



Endacott Society 2022 - 2023 Annual Report



Out of Town Travel, Union Station Mayan Exhibit



Touring the new Visitor Center and checking on the Alumni Center remodeling progress



Meetings in person in the Alumni Center!



Out of Town Travel, Crystal Bridges

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President's Report: MaryKay Mahoney

A year ago, when I made my opening speech as president, I focused it around a distinction made by the Victorian writer Matthew Arnold—the difference between a period of expansion and a period of concentration. A period of expansion is one of experimentation, sweeping initiatives, and change. A period of concentration is one that involves focusing and solidifying—in essence, working to create the conditions that will eventually make an age of expansion once again possible.

As I said at the time, I was pretty sure what we were entering was NOT a period of expansion and new visions, but a period of concentration, in which we would focus on strengthening and rebuilding the organization, and on dealing with the new conditions and challenges awaiting us. I had no idea how very correct that assumption would be.

One of the totally unexpected challenges, of course, was the tragic death last December of Paul Willhite, our president elect. We were faced with both that personal loss and the resulting unprecedented situation of needing to search for a new president elect about six months before that person would need to take the helm. We were incredibly lucky when former president Dave Mannering agreed to serve once again in that role. His knowledge and energy and experience have been a real lifeline in the last six months. I think few people truly realize what a great debt Endacott owes him for stepping up like this.

Then, of course, there were the challenges that we all faced as a community:

- dealing with shifting activity formats (Zoom-only, hybrid, and in-person-only) and the resulting complexities in scheduling, catering, and technology;
- getting through a long stretch of negotiations with KUAA regarding space, charges for use of the facility, scheduling, and office details;
- unexpectedly leaving our temporary home at the Union when policy changes for room and technology charges made our continuing there impossible;

--having to find new temporary homes for a number of our activities after leaving the Union;

--surviving the actual physical move into our new office at the Adams Center, a move that is still in process (as those of you who still have boxes of Endacott belongings squirreled away in spare bedrooms and garages well know);

--working with the changed situation at the Adams Center, which involves a variety of meetings being scheduled elsewhere, a totally new catering situation, and new protocols and technology to adapt to.

We are ending this year in a world very different from the world that existed before the pandemic, and before the closing of the Adams Center for renovation. We have a first-time Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with KUAA which, as you know, has several major provisions:

--Endacott pays \$5k a year for the use of the facility

--Wednesday morning activities, including our weekly coffee/business meeting, are scheduled for the Adams Center

--five evening speaker potlucks can be scheduled for the Adams Center

--we can schedule up to twelve ad hoc meetings in the Adams Center over the year, subject to availability

--we have a waiver from KUAA that allows us to provide both our own Wednesday treats and the desserts and side dishes for the potluck, thus allowing us to keep up longstanding traditions.

We now have a single office space to serve as both computer room and library, but it's an attractive room with windows on two sides and it's large enough for us to easily hold small meetings there. There are also substantial locked storage units in the hall next to the office.

Clearly our new relationship with KUAA has changed many aspects of how Endacott operates. Many of our activities will be housed offsite for the foreseeable future, something that I know has been a challenge for activity chairs; we're going to need to focus on very careful budgeting to cover a whole range of new expenses; and we're likely to have to deal with occasional scheduling conflicts

with other parties hosting events at the Adams Center. As I said, we've entered into a brand new world.

The fact that we've successfully made it to this point is largely due to the incredibly hard work of a whole range of Endacott members.

There are three leadership groups whose work made our progress forward possible.

1) The officers: Secretary Dave Bushouse, as he does every year, shoulders the responsibility for producing the Annual Report that chronicles our journey from one year to the next—a huge undertaking. Treasurer Pam Houston has remained calm and unflappable in the face of an avalanche of invoices, unexpected changes in billing policies and charges, and a resulting complexity in budgeting that no Endacott treasurer has ever faced before. Dave Mannering was already a rock of the organization as webmaster and resident tech expert even before he agreed to take on the president-elect's role after Paul's death, providing his considerable administrative expertise and taking on a whole new range of responsibilities.

2) The Space committee: Dave, Pam, Dave, Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Jo and Cal Cink and I wrestled throughout the year with the organizational, financial, and philosophical issues related to where and how Endacott members meet.

3) The Executive Committee: Dave, Pam, Dave, Folabo, Jo, Cal, Mary Jane Dunlap and I spent months focused on the complexities of our negotiations with KUAA and the resulting MOU.

I'm forever grateful to the members of all three of those leadership groups for their energy, hard work, and insights. I'd like also to add a special thank you to Jo and Cal Cink, who went to great efforts both to aid me with their expertise and to help save my sanity by acting as a sounding board whenever I needed it.

But the fact that the Endacott Society made it through this past year was also very much a group effort, with the whole community stepping up. Despite all of the chaos, the activity chairs and other members steadfastly persevered: putting together oral histories; nominating a slate of officers for next year; sending out cards and corresponding with members; setting up a picnic for a family of Afghan refugees; arranging a tour of the under-construction Adams Center; keeping

the scrapbooks; arranging for weekly lunch-bunch meetings; serving on the RRBC; planning trips; and producing an entertaining newsletter.

Another truly remarkable phenomenon of this past year has been the various ways in which the Study Group Chairs have managed to surmount all of the obstacles thrown at them—making choices about Zoom vs face to face vs hybrid for meetings, dealing with all of the issues involving technology and refreshments that arose as a result of their decisions, and—most frustratingly—having, for non-Zoom meetings, to deal on a regular basis with the whole question of location. Special thanks are owed to all of the study chairs in recognition of their adaptability and perseverance in the face of uncertainty and sometimes downright chaos.

