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About this newsletter

After much consideration I have taken on the role of newsletter editor, and Audrey Kamb-Studdard will be the proof reader. After talking with the members about the length of the newsletters we will continue with Dave's more concise format relating to only Endacott monthly programs and upcoming or special activities. I welcome your input and suggestions.--
Laurie Doud

Anyone interested in **Opera Study**, please contact Paul Lim at plim@ku.edu

Budget Highlights

On July 18 the Endacott Society Board approved our 2023-24 budget. It's been several years since we have created a formal budget and circumstances have changed a lot, so we recognize that some of our entries are guesstimates. However, this baseline budget will give us a good start for making a more accurate budget next year.

The full budget document is available in the Endacott office, but here are the new activities and projects that have been approved:

Endacott Ambassador to Students – A way for members to formally interact with KU students. Details are still being worked out.

Voices of Experience – A panel of members willing to share their retirement experience and advice with KU faculty and staff who are thinking about retiring. More on this in the September newsletter.

40th Anniversary Celebration – A task force has been formed to plan this event for Oct. 12. Stay tuned.

Engineering Library Donation & Poster
Related to our 40th anniversary, this will recognize the involvement of Paul Endacott in Engineering, KU Basketball, Phillips Petroleum, the Adams Alumni Center, and the ultimate existence of the Endacott Society.

TGIT Sponsorship – We will sponsor one of the Thank Goodness It's Thursday sessions that the KU Alumni Association provides for KU faculty and staff. This will give the Endacott Society great in-person exposure to some potential members. More information will be available once a date is confirmed.

RBBC Survey Results

On June 28 John Poggio, chair of the Retirement Rights and Benefits Committee of the KU Faculty Senate, and Ed Meyen, the Endacott Society representative on that committee, made a presentation to the Wednesday Coffee on the Final Report: 2023 KU University Senate RRBC Retirees Survey (made available to Endacott Society members via the Retirees List). They listed some common threads in the survey results and made some general recommendations, including continuing KU IT support services for retirees, and establishing a high-level KU administrator to address retirees' concerns. They noted that the Endacott Society is the only post-retirement support group specifically for KU

retirees and we should play an advocacy role. A related activity we are undertaking is Voices of Experience listed in the Budget Highlights article.

Parking permits expire on July 31. Retiree permits will be available to purchase starting August 1. Annual permits are \$110. Daily permits are \$1/day for retirees. 15- and 30-use permits for '23-'24.
<https://ku.nupark.com/portal> or 785-272-7275

August Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No presentations are planned for August.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Thursday, August 10, 1:30 p.m. @ Adam's Alumni Center

Dennis Domer, Professor Emeritus of American Studies
"Embattled Lawrence: The Enduring Struggle for Freedom"

Dennis will discuss his new book, the second of four projected volumes about the history of Lawrence. It is available in advance at Raven Book Store and the Watkins Museum of History, and may also be purchased at the event.

Cinema Studies

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DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, **August 8th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**
Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

Hopscotch, (Adventure, Comedy)

Grounded with a desk job by incompetent superiors, a clever CIA agent retires and writes a "tell all" memoir that will embarrass his bosses, prompting him to go on the run and elude them. Directed by Ronald Neame the movie received three nominations. (1980 1 hr 46 min)

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, **August 18th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**
Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

Spirited Away (Animation, Adventure, Fantasy)

During her family's move to the suburbs, a sullen 10-year-old girl wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches and spirits, a world where humans are changed into beasts. Written and Directed

by Hayao Miyazaki the movie had 58 wins and 31 nominations and won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature. (2001 2 hrs 5 min)

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, **August 22nd, 1:30 to 4:00pm**
Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

Titanic's Final Mystery (Documentary, Drama, History)

The documentary looks at the reasons behind the sinking and lack of rescue of the RMS Titanic, and sees Tim Matlin, author of several books about the Titanic, travel to locations across Europe, North American and the Atlantic Ocean to meet experts and perform experiments to test theories. Written with two others and Directed by Nigel Levy the movie had one nomination. (TV Movie 2012 1hr 33 min)

Drama Studies

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Drama Studies will NOT meet in August. See you in September.

Games Theory

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August 17th @ 1:30 at the **Senior Resource Center**

This Games Theory game for August will be Face the Music. This game is similar but easier than "Name that Tune". Songs that reached #1 on the Billboard pop list from 1955 to 1975 will be used. These are songs that are seared into our memories. But if you hear it, do you know the name of the song, the artist or the year it was released? That is the challenge! We can pair up into dyads or small groups to help you discern the answers. Great fun, wonderful music and memories. Be sure to attend.

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

The Garden Seminar meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 9:00am.

Aug. 9— **Senior Resource Center-- Integrating Plants Into Your Home Landscape**

Aug. 23—Adams Alumni Center-- **Summer-Sown and Fall-Harvested Gardens.**

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

We'll meet (via Zoom) on Wednesday, August 9, at 1:30 pm to discuss George Orwell's *Animal Farm* (1946).

Animal Farm stands in the literary tradition of the fabulists, like Aesop and Jean de la Fontaine, who illuminated human behavior through animal characters. It also belongs to the legacy of political satire exemplified by writers like Swift and Voltaire. While Orwell specifically sought to

expose Stalinist communism, his story remains timely as we've witnessed some democratic movements and governments transformed into authoritarian or dictatorial regimes.

Animal Farm is available in several paperback editions, both new and used. There are also pdf versions. Happy reading, and I'll hope to see you onscreen on Wednesday, August 9

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.

Movement Workshop

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Weather permitting, the Tai Chi group will meet for instruction and practice on August 4 and 11 at 9:00 AM in South Park

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

August 28th from 1:30 to 3:30pm

The zoom waiting room opens at 1:15, with the program beginning at 1:30. If this is your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

We will listen to the first episode of **Dr. Kildare**. Then we will also listen to **The Six Shooter**. We have listened to the show a couple of times before, and the consensus was that it was excellent. James Stewart does a fantastic job of narrating. The final show will be **Pat Novak For Hire**, starring Jack Webb as the smart-mouthed private detective.

Out-of-Town Travel

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No trips are planned in August.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

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AUGUST 17 at the Adams Alumni Center.

We begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker is Rex Buchanan, Director Emeritus of the Kansas Geological Survey. His topic is "Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills". The sign-up sheet is available during the Wednesday morning coffees. You may also sign up by responding to this email or calling me at 841-0958. The

information needed is: # of guests, name, and what potluck item you plan to bring...appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert. Meat is provided.

We will set up the food in the Pub and eat in the Bruckmiller room,

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, August 9. Hope you can attend!

Technology Studies (Hybrid)

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Wednesday, August 2, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Thinking Machines (Part 5) – wrapping up this series on A.I.

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

What the Heck Is This? – Our annual mysterious technology session

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, August 2, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, August 9, 10:00 AM, **Senior Resource Center**

Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center – Birthday Cake

Wednesday, August 23, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, August 30, 10:00 AM, **Senior Resource Center**

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Photo courtesy of Tom Adams



Photo by Laurie

Ed Laut's cello performance was hosted by Paul Lim at the Cider Gallery on July 16.

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 to www.kualumni.org/join to find the membership option for Endacott Society.

Expressions of Appreciation

Contributions or memorial gifts in honor of living or deceased persons should be paid directly to the Endacott Society in care of the Adams Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave., Lawrence KS 66045-3169. These gifts will be deposited in the Expressions of Appreciation Fund and can, if so designated, be used to support the Endacott Society activities.