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About this newsletter

As many of you know by now our previous newsletter editor, Mary Jane Dunlap, and assistant, Evie Rapport, decided to step down at the end of June. While the editor position is vacant, newsletters will stick to the bare bones and contain only the monthly activities schedule and a few short news items. Submissions by readers are encouraged. The newsletter will continue to be published as a PDF document on the web site.

The last year

There have been at least three occasions in the Retirees' Club/Endacott Society's history where major events have threatened the ongoing health of the organization. The first was when, in response to an IRS audit, the Retirees Club was moved under the KU Alumni Association control and the name changed to the Endacott Society. The

second was when the pandemic hit, and it was no longer possible to meet face-to-face. The third occasion, I'd argue, just happened. Even after the pandemic restrictions were lifted, we did not have a permanent home. When our home in the Adams Alumni Center was ready, we faced a no-longer rent-free existence, and a regimen that put several restrictions on our activities. As a result, our current activities are spread out across multiple venues around town. Although it's too early to judge the long-term effects of this change, so far we are adapting well, and I think our organization is finally getting healthier. Kudos to president MaryKay Mahoney for shepherding us through this recent turbulence.

-Dave Mannering

Budgeting

After a hiatus of several years, we will be preparing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Because we are

now paying room rent for several activities, and the cost of catering has skyrocketed, while our revenue has stayed relatively fixed, we need budgeting as a tool and safeguard to help us stay in the black. Each officer and activity leader has received a budget request form to fill out, and the forms will be consolidated into a budget document that will govern our expenditures for the year. The final budget will not be available by the time this goes to press, but look for a summary in the August newsletter.

Service projects

In addition to the Oral History project and what has become our annual food donation to the Campus Cupboard, we will be looking for opportunities to contribute to KU in other ways this year. We will be establishing a budget line for one or more additional service projects, and we will be soliciting ideas in the coffee meetings. There will be several criteria for what these projects might be, but one important one is that they should increase the Endacott Society's visibility and interaction with KU faculty, staff, students, potential students, and/or alumni.

Resumption of Evening Lecture and Potluck Dinner

Save the date: On August 17 our potluck dinners will resume in the Adams Alumni Center. Details will be announced later.

Parking Permits

Parking permits expire on July 31. Retiree permits will be available to purchase starting July 1. Annual permits are \$110. Daily permits are \$1/day for retirees. 15- and 30-use permits for 23-24 will be available starting August 1.

RRBC Survey

As you know the KU Retirement Rights & Benefits Committee recently conducted a survey to obtain retirees' opinions on matters related to retirement at KU. At the June 28 Wednesday Coffee meeting, RRBC Chair John Poggio and Endacott's RRBC representative Ed Meyen led a discussion of the survey results. We will cover the details of that discussion in the August newsletter.

Endacott Society Officers 2023-2024

President	<i>Dave Mannering</i>
President-Elect	<i>Kevin Boatright</i>
Secretary	<i>David Bushouse</i>
Treasurer	<i>Pam Houston</i>

July Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No presentations are planned for July.

Arts & Sciences

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Sunday, July 16, 1:30 PM, Cider Gallery, 810 Pennsylvania St.

A special event featuring Ed Laut, who has been recording all six of Bach's cello suites to be released on CD. Desserts and refreshments will be offered. Co-sponsored by Paul Lim.

Cinema Studies

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Tuesday, July 11, 11:00 AM, Lawrence Public Library Room C

DOMESTIC FILM: ***Catch Me If You Can (2002)***

In a plot based on a true story, Frank Abagnale, Jr. runs away from home after his parents file for divorce. He begins to con his way around - getting better with each ruse. Posing as a pilot, a lawyer and a doctor he earns his money from cashing forged cheques. As the numbers go up, FBI agent Carl Hanratty starts tracking him in a game of cat and mouse. Directed by Steven Spielberg, the movie was nominated for two Oscars and had 16 wins and 46 nominations. (2002 2h 21m)