Over the course of this past year, several Activity and Study Group chairs have decided to step down: Jim Woelfel from Singing for Fun, and Mary Jane Dunlap and Evie Rapport from the newsletter. We're all grateful for your dedication and generosity.

In addition to those members formally running activities of all sorts, those of you who attend Wednesday coffee also played a major role in our surviving and starting to move forward. Twenty-five to thirty-five of you regularly showed up and, as a group, worked on issues related to redefining ourselves and our mission and on potential ways of growing our membership.

And now, here we are, about to start a new year. To go back to Matthew Arnold's distinction, over the past year the Endacott Society has demonstrated both flexibility and strength in surviving its own period of concentration. And as Dave Mannering takes over as president, I foresee a bright period of expansion—a time of vision and innovation—as we move into the future.

Thank you all for everything you've done this past year.

MaryKay Mahoney

Minutes of the 2021-2022 Annual Meeting of the Endacott Society

On June 22, 2022, President Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka called the annual meeting to order at 10:06 am held in the KU Union as a live and Zoom hybrid meeting. Printed copies of the **2021-2022 Annual Report** were available.

President's Report: President Ajayi-Soyinko talked about the highlights of the President's Report. It was a year of change, with Covid problems and the remodeling of the Adams Center causing scheduling problems for Endacott activities. She expressed concerns about membership problems and the need for new chairs for some of the activities. She thanked board members and the many others who have helped with scheduling and saving Endacott activities during the year.

Minutes: David Bushouse read the minutes of the June 16, 2021 annual meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer's Report Pam Houston reported that the finances are in good shape and explained some items in the report. The report was approved.

Membership: Linda Mullins reported on membership. Discussion turned to her other duties with the Pot Luck Dinners and Evening Lecture series. Possible locations in place of the Alumni Center during the remodeling were discussed with those in attendance. Linda asked for suggestions for speakers.

Nominating Committee members:

Jo Cink, Past President, and Chair
Cal Cink, Paul Lim, Fred Madaus, Carolyn Madaus and Sandra Wiechert

In accordance with the by-laws, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Endacott Society members to be elected for officer positions effective from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. All have been asked, and all have agreed to serve.

President-elect	Paul Willhite
Secretary	David Bushouse (continuing)
Treasurer	Pam Houston (continuing)

The slate was approved by acclamation.

Activity reports were brief, and referred to the printed copy

The 2020-2021 Annual Report was accepted.

Other Business

A memorial list of members we have lost in the last year was read.

Informal discussion of scheduling and location problems and alternatives continued, with speculation about the Adams Center remodeling progress. Instead of late 2022, the opening is delayed until Spring 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08.

M. David Bushouse, Secretary

Endacott Society Treasurer's Report 2022-2023

Receipts Through 5/31/2023

Phillips Petroleum Distribution from Long-term Investment	14,441.03
Retired Faculty - Exp./Appr. Annual Transfer	6,997.03
Contrib. to Endacott Soc. (Exp./Appr.)	870.00
Total Receipts	22,308.06

Expenditures Phillips Account

KUAA building operation and maintenance	1,154.00
Newsletter and annual report printing and mailing	203.14
Purchase of laptop and laptop accessories	1,422.44
Game theory	27.31
Movies	62.10
Arts and Sciences lecture	20.55
Armchair Travel	8.40
Endacott	117.32
Other (sales tax on catering)	336.80
Care Correspondent Stamps	70.40
Supplies	200.48
Room rental	240.00
Meeting catering by Union, HyVee, McDonalds	4,374.81
Total Expenditures Phillips Account	8,237.75
Expenditures Expressions of Appreciation	
Contribution to Campus Cupboard	90.00
Expenditures Oral History	
Oral history transcription software	99.00
Transcription	127.50
Total Expenditures Oral History	226.50
Ending Balances 5/31/2023	
Phillips Petroleum Company	6,203.28
Retired Faculty - Expressions of Appreciation	7,777.03
Oral History	359.98

Pam Houston, Treasurer

Standing Committees: Membership Report

- Membership as of May 2022 was 440. As of March 2023 the membership was 383. Snapshots, however, are sometimes difficult to compare since annual memberships come due throughout the year for individuals. *More importantly, the KU Alumni Association was closed for remodeling this past year.*
- I obtained lists of retired faculty and staff from July 2021 thru June 2022. The list totaled 97 retirees.
 - Worked with the Alumni Association to cross check the retiree names for current Alumni Association membership and secondary cross check for Endacott Society membership.
 - Goals:
 - Those who are already Alumni Association members but not an Endacott Member will be encouraged to become active in Endacott.
 - Remaining retirees will be encouraged to join Alumni Association and become active in the Endacott Society, most likely at the reduced rate offered.
- Recruitment of the 2021-22 retirees:
 - In October 2022, a letter from the Endacott Society (on KU Alumni Association letterhead) was sent to retirees who are current alumni members who are not active in Endacott. A similar letter was sent to those who are not current alumni members. Both explained our activities and included an Endacott Society brochure. Updated in 2022, this brochure also contains an application for membership.

