



November 2023

What's new (and old):

40th Anniversary Celebration

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration was enjoyed by 70-plus attendees, from the basketball shooting, to the excellent buffet, the beautiful centerpieces, and the Midway Brass Quintet. The festivities were accompanied by a looping slideshow of some key moments in the history of the KU Retiree's Endacott Society. The 38th president, Dave Mannering, paid homage to the first four presidents presenting the evolution of the organization. He rang in the start of the next 40 years with a toast and the familiar bell from our Wednesday Coffee. Kudos to President-Elect **Kevin Boatright** and the Celebration committee for making it all work smoothly. With our 40th year behind us the Endacott Society is now officially middle-aged.

RRBC

Ed Meyen is stepping down as the Endacott Society representative to the KU Retirement Rights and Benefits Committee. We thank Ed for his service as the committee performed the valuable task of creating, disseminating, and analyzing the survey that went out to retirees earlier this year. Our new representative is Gary Minden, who is also on our Voices of Experience panel. If you have issues or concerns you would like the RRBC to address, please let Gary know. gminden@ku.edu

Finds in the attic

We've occupied our new office in the Alumni Center for about six months now, and we have still not quite finished going through the boxes we had in storage for three years.

Upon unpacking we discovered a fascinating scrapbook kept by a student who was enrolled at KU from 1913 to 1917. His name was Ivan Huntsinger, and his scrapbook was donated to the KUAA by his son in 2008 with the hope that it could be preserved. It contains the sort of thing that you might expect from a student scrapbook: photos, playbills, ticket stubs, clippings, dance cards (!), and even pages for friends to make comments. One of the most unusual items inside is a German edition of the University of Kansas News Bulletin from 1915. On the front page there is a photograph of a group of serious looking people, one of whom is Alberta Corbin (as in Corbin Hall). **Frank Baron** was kind enough to translate from the German to reveal that this is a photo of the faculty of the KU German Department... all 14 of them! Judging from the amount of material he saved on the subject; Ivan was clearly a big KU football fan. He received an A.B. degree in 1917, saw action in France during WWI (awarded a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars), and went on to a law career in South Dakota. The scrapbook is in a somewhat fragile condition, and we will be giving it to Spencer Research Library.

The Poster

Posters were displayed during the anniversary dinner to commemorate our 40th year and the 100th year since Paul Endacott graduated from KU. We also have other plans for this poster, which will be central to one of our new service projects. Stay tuned for more information.

MEET PAUL ENDACOTT

REPRESENTING US TO RETIREES FOR GENERATIONS

Paul Endacott joined the staff with the University of Kansas in 1953. He served as the Director of the Endacott Society for 10 years.

He generously contributed in a gift of over \$200,000 to the Endacott Society for the Retirement Center in the Johnson Alumni Center. The Endacott Society has a total of over \$1,000,000 in assets and is one of the largest in the Endacott Society.

Today, the Endacott Society continues to provide a variety of services for retiring employees and their families.

A STAR ON AND OFF THE COURT

Mr. Paul Endacott was born in Lawrence, Kansas on July 15, 1902. After graduation from Lawrence Public Schools, Paul entered KU to study engineering. He was quickly noted for his scholastic achievements and interest on the basketball court as a National Champion and a member of the 1922 Jordan Road Coach (Frank Allen). Endacott graduated in 1925 and immediately started his career at the Phillips Petroleum Company.

By 1938 Paul Endacott was serving as the Director of Sales Research. Four years later he became the Assistant to the President and in 1953 he was made President of the Phillips Petroleum Company. He retired after 48 years of dedicated service rooted in his commitment to integrity, creativity, and industry. His career and success reveals a backbone to the respect of leadership in business and teaching professions.

MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.ENDACOTTSCOCIETY.ORG

--Dave Mannering

November Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, November 16, 1:30 PM

Adams Alumni Center in our normal meeting Paul Adam room.

