, and Chef Schlosser.



# IN MEMORIAM

We include Endacott members as well as KU community retirees and their spouses. The names in **boldface** are recent members. To find the full obituary, visit the website listed with each entry.

**DEL BRINKMAN** A Celebration of Life will be Saturday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave. Del died Feb 19. [rumsey-yost.com](http://rumsey-yost.com)

**JACK THOMAS BROOKING**, 1927-2023, died March 14. Services were held April 16 at the Bayview (Fla.) Cemetery, and a celebration of his life followed. Jack taught theater and speech and debate at KU from 1955 to 1974 and for another 10 years at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. He is survived by a son, Kevin (Rachel), and two grandchildren, all of Brussels, Belgium. Jack studied theatre at the University of Iowa (BA) and Western Reserve University in Cleveland (Ph.D). In retirement he worked with the Emerald Coast Literary Federation in Pensacola from its inception as the rowdy Backdoor Poets. He wrote five books of poetry and stories, including: *The Theater: An Academic's Love Affair with the Wicked Stage*. Read more at [dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pensacola-fl/jack-brooking](http://dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pensacola-fl/jack-brooking)

**ROBERT LEE "BOB" CAMPBELL**, 1940-2023, died April 2 at LMH Health in Lawrence. Bob spent his professional career in institutional advancement, including serving as the vice president of medical affairs at the KU Medical School Endowment Association, retiring in 1998. Bob also enjoyed his opportunities acting in films, especially *Every Which Way But Loose* with Clint Eastwood. For more than 35 years, he volunteered with Audio-Reader and served on its Development Committee. Bob married Trudy J. Rinne in 1982 in Lawrence, and she survives. Other survivors include his two children, Jon David Campbell and Kristin Lee (Scott) Palecki, and seven grandsons. [warrenmcelwain.com](http://warrenmcelwain.com)

**CHRISTOPHER CLATERBOS**, 1953-2023, died March 30 at Lawrence Memorial Hospital of heart failure. His family received visitors on April 12 at the Rumsey-Yost Funeral Home. A private burial ceremony is planned in Pioneer Cemetery. Chris earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering at KU. He served in KU's Navy ROTC and in the U.S. Navy Reserve, Navy Construction Battalion, 1975-1979. After his service, Chris and his wife, Joyce, returned to

Lawrence, where he earned a master's degree in transportation engineering. Chris was a senior research engineer in KU's Transportation Research Center until 1982, when he left KU to work in personal computers. He moved into business analytics, working with a number of firms. He specialized in building Oracle-based business analytics systems for many national businesses and organizations and was an internationally known expert in Oracle-based business analytics. After he retired in 2014, Dean Neeli Bendapudi of the KU School of Business recruited Chris to develop a bachelor's degree program in business analytics, one of the earliest such undergraduate degree programs in the U.S. He subsequently developed a master's in business analytics degree program for KU, retiring in 2020. He is survived by Joyce, his wife of 48 years; his daughter Jill, (Charles Clay); two granddaughters; a brother, John, and a sister, Mary; and his wife's parents, Fred and Liz Aumick. [rumsey-yost.com](http://rumsey-yost.com)

**THEODORE "TED" PHILLIP FREDERICKSON JR.**, 78, of Tonganoxie, Kan, died in hospice care on March 20, with his wife, son, and stepdaughter at his side. After graduating from high school in Grand Forks, N.D., Ted joined the Army in 1963. He attended the Army Information School and was assigned to the 32nd Artillery Brigade News as a reporter and editor in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Ted returned to Grand Forks to earn a bachelor's in political science from the University of North Dakota in 1970. He then earned a master's in journalism from American University in Washington, D.C., and by 1975 had completed a law degree (UND). He worked as a reporter and editor for several newspapers, including the Washington Post, the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and the Grand Forks Herald. While at the Herald, he was invited to give lectures to UND journalism students, which eventually led to a teaching career. He and his wife, Nancy Maxwell, also a lawyer, moved to Topeka, where she taught at Washburn University. They divorced in 1991. Ted taught journalism at KU, where he developed a freestanding media law course, was a co-author of the Society of Professional Journalists National Code of Ethics, and received the first Budig Teaching Professorship of Writing. Under his guidance, KU's School of Journalism placed first in the Hearst Journalism Awards Intercollegiate Writing Championship for three consecutive years. He retired in 2011. Ted is survived by his wife of 27 years, Merrilee Cooper; his son, Maxwell (Ashlee) of Kansas City, Mo; brothers Jon (Teri) of

Oakland, Calif., and Robert of Phoenix; stepdaughter, Chloé Cooper Jones (Andrew) of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and three grandchildren. [legacy.com/theodore-frederickson](https://www.legacy.com/theodore-frederickson)

**VIRGINIA JEAN COX MITCHELL, 1931-2023**

**WILLIAM LAWRENCE ‘BILL’ MITCHELL**

**1932- 2023** A recognition of Jean and Bill’s lives will be held on their 69th anniversary, May 8, from 2-5 p.m. in the Ingrid & J.K. Lee Study Center at the Spencer Museum of Art. No graveside service will be held, and their ashes will be inurned in Pioneer Cemetery. They are survived by their son, Cotter, and his wife, Fadra, of Vinland, two grandsons, and two granddaughters.