- b. Usually, an invitation for them to be guests at the upcoming October evening lecture and dinner is mailed. However, no dinners were held during 2022-23.
 - c. The monthly newsletter (included month schedule of events) was sent to all new retirees for three months (November thru January).
 - d. Evaluate success of the process.
 - Nothing formal was evaluated during 2022-23.
 - **A future consideration:** Consider re-contacting those who have been retired one year or longer to inquire about their interest in joining Endacott.
 - It has been suggested that we list the 2022-23 KU retiring faculty and staff in a fall newsletter.
4. Recruitment of the 2021-22 retirees.
 - a. I will request lists of the 2022-23 retirees and will contact them in July. They will be invited to a potluck dinner to be held in August..
 5. Membership recruitment is an ongoing project. Working with Austin Harris and Stephanie Shackelford of the KU Alumni Association is delightful. They are extremely helpful in our recruitment process.

Linda Mullens

Nominating Committee 2023-2024

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President-Elect:	Kevin Boatright
Secretary	David Bushouse (continuing)
Treasurer	Pam Houston (continuing)

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:
 Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Past President, and Chair.
 Mary Jane Dunlap and Lindy Eakin.

Newsletter Report

A team involving several Endacott members produced 11 newsletters in 2022-23. Each edition is posted on the Society website at <http://endacottsociety.org/newsletter/>

Staffing and Production: In 2021, Evie Rapport agreed to serve as copyeditor. Her professional editorial experience and knowledge of the campus have been an invaluable help.

Activity chairs provided news of events scheduled each month. Some members, including Paul Lim, Kevin Boatright, Cal Cink, Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, and Judy Niebaum, provided photos. I wrote many of the articles and set up a template each month to layout the news and photos.

Evie and MaryKay Mahoney set aside two to three days at end of each month to copyedit and proofread the final drafts. Dave Mannering posted each edition online.

Because Evie and I use Macintosh computers, we used Apple's desktop publishing software PAGES for the layout and design. For us, the Apple software was easier to use than Word, but wasn't easy for MaryKay who uses a PC. Dave Mannering also would have preferred a Word.doc version for posting. Supposedly PAGES documents can convert to a Word.doc, but the conversion was always garbled. Consequently, we provided MaryKay a PDF to review. MaryKay, by the way, is also a keen proofreader. Once all corrections were made, I sent MaryKay a clean revised PDF to forward to Dave to post online.

Content: We expanded the newsletter coverage from simply announcing each month's activities and events to include:

- Reports on progression of the Jayhawk Welcome Center construction and the Adams Alumni Center renovation and the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Endacott Society and KUAA on the use of the Jayhawk Welcome Center complex and the charges for room rentals
- Some campus and community upcoming events and any covid-related notices
- Endacott members' service and philanthropy within the community (teaching Osher Institute classes; volunteering with other organizations and events; endowment gifts promoting education, research and scholarship)
- Retirement and professional endeavors or honors of members and recent KU retirees
- Obituary notices of KU retirees
- Historical notes on the organization and its functions. 2023 marked the 40th anniversary of what is now the Endacott Society and the 100th anniversary of the graduation of Paul Endacott from KU. His philanthropy provided funding to house retiree services and activities in the Alumni building.

Circulation: MaryKay Mahoney copied and distributed the newsletter for the half dozen members who do not use computers or receive email. Members with email who elected in Spring 2020 to be on the Listserv for notices from Endacott Society were notified as each month's newsletter was posted. Those not on the Listserv may or may not be aware of the Endacott Society's activity since 2020. The Endacott membership roster includes about 400 names (several in same household). The Listserv includes approximately 300 names including some who are deceased so

that family who maintain email accounts may continue to receive news from the organization.

Since July 2022, I have been sending the link to each month's edition to some area media including: the University Daily Kansan, Lawrence Journal-World, The Lawrence Times, Kansas Public Radio, Lawrence Senior Magazine (Sunflower Publishing), and KLWN Radio. I also send each month's link to Letha Johnson, KU archivist, in Spencer Research Library.

Future: When the pandemic closed the Alumni Center offices in March 2020, the KUAA communications staff could no longer assist with newsletter production and mailing. Posting the newsletter online was a workable option. Some members had expected the newsletter would return to a printed version delivered by U.S. mail. Others tend to regard a paper version as an added expense and perhaps a waste of environmental resources. The Memorandum of Understanding does not provide KUAA communications assistance to produce or mail a newsletter. Endacott's membership may want to review the value and function of a newsletter regardless how it is delivered.

Five members responded to a question posed in the April 2023 edition: *Is a newsletter necessary?* The responses indicated, YES and urged the newsletter be continued. I believe a newsletter is a useful communication tool for this organization, especially when our connection to the campus tends to be occasional and our cohesion seems strained by the disruption of the pandemic and changes confronting higher education.

Working on the newsletter has been generally collaborative and pleasurable. My concept of the newsletter's purpose and of an editor's role once may have been useful but now is not. I will step away from the newsletter for the coming term.

Mary Jane Dunlap

Scrapbook (formerly Bulletin Board and Scrapbook)

Since being "nominated" to take over the duties of the scrapbook in July of 2022, I started printing the newsletter in full sheet on my printer, but with more photographs and added length, there are now two to a page, and the font is a bit smaller. Also added are obituaries of our dear members. Thanks to Jo Cink for clipping out of the newspaper those whose names I do not recognize. Occasional "Letters to the Editor" in the Journal World by our members are also included.

Laurie Doud

Care Correspondence

This year's cards sent by our group were from several members who donated a variety of beautiful and meaningful selections and were so appreciated by the sender. Communications included 40 Birthday, 10 Sympathy, 4 Get Well, 9 Thinking of You, 10 Anniversary, 8 Thank you and 25 Christmas cards.