Friday, July 21, 1:30 PM, Lawrence Public Library Room C

FOREIGN FILM: ***The Scarlet Pimpernel (TV Movie 1982)***

During the French Revolution, a mysterious English nobleman, known only as The Scarlet Pimpernel (humble wayside flower), snatches French aristocrats from the jaws of the guillotine, while posing as a foppish Sir Percy Blakeney in society. Percy falls for and marries the beautiful actress Marguerite St. Just, but she is involved with Chauvelin and Robespierre, and Percy's marriage to her may endanger the Pimpernel's plans to save the little Dauphin. Directed by Clive Donner, the movie won an Emmy for Outstanding Costume Design for a Limited Series or Special and had 1 win and 2 nominations. (1982 2h 22m)

Tuesday, July 25, 1:30 PM, Lawrence Public Library Room C

DOCUMENTARY FILM: *The Ornament of the World* (PBS 2019)

This movie tells a story from the past that's especially timely today: the story of a remarkable time in history when Muslims, Christians and Jews forged a common cultural identity that frequently transcended their religious differences. It retraces an 800-year period in medieval Spain when Muslims, Christians and Jews coexisted in a manner that led to the creation of great works of art, architecture, literature and music. Directed by Michael Schwarz. (2019 1h 55m)

Drama Studies

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Tuesday, July 4, 1:30 PM, Pioneer Ridge Retirement Center Community Room

Tuesday, July 18, 1:30 PM, Pioneer Ridge Retirement Center Community Room

In July, the drama studies group is reading Beaumarchais's "The Marriage of Figaro." Our leader will be Preston Fambrough.

Games Theory

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Thursday, July 20, 1:30PM, Senior Resource Center

This month's group game will be Balderdash, a hilarious and creative bluffing game that challenges players to come up with convincing definitions for obscure words. Hope to see you there. Here's an overview: <https://youtu.be/J5L0L7do6zs>

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, July 12, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, July 26, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, July 12, 1:30 PM, Zoom

Our reading will be the British writer Rebecca West's early novel/novella *The Return of the Soldier* (1918). West, who lived a long, full, and rather remarkable life (1892-1983), was a novelist, journalist, essayist, and biographer. Having established a wide literary reputation in both fiction and non-fiction during the 1920s and '30s, in 1945 she began writing for *The New Yorker*. As a journalist during the post-war years, she reported on the Nuremberg war crimes trials, McCarthyism in America, the Berlin Blockade, a lynching trial in South Carolina, the spy case of Alger Hiss, South Africa under apartheid, and the Profumo Affair in Britain. (Harry Truman called her "the world's best reporter.") At the end of World War II West published a book on the war entitled *The Meaning of Treason*. Perhaps her most acclaimed book is *Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A*

Journey through Yugoslavia (1941). She also wrote a study of St. Augustine and his influence (1933).

The Return of the Soldier, West's first novel, is about Chris Baldry, an officer in the British Army during World War I who is a victim of shell-shock in battle in 1916. Physically undamaged, he suffers from amnesia, unable to remember anything that has happened in the past fifteen years. He comes home to his wife Kitty and his cousin and childhood companion Jenny, who is the narrator. The other woman in his life is Margaret, the love of his younger years who reappears in his life.

The Return of the Soldier is available in several paperback editions, and in a pdf format. In my paperback copy it's about 70 pages long. Happy reading!

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 AM

Ron will announce a local restaurant each week. Or, weather permitting, he may announce a plan to dine picnic-style at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. Please contact Ron by email to receive his announcements.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, July 31, 1:30 PM

Rescheduled from June, we will listen to Broadway Is My Beat. This show is about a newspaper reporter covering the "most violent mile" in New York. We will also listen to another episode of Burns and Allen. The final show will be The Mysterious Traveler. The stories on this show usually have a twist ending, much like O. Henry's short stories. No reservations are necessary.

Out-of-Town Travel

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No trips are planned in July.

Technology Studies (Hybrid)

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Wednesday, July 5, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Thinking Machines (Part 3)

Wednesday, July 19, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Thinking Machines (Part 4)

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, July 5, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center – Birthday Cake

Wednesday, July 26, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center



The Out-of-Town Travel group at the Truman Library and Museum in June