VIRGINIA JEAN COX MITCHELL, died March 17 in Lawrence. She was a 1953 graduate of KU’s School of Fine Arts and named Outstanding Graduating Senior in Design. She was a color artist for Hallmark Cards in Kansas City until her marriage to William L. Mitchell, May 8, 1954, in Kingman, Kan. They began their life together at Point Cabrillo Light Station, Mendocino, Calif., where Bill was stationed with the Coast Guard. They returned to Lawrence, where he worked in KU Libraries and Jean became a homemaker and a highly regarded quilter. [warrenmcelwain.com](https://www.warrenmcelwain.com).

WILLIAM LAWRENCE “BILL” MITCHELL died March 26 in Lawrence. Bill and Jean met at KU where he was a student in 1950 before joining the Coast Guard. He and Jean were married in Kingman, Kan., while he was stationed at Point Cabrillo Light Station, Mendocino, Calif. After his discharge, he finished his degree at KU and earned a library science degree at the University of Illinois in Urbana. He worked 39 years in KU Libraries, mostly in the Kenneth Spencer Research Library, retiring in 1999. A record of his life and interests remains in one of Jean's quilts: “Bill Willie’s Whirlygig Factotum.” [warrenmcelwain.com](https://www.warrenmcelwain.com).

**EDNA JEAN VAN SCHMUS, 1938-2023**, died Feb. 23 in her home after a prolonged illness. A memorial service was held April 15 at Plymouth Congregational Church. Born in England in 1938, Edna emigrated with her family to Montreal and then Chicago, where she graduated from high school. In 1959 she enrolled in the nursing school at Huntington Memorial Hospital (Pasadena, Calif.) and Pasadena City College. She also became a U.S. citizen. She met and married a Caltech student, William R. (Randy) Van Schmus. After completing her nursing degree, Edna worked as a registered nurse while Randy finished his Ph.D. at UCLA. Before Randy joined the KU

faculty in 1967, they lived in Bedford, Mass., while he completed service the U.S. Air Force. In addition to homemaking, Edna worked as a nurse in a pediatrics office, retiring in 1996. She is survived by her husband, Randy; daughter-in-law, Nina; son, Derek (Pam); daughter Jennifer (Michael) Chartier; and five grandchildren. A son, Brian, died in 2021. [rumsey-yost.com](https://www.rumsey-yost.com)

BERNARD “BERNEY” ORION WILLIAMS, 1948-2023, died April 7 at Tanglewood Health and Rehab in Topeka. Memorial services will be held at a later date. He graduated from Kansas State University, ROTC commissioned a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force as a (Strategic Air Command) Titan II missile control officer. After earning his Ph.D. in the history of science at KU he worked in technology publishing. He later taught courses at KU, the Kansas City Art Institute, and the Osher Institute. He also fostered many graduate students through the Holos University Graduate Seminary, Lee’s Summit, Mo., where he also served as president of the International Society for the Study of Subtle Energy and Energy Medicine. He married Carla (Denny) Young in 2011, in McClouth. She resides in their home. Other survivors include his mother, Beth Williams; children Maia Williams, Gwethalyn Williams, Sarah Schmidt, Nikol Young; brothers Bill, Brad, and Bruce Williams; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Orion Williams. [warrenmcelwain.com](https://www.warrenmcelwain.com)

## Student Affairs KU Remembers ceremony held April 24

Student Affairs honored KU students, employees, or retirees who have died since Aug. 1, 2019, with a KU Remembers ceremony April 24 in the Kansas Union.

Originally scheduled before the COVID-19 pandemic, the ceremony was postponed. The event included a reading of names, followed by time for silent meditation and conversation among those attending. A printed program with the names of the deceased was provided for attendees. The Memorial Campanile was darkened at dusk to honor those being remembered.

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## Assorted events coming to the neighborhood

### EXHIBITION: On Two Fronts: Kansans Fighting the Great War

May 2-July 29

Watkins Museum of History, 1047 Massachusetts St.  
Tickets \$

A three-part exhibit explores the harrowing experiences of Kansans in World War I. It features a traveling exhibit, *Life in the Trenches*, developed by the Smoky Hill Museum in Salina, Kan., with *How the War Was Told: Propaganda in WWI* and *Roll of Honor: The WWI Soldiers & Nurses of Lawrence* developed by the Watkins Museum in partnership with KU's Spencer Museum of Art and the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets: general admission, \$10; Douglas County Historical Society members, \$5; children age 12 and under free.

### TECH HELP TUESDAYS

May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2-3:30 p.m.

Senior Resource Center, 745 Vermont St.