It has been my pleasure to serve and I look forward to next year.

Carolyn Madaus

KU Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee

Professor John Poggio in Educational Psychology and Research chairs the committee. Ed Meyen is the committee's Endacott Society representative. In June, 2023 the Committee released a summary of the survey results to the Endacott Society.

During the June 28 Coffee Hour, John Poggio and Ed Meyen will share the RRBC Report with Endacott members.

Activities

Library Report

Since the Endacott Society moved back into the Adams Center I have yet to turn my attention to the library, where the reduced shelf space is very largely holding oral histories and the rest of the books are mostly in storage. My various commitments, including Great Books and notably Singing for Fun, have kept me quite busy, but I'm not offering that as an excuse. Now that I've given up leading Singing for Fun, I certainly intend to take stock of the library situation and see what needs to be done.

Jim Woelfel

Endacott Speaker Series

Armchair Travel

Presentations are usually given on second Thursday of the Month, at 1:30 PM

2022- September 22. Richard Kershenbaum and Jenny Lattimore travelled to North Macedonia earlier this year. They shared highlights of their trip. The presentation was in the Kansas Memorial Union, live and on Zoom, and was also made available on YouTube.

2023- January 19. Richard DeGeorge reviewed his family trip to Churchill, Manitoba, the polar bear capital of the world. The presentation was in the Kansas Memorial Union, live and on Zoom.

2023- March 9. Georgann Eglinski gave a PowerPoint presentation on her June 2022 trip to Latvia. The presentation was in the Lawrence Public Library, live and on Zoom and was also made available on YouTube.

Ron Schorr

Arts and Sciences Afternoon Lecture Programs

During the past year, five KU-related speakers made presentations. With one exception, these occurred on the second Thursday of a given month, starting in August 2022 and concluding in May 2023. All of the presentations took place in person: four at the Kansas Memorial Union and one at the Lied Center Pavilion. As is customary for this series, the theme was “eclectic!” Here’s a summary of the 2022-23 programs:

August 8: David Hann, a retired administrator in the KU Office of Research, read excerpts and discussed his recently published novel, *The Jayhawker Cleveland: Phantom Horseman of the Prairie*. It is the violent story of a little-known (and short-lived) Kansas-Missouri Border War figure during the early 1860s. A review writes that Hann “takes the reader on a trail ride through a gritty time in the American West when people were pitted against each other and some had to choose sides in a life-and-death battle of ideas.”

October 13: Susan Earle, curator of European and American art at KU’s Spencer Museum, provided the group with a personal preview of what to expect as the fourth floor galleries reopened in November after a long hiatus. Her talk was “Spencer Museum of Art: Renovation, Reinstallation, Reimagining.” In addition to a major renovation of the permanent collection gallery, a new study center was also created for class visits, research, and temporary installations. New and familiar works from the permanent collection were reinstalled in an innovative thematic arrangement, further enhancing the Spencer’s reputation as a local and regional treasure.

December 8: Judy Watts, a new assistant professor in the William Allen White School of Journalism & Mass Communications, discussed her recent research: “Songs, Movies and Memories: How People Enjoy Lighthearted Entertainment.” Watts and a colleague “found that people tend to have more memories associated with older songs and movie clips than newer ones, and they tend to be happier memories as well. People often travel mentally back to a time period when they re-encounter beloved media. We want to unpack what exactly they’re experiencing when they do that.” (The group resisted the urge to burst out singing “White Christmas!”)

February 9: Whitney Baker, KU Libraries’ head of conservation services at the Spencer Research Library, shared her recent research into the ornately bound business records of the Orsetti family business archive. They were an influential Tuscan family of the 16th through the 18th centuries. The manuscripts offer a look into life at the time and how business and personal expenses were kept. Part of the beauty of the books is the unique binding style and the ways different books were used for different accounting purposes. KU’s Orsetti archive is one of the largest of its kind in the U.S. It was the subject of an exhibition at the Spencer Research Library – “Keeping the Books” – that ran from November into February.

May 11: Derek Kwan, executive director of the Lied Center of Kansas since 2014, provided an insider’s view of “Highlights of the 2023-24 Season.” This fall marks the 30th anniversary of this exceptional regional venue for performing arts of all kinds: classical and popular music, dance, theatre, jazz, comedy, children’s shows, KU student ensemble performances, powwows and indigenous cultures festivals, various local community events, and more. The 2023-24 season was announced on April 30. Derek shared how programming decisions are made, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at the world of touring performances in the post-pandemic environment.

The 2023-24 Arts and Sciences series will resume in August. Suggestions for speakers are most welcome, as are volunteer presenters.

Kevin Boatright

Cinema Studies

Two volunteers assumed the responsibility for this activity, recently vacated by Fred Madaus and Paul Lim, in May 2022. Little did we realize the magnitude of the vacuum created by these two gentlemen. Fred, with the assistance of his wife Carolyn, served over 18 years as host of the Domestic Film category. Paul had assumed personal responsibility of hosting the categories of Documentary Films, Foreign Films, Opera, Music Appreciation and numerous Special Event Films for over eight years. He continued all of these through the Covid crisis by conducting monthly Zoom meetings from his home at his personal expense!

Being unable to operate at Paul's skill level without considerable instruction and expense of equipment and computer programs, we decided to begin simply by looking for a reliable location for members to view Domestic Films and Foreign Films while the Alumni Center was being remodeled. At first, we tried the Kansas Union which was adequate and free except for refreshments. Soon we found ourselves being shuffled to different rooms due to the influx of students during Orientation Month. Accordingly, in June we relocated to the Lawrence Public Library where we could schedule three months in advance. Parking was nearby, rooms were comfortable for 20 to 25 people, and equipment was provided. Additionally we could bring our own snacks and drinks as long as we put the rooms in order when we left. We tried to maintain consistency in scheduling to avoid conflicts with other activities regardless of where the meetings were held. Domestic Films on Second Tuesday, Documentary Films on Fourth Tuesday, Foreign Films Third or Fourth Friday depending on the number of Fridays in the month. We found it easier to do at the library with their extended scheduling.

We were able to show two categories of films, Domestic and Foreign, in May and June. The average attendance was eight, ranging from four to twelve. We decided to include Documentary Films in July and continued the three categories through December. We began finding new sources of films via the internet for which the library had convenient access. In January, we began experimenting by showing specials from PBS, 60 Minutes and the library's "KANOPY" program of digital movies.

Attendance monthly totals and (event averages): May 12 (6), June 19 (10), July 21 (7), August 29 (10), September 23 (8), October 22 (7), November 22 (7), December 15 (8), January 42 (10), February 42 (10), March 17 (4), April 27 (9), May 23 (8).

In summary, we showed 40 movies/videos over 13 months, to 299 attendees, totaling 69 hours 38 minutes of viewing time. That's an average of eight attendees for one hour 47 minutes viewing time.

The following is a table of movies by month and category shown in the past 13 months.

Date	Domestic Film	Foreign Film	Documentary Film
May 22	All About Eve (1950)	Cuckoo (2002)	(none)
June 22	Sully (2016)	Waking Ned Devine (1998)	(none)
July 22	1776 (1972)	The Great War of Archimedes(2019)	Yankee Doodle Dandy(1942)
Aug 22	River of No Return(1954)	Squadron 303(2017)	Hamilton: Building America(2017)
Sep 22	Dr. Strangelove(1964)	Russian Ark(2002)	March of the Penguins(2005)
Oct 22	Hound of Baskervilles(1988)	Farewell My Concubine(1993)	Haunted History of Halloween(1997)
Nov 22	Best Years of Our Lives (1946)	Like Water for Chocolate(1992)	Lion(2016)
Dec 22	Elf (2003)	Joyeux Noel (2005)	(none)
Jan 23	Little Big Man (1970)	Elevator to the Gallows (1958)	Winged Migration (1970)
Feb 23	Some Like It Hot (1959)	Adventures of Baron Munchausen (1988)	The Vanishing Wild 60 Minutes (2023) I Am Not Your Negro (2016), Zora Hurston, Claiming a Space, PBS Am. Exp.(2023)
Mar 23	The Big Easy (1986) They Were Expendable (1945)	Lovejoy: Firefly Cage (1986) Smoke Your Nose (1986)	Inventions That Changed the World (2013)
Apr 23	Hidden Figures (2016)	Professor and the Madman (2019)	Joseph Pulitzer: Voice of the People (2018)
May 23	Stand by Me (1986)	Run Lola Run (1998)	Hollywood Chinese (2007)
Jun 23	Music Man (1962)	The Artist (2011)	Truman, PBS, The Presidents (2022)

J. Thomas Adams & Nora Clark, Co-Chairs

Computer and Technology Studies

The Computer & Technology Studies Group generally met every first and third Wednesday from September to June an hour before the Wednesday Coffee met in the same room. Some weeks were missed when meeting rooms were being shuffled. There were 16 meetings with presentations held in the KU Memorial Union, The Senior Resource Center, and Adams Alumni Center. Nearly all meetings were hybrid (In-person plus Zoom). Typical in-person attendance was 8-12 members. Zoom attendance was never higher than three, and was often zero. Presentations and presenters were:

What the Heck Is This?	Dave Mannering
What's New with Robots?	Dave Mannering
Cyberattacks	Dave Mannering
Future Technology	Dave Mannering
Tot Toys, Bot Toys	Dave Mannering
Satellites (What's Up There?)	Dave Mannering
A.I. Playground (Generative A.I.)	Dave Mannering
Chromebooks	Ron Schorr
CES Highlights	Dave Mannering
Internet Time Travel	Dave Mannering
History of Recording and Broadcast Technology	John Nicholson
How Technology Got in Your Wallet	Gary Minden
A.I. Ethics – A Contradiction in Terms	Richard DeGeorge.
The Connected Traveler	Richard Kershenbaum
Thinking Machines (Part 1)	Dave Mannering
Thinking Machines (Part 2)	Dave Mannering

David Mannering

Drama Studies

The Drama Studies group was led by Michael and Anne Shaw in 2022-3. During this period, the group met on average twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays at 1:30.

Members of the group took turns introducing the plays, assigning parts and leading discussion following the play reading. Our meetings were held in the Community Room of Pioneer Ridge Independent Living, and we are very grateful for their friendly reception. By the end of July 2023 we will have read twelve plays of remarkable quality and variety.

Here is our schedule for the period:

- September: Molière: "The Misanthrope," led by Preston Fambrough
- October: Williams: "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," led by Ginny Fambrough
- November: Miller: "The Death of a Salesman," led by Kevin Boatright
- December: Glaspell: "Trifles" and Pinter: "Landscape," led by Audrey Kamb-Stoddard
- January: Euripides: "Iphigenia in Aulis," led by Michael Shaw (in his translation)
- February: Durrenmatt: "The Visit," led by Frank and Betty Baron
- March: Inge: "The Dark at the Top of the Stairs," led by Kevin Boatright
- April: Chekhov: "The Cherry Orchard," led by Anne Shaw
- May: Shakespeare: "Much Ado about Nothing," led by Ginny Fambrough
- June: Aidoo: "Anowa," led by Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka
- July: Beaumarchais: "The Marriage of Figaro," led by Preston Fambrough

Two members did not lead a play but played their share of roles: Nora Clark and Margaret Arnold. Our group lost an enthusiastic and able participant this year: Betty Baron.