A new activity for older adults with questions about using their cell phones, laptops, tablets, or other gadgets. Student volunteers from KU's chapter of Purple Pals will provide one-on-one assistance with technology gadget questions or help with questions about an app or website that isn't user-friendly. No appointment necessary. For more information, contact Kim at 785-856-0203 or [kluce@YourSRC.org](mailto:kluce@YourSRC.org).

### TECH CLUB — Zoom

May 4, (First Thursdays) 4-5 p.m.

Lawrence Public Library, 707 Vermont St.

Get your tech questions answered with the help of the library Tech Team. Check the library's online calendar for topics.

### KITE FESTIVAL

May 7, Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Spencer Museum of Art, 1301 Mississippi St.  
Free

This event commemorates the Hamamatsu Kite Festival, which occurs each May in Japan. People of all ages are invited to learn about the history and culture of kite-making, create their own kites, and let them take flight outside the Museum. The sponsors include the Center for East Asian Studies and School of Engineering.



### JAPANESE TEA TRADITION

May 11, Thursday, 10:15-11 a.m.

Spencer Museum of Art, 1301 Mississippi St.  
Stewart Gallery

A Spencer Museum Senior Session will link the Museum's collection with the Japanese tradition of tea. Dale Slusser, who has studied and taught the urasenke tradition of tea for nearly 40 years, will provide an introduction to tea practice and share how aesthetics, craft, and tea have interacted over time. Senior sessions are designed for older adults, but open to all.

### COMMENCEMENT

May 14, Sunday 10:30 a.m.

David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium. 1101 Mississippi St.

For details please see [commencement.ku.edu/](http://commencement.ku.edu/)

### SAVE THE DATE

Lawrence PRIDE parade

June 3, Saturday, 3 p.m., downtown Lawrence

## Two retirement luncheons planned in May

The University has scheduled two luncheons in May to honor retiring employees.

University Support Staff and Unclassified Professional Staff retirees will be recognized at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. May 12 in the Kansas Union Ballroom.

Retiring faculty and academic staff will be honored at noon May 19 in the Kansas Union.

Both events recognize faculty and staff who have retired since early August 2022 and will retire by Aug. 3, 2023.

The Chancellor and Provost offices and KU Endowment host the annual Faculty and Academic Staff Retirement Luncheon. This year, the honorees and a guest will be invited, as well as all previous retirees and a guest who live in Lawrence. Invitations to the honorees and to all previous retired faculty and academic staff were sent the first week in April.

# Is a newsletter needed?

The question is to learn whether a newsletter is needed, not to fish for compliments.

Before the closing of the Alumni Association offices for the pandemic and then for construction, the Endacott Society printed and mailed a newsletter, usually 11 times a year. KUAA provided some production assistance and coordinated with a printing service to produce the newsletter, print labels, and use a postage permit. In 2019 the process cost Endacott Society between \$7,000 and \$8,000 a year.

KUAA will no longer provide production assistance and perhaps no metered postage assistance for a monthly newsletter.

Since the pandemic, the newsletter has been posted online. Members are notified by email through the Endacott listserv. About 90 of the 400 members are not on the listserv. A handful don't use email; most have other reasons. The website is public, and the newsletter is available to everyone.

The newsletter's primary function has always been to announce scheduled activities

and special events, including business meetings. I began editing the newsletter during the pandemic and began including some news of retiree activities in the community and some community events.

When the Endacott Society was formed 40 years ago, print delivery was the standard. The Internet was on the way.

Our website now lists all Endacott activities in at least three places. Each week's events appear on the main web page, which includes a link to a monthly calendar of events. And under the Activities heading, each group's current event is also listed.

If there is a change or urgent announcement, members can be notified by the email listserv.

So, is a newsletter necessary?

Please send your thoughts to [endacottsociety@gmail.com](mailto:endacottsociety@gmail.com) Or send a letter to the Endacott Society in care of KUAA Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045. — *Mary Jane Dunlap*, editor

## JUNE NEWS deadline

The newsletter is edited by Mary Jane Dunlap and Evie Rapport. Please submit news and photos for the June 2023 newsletter by **May 21** to [mjdunlap@ku.edu](mailto:mjdunlap@ku.edu)

## 2023 Retiree Engagement Survey

We hope to have some follow-up in the June newsletter about the results of a Retiree Engagement survey sent March 22 to all KU retirees on all KU campuses.

Chancellor Doug Girod; Lou Mulligan, vice provost for faculty development; and John Poggio, chair of the KU Retirees Rights and Benefits Committee, emailed the survey link.

Endacott Society's Rights and Benefits committee representative, Ed Meyen, announced plans for the survey in his 2022 report, on Page 8 of the June 2022 newsletter. [endacott\\_newsletter\\_2022\\_06\\_June.pdf](#)

The full 2022 Annual Report of the Retirees Rights and Benefits Committee is online at [governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits-committee-fy2022-final-report](http://governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits-committee-fy2022-final-report)

## *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

## MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Formed in 1983, the 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.