We will not meet in August and will resume in September. We welcome new members: the play is the thing.

Michael and Anne Shaw

Endacott at the Lied Center

Lied Center Executive Director Derek Kwan offered Endacott members the opportunity to be special guests at a Lied Center performance in February. Over eighty Endacott members attended a dazzling and powerful concert by the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra on February 27. It was both a privilege and an unforgettable experience to watch the musicians create such beauty while in exile from a country in the midst of war.

MaryKay Mahoney

Endacott ReMembers

On Monday, Nov. 7, eighteen Endacott members met in the Burge Union to remember those Endacott Society members who are no longer with us. As part of the event, the group watched the film *Defending Your Life*.

MaryKay Mahoney

Evening Lecture and Potluck Dinner Series

In ordinary times, these events were scheduled five times a year on the third Thursday of the month. The Adams Alumni Center building was closed for remodeling during the 2022-23 activity year. No Programs or dinners were held.

The usual duties for this series include:

- Announcements in the Endacott Newsletter and in an email to the Retirees ListServe.

- Arrange with the Alumni Center for presenter's equipment needs and the number of dinner tables to set up.

- Recruit committee members and assign duties.

- Schedule speakers and send thank notes to them.

Linda Mullens

Games Theory

For 2023-24, Games Theory will be offered as a cooperative effort between the Senior Resource Center (SRC) and the Endacott Society. It will be offered on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:00 in the game room of the SRC. Games will be open to Endacott Society members as well as the public. We hope to continue to offer Bridge and Mah-Jong, but open social games will be the focus. These games will change each month and feature games for 6 or more people that are easy to learn and play and have a strong social component. Feedback from participants regarding games they enjoy or would like to see offered will guide future offerings.

Steven Lee

Garden Seminar

Garden Seminar of the Endacott Society met nearly every Wednesday morning at 8:30am during the past year on Zoom. Zoom meetings were continued because of surges of new, more transmissible Covid variants. In May 2022 we started to meet again in person at the KU Union with a hybrid format meeting, using Zoom for those who could not attend in person. We returned to meeting at 9:00 am in the Pine Room prior to the 10:00am Wednesday Coffee

The emphasis of our meetings continues to be gardening topics provided weekly by the Kansas State University Extension Horticulture Newsletter. I included a link to this Newsletter with the email meeting reminder we sent out each week and links to interesting videos of gardening topics as well as natural history topics from the PBS science program called Deep Look. Examples of the Deep Look videos included: *An Unusual Dandelion Look-a-like*, *Axolotyl Salamanders*, *Australian Walking-sticks*, *This Mushroom Fakes its own Death to trick flies*. We used articles from Garden Smart blog in the form of power point presentations throughout the year. Titles of some of the Powerpoints included: *Coneflowers Rock the Garden*, *Bleeding Hearts*, *Four fabulous fragrant shrubs*, and *Plants that Press the Snooze button in Spring*. Titles of some of the videos included *Protecting plants from winter's ravages*; *Perennial of the year 2022*; *Growing mushrooms, manger herbs and air plants*; *Helleborus flowers*; *Growing different types of indoor ferns as house plants*; *Fragrant herbs you should try out*; and *Pruning Forsythia*.

This year we continued programs on botanical gardens, both in the United States and Europe. These included the International Peace Garden in North Dakota, the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in Booth Bay (covered over 3 meetings; introductory video, spring and fall visits), the Chatsworth Gardens in Derbyshire, England, and

Christmas Magic at Kew Gardens in London, England. We hope to include more of these programs next year. Several field trips were contemplated by the group but proved impractical with Covid variant surges. Hopefully next year those sites will allow visitors.

One of the highlights of some meetings this year were K-State Extension's Garden Hour webinars that were recorded and available on-line after they were originally broadcast. Each program came with a list of reference materials that were available to support each program. We normally used one per month. Some of the titles included: *Native Plants to Support Native Bees*, *Basics of Growing Berries in Kansas*, *Vermicomposting 101: Composting with Worms*, *Supporting Backyard Birds*, *Winter Interest in the Landscape*, *Vegetable varieties for Bountiful Harvests*, *Starting Plants from Seeds*. Each of these were about an hour in length and professionally done by Kansas Extension Agents.

We took advantage of our own Douglas County Extension Horticulturist Tom Buller, to give his annual review of his current projects in the county with a Zoom visit. He always does a great job of answering our questions. We asked him for a return visit next year.

We had a variable number of members attend each week but typically six to eight came on Zoom to join us. Numbers seemed to dwindle as the year progressed. There was a slight up-tick when we met in person during May. There were a few who attended in person that never joined us on Zoom. The early morning meeting time may have cut down on attendance. Those that came seemed to enjoy discussing gardening and natural history topics and learning new things.

Cal and Jo Cink: Co-chairs of the Garden Seminar

Great Books

Great Books meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. In 2022 my surgery and extended recovery period resulted in a hiatus from June through December. Resuming our regular sessions in January 2023, we continue to meet on Zoom and enjoy lively discussions. Below is a list of the readings for each meeting.

January 11, 2023: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, seven short stories from *The Yellow Wallpaper and Other Stories*: "The Yellow Wallpaper," "Three Thanksgivings," "The Cottagette," "Turned," "Making a Change," "If I Were a Man," and "Mr. Peebles' Heart."

February 8, 2023: Mark Twain, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*.

March 8, 2023: Louisa May Alcott, *Hospital Sketches*.

April 12, 2023: Leo Tolstoy, *The Death of Ivan Ilych*.

May 10, 2023: Katherine Mansfield, three short stories set in Europe: "The Little Governess," "An Indiscreet Journey," and "The Daughters of the Late Colonel."

June 14, 2023: Frederick Douglass, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*.

James Woelfel

Lunch Bunch

Every week a group of gregarious members meet for lunch. Meetings for the first half of the year were on Thursdays. Beginning in January Lunch Bunch gatherings were moved to Wednesday. During the winter and when the weather was unpleasant, we would meet at various restaurants in town. When the weather is nice, we meet in the Weinberg Pavilion at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum. Attendance usually varies between 8 and 12.

Ron Schorr

Old Time Radio Shows

Our group meets for about two hours, on the last Monday of the month, to learn about, listen to, and discuss Old Time Radio shows. We do not meet in December. No preparation is required of attendees except to show up and enjoy. The shows from the '30s, '40s, and '50s, and their associated commercials elicit lively discussion both about the shows and related aspects of life during those times, such as the roles of homemakers and the nature of advertising. We normally listen to three half-hour episodes at each meeting. On occasion, we may do a one hour episode, or listen to multiple 15-minute shows.

Our meetings are currently held through Zoom, and we will probably continue to do so for the next year, at least. The Zoom format has been working well for this group. We average about ten people attending each meeting and encourage guests to attend when they are able.

In July we listened to episodes of *Yours Truly*, *Johnny Dollar* and *The Thin Man*.

In August, the theme was **Comedy** shows. We heard *The Bob Hope Show*, *Easy Aces* (which began here in the Kansas City area), *Popeye*, and *Fibber McGee and Molly*.

The September theme was **Bunco and Con Men**. We listened to *Bunco Squad*, *Dragnet*, and *This is Your F.B.I.*

Continuing our tradition, **Three Scary Stories for Halloween** was the theme for October. We listened to *Escape*, *Inner Sanctum*, and *Suspense*.

In November, the theme was **Holiday Shows**. We listened to two Christmas-themed episodes of *Bing Crosby* and *Hallmark Playhouse*, and a Thanksgiving episode of *Casey, Crime Photographer*. We also decided that instead of a theme each month, we'd just usually go with a mix of shows.

December called for our annual break, so we could spend it with loved ones.

In January, we had a major malfunction in Zoom and we could only meet for about 20 minutes. No shows were played, and the program was rescheduled for March.

In February, we heard *The Charlie McCarthy and Edgar Bergen Show*, *The Screen Director's Playhouse* which was from the movie "Stagecoach" with John Wayne, and *You Bet Your Life*. This was also the month that as a group, we completed our first fifty entire meetings.

In March, we began with an episode of *Box 13* with Alan Ladd, the top five musical recordings from 1925, and a *Life of Riley* episode.

The April meeting offered a grab-bag of shows. We started with an episode of *Ripley's Believe It or Not*, then listened to a true crime show, *Somebody Knows*, in this case an attempt to solve the Black Dahlia (Elizabeth Short) murder, and ended with the final episode of *The Stan Freberg Show*.

In our May meeting we began with *Dr. Kildare*, moved on to the western, *Fort Laramie* (starring Raymond Burr), and finished with Jack Webb as *Pat Novak For Hire*.

In June, *Broadway is My Beat* was first up, followed by an episode of *Burns and Allen*, and finishing with *The Mysterious Traveler*.

Once again, I think as a group we had a successful year and I look forward to sharing new programs and information during the next year. Mostly, though, I look forward to continuing to meet in our community and sharing something we all seem to enjoy.

John R. Nicholson

Oral History Project

Committee Members/Interviewers:

Martin Bergee, David Bushouse, Nora Clark, Elizabeth Miller, Iris Fischer Smith, Audrey Kamb-Studdard.

The Oral History project was reinitiated in January 2023. I took on the role of chair after many years of wonderful leadership by Sandra Wiechert. She has been very helpful in getting me oriented and up and running. Following almost three years of pandemic hiatus, there has been some turnover in interviewers in the interim, but several people continue to participate and we have recruited several new people to the project. We have re-established our connection with Audio-Reader to use their sound studios for recording interviews. The process is also now all digital and we are using AI software to aid in the transcription of the audio files.

Following the pandemic hiatus, we are beginning to chip away at the backlog of people to interview. We have retirees from 2020 forward as a pool to

interview and are also open to previous retirees who have not been interviewed. As of June 1, we have seven scheduled interviews and several pending scheduling. One of our contacts has completed her own autobiographical history and we are filing that with the Endacott Society and the Spencer Research Library.

As in the past, our interviews aim to capture the retiree's "life story," from childhood to retirement. The interviews are recorded then transcribed and the interviewee has an opportunity to edit the transcript. The final copies are distributed to the interviewee, the Endacott Society, and the Spencer Research Library.

Our future plans are to keep interviewing as much as we can, to work with Spencer on finding a better aid for the transcripts (online) and making more of the transcripts available online.

Lindy Eakin

Out of Town Travel

After a two-year Pandemic hiatus, the Endacott out-of-town travel group resumed programming.

The out-of-town travel committee led a group of ten Endacott members to the Crystal Bridges American Art Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas October 27-28, 2022. This was the first Endacott overnight trip since before the Pandemic. In addition to Crystal Bridges, members also visited the Museum of Native American History and the Walmart Museum. Several Endacott members volunteered to drive.

On February 16, 2023 the Endacott out-of-town travel group enjoyed - despite less than sublime weather - an outing to Union Station in Kansas City for a tour of an exceptional exhibit on the history and artifacts of the Maya civilization in what is now southern Mexico and Central America. Twenty-one intrepid

explorers made the trip, including a group of volunteer drivers who braved icy driveways to make it to reasonably clear main roads and highways. After the tour, we convened for lunch at Harvey's in Union Station.

On June 1, 2023 the Endacott out-of-town travel group of about seventeen people toured the recently renovated Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, Missouri. After enjoying the guided tour, the group had lunch at Truman's favorite area restaurant - Dixon's Chili in Independence.

Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden

Singing for Fun

After our May 2022 outdoor gathering, we didn't meet again until February of 2023. Since the reopening of the renovated Adams Alumni Center, Singing for Fun has continued to be "homeless." Our February 24 meeting was in the Kansas Room of the Kansas Union; the theme of the singing was love songs, in honor of Valentine's Day. We met in the Fireside Room of First Presbyterian Church for our March and April gatherings. We had to move our traditional 10 o'clock Friday meeting time to 1:30 on Fridays to accommodate the church's schedule. We met on March 31, singing songs celebrating spring, and again on April 28, with a nod to songs specifically about April.

On May 24 I notified people on the SFF mailing list that, with profound regret, I felt that I could no longer chair Singing for Fun. I also canceled the gathering I had scheduled for May 26. Among a multiplicity of commitments, I felt that the time and effort involved was disproportionately large and creating a great deal of stress. So as things stand at this time, Singing for Fun will no longer be an Endacott activity.

Jim Woelfel

Tai Chi

Weather permitting, the Tai Chi group of 8-12 met weekly in South Park. Of course, the lack of an indoor facility has cramped our style. Regular attendees, however, have made great progress, and have learned by experience the mental and physical benefits of the simplified Yang style 24 form of Tai Chi.

Haskell Springer

Technology Support

Routine technology support for this year has been mostly hosting Zoom meetings and updating the Endacott Society web site as needed. Website updates included keeping the activities calendar up-to-date, recording the activities topics in the archive, and publishing the monthly newsletter. The Endacott Society Gmail account received a few messages each month, mostly requests for subscribing or unsubscribing to the Retirees E-mail List. These requests were handled by Wes Hubert or me.

I worked with KU IT and an advisory group (Wes Hubert, Richard Kershenbaum, David Bushouse) to acquire a new Dell Latitude laptop computer which is now used in the Endacott Society office and for meeting presentations. I added several peripherals to the laptop, acquired a 4TB external hard drive and backed up all Endacott Society data files from our existing desktop computers to it.

I prepared our four desktop computers for delivery to KU IT for surplus.

In March the Endacott Society's Zoom Pro license was renewed for another year.

David Mannering

Wednesday Coffee Hour (Ten O’Clock Scholars)

While our traditional Wednesday coffee/business meeting continued to meet every week for the past year, the location and catering arrangements were at times in a state of transition.

Former president Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka had, with great foresight, reserved rooms at the Kansas Union for coffee through March 1, 2023, which provided us with a stable home for much of the year. When the Union changed its policies for room and technology charges, we ended up migrating between the Lawrence Public Library (LPL) and the Senior Resource Center (SRC) during March and early April. For most of our Wednesday meetings we managed to have a Zoom component in addition to a face-to-face meeting.

As of Wednesday, April 12, we moved back into the newly renovated Adams Alumni Center. We now hold our weekly coffee (with a few exceptions for scheduling conflicts) in the Paul Adam Lounge of the Alumni Center. We continue to have a Zoom component.

The situation for refreshments likewise kept changing throughout the year. When we met in the Union, all treats had to come from Union caterers. When we met at the LPL or the SRC, individual members provided treats and Tom Adams kindly offered to bring the coffee. Now that we’re back at the Alumni Center, the coffee is provided by Hy-Vee. The MOU we negotiated with KUAA allows us to provide our own treats at the Adams Center as long as we clean up afterwards, thus allowing us to keep up a delicious decades-long tradition. We also have continued another tradition, that of celebrating birthdays on the third Wednesday of every month with a birthday cake and a rendition of “Happy Birthday.”

Over the year, treats for Wednesday coffee were provided by Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Jo Cink, Pam and Doug Houston, Pat and Wes Hubert, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Paul Lim, Carolyn Madaus, Dave Marden, Judy Niebaum, Jan Roth, Ron Schorr, and Sandra Wiechert. Cleanup was done by Laura Borchert, Jo and Cal Cink, Irene Davis, Pam and Doug Houston, Pat Hubert, Audrey Kamb-Studdard, Carolyn Madaus, Carol Shankel, and Sandra Wiechert.

Throughout all of this, the Wednesday coffee/business meeting has retained its role as a signature event for the Endacott Society, with from twenty-five to thirty-five people attending each week. In addition to socializing, over the past year members examined a variety of issues, including how Endacott defines itself as a group, how Endacott can become more relevant to KU retirees, and how Endacott can develop more of a presence in terms of service to the larger community.