Presenter: Gary Minden

Upstream B, Antarctica." Travel to 83° South and New Zealand. This is a trip I took in late 1989 and early 1990.

The program will be on site and Zoomed (instructions will be sent by email.)

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.

Paul Adam Room, Adams Alumni Center

The next speaker in the Endacott Arts and Sciences Series will be Val Stella, a University Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry. He came to KU in 1968 from Australia, receiving a Ph.D. under the mentorship of the renowned Takeru Higuchi. Val left then returned to KU in 1973 where he had a very successful career in the area of drug discovery and delivery, as well as the commercialization of his intellectual property.

His presentation is "Is there a difference between inventing in Science and being creative in the Humanities? NO!"

Cinema Studies

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, November 10th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, ROOM "C"

"Slumdog Millionaire" (Crime, Drama, Romance) (2008, 2 hours)

Born into extreme poverty, Jamal Malik, a humble 18-year-old tea merchant from the bustling Juhu slum of Mumbai, is only a few questions away from winning India's version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (1998). On the biggest night of his life, with millions of riveted viewers gripped with millionaire fever, Jamal is about to make the biggest gamble in TV history and walk away with a staggering 20 million rupees in his pocket. But as the quiz kid is on an unprecedented winning streak, a question arises. Is the plucky underdog, who has the answer to every question, a common swindler? Directed by Danny Boyle and Loveleen Tandan and written by Simon Beaufoy, the movie won eight Oscars and had 153 other wins and 133 nominations.

DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, November 14th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Pioneer Ridge

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (Comedy, Drama) (1967, 1 hour 48 minutes)

After Joanna Drayton (Houghton), a free-thinking white woman, and black doctor John Prentice (Poitier) return from a ten-day Hawaiian vacation, they return to Joanna's San Francisco home with her brand-new fiancé. Although he's a successful doctor, her parents Christina (Hepburn) and Mathew (Tracy), are taken aback when they discover that John is black. Matt Drayton and his wife are wealthy liberals who must confront the latent racism the coming marriage arouses. While John quickly wins over Christina with his charm and intelligence, Matthew is more hesitant. Also attending the Drayton's dinner are John's parents, who vehemently disapprove of the relationship. Directed by Stanley Kramer and Written by William Rose, the movie won two Oscars and had 11 other wins and 25 nominations.

PLEASE NOTE: NOVEMBER 14th DOMESTIC MOVIE IS AT PIONEER RIDGE. We are showing only two movies this month because of the holidays. Reminders are mailed a couple of days before each showing. Please note the **Dates, Times and Rooms** as they may change based on availability. We will start promptly at the times indicated. Members are encouraged to bring your family or friends as we have room to accommodate 20 to 25 people. You may also bring snacks and drinks, but coffee, tea and snacks are provided. Attendees might want to bring along a sweater or jacket as the air conditioning is quite efficient.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

November 7 at 1:30pm

November 21 at 1:30pm

Community Room in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

We will be reading Sophocles' *Philoctetes* in a new translation.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Please contact Steven for program info.

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Adam's Alumni Center—Paul Adam room

November 8, at 9am

A Visit with Sharon Ashworth, Horticulturist with Douglas County Extension Office.

November 22, at 9am

Adam's Alumni Center—Paul Adam room

Plants Gone Wild! Controlling Invasive Plants.

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, November 8 at 1:30pm

Our November reading will be Henry James's novella *The Turn of the Screw*.

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 picnic-style brown bag at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. Please contact Ron by email to receive his announcements.

Movement Workshop

Haskell Springer springer@ku.edu

For the rest of this year, Tai Chi will be meeting at the **Senior Resource Center**. Time and day remain the same: **Fridays at 9:00**.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

November 27

1:30 to 3:30

The following three shows are Christmas-related. To begin, we'll listen to **Gunsmoke**, starring William Conrad. The second program will be **The Amos 'n' Andy Program**. Finally, we'll listen to **Dragnet**, starring Jack Webb.

The 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.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

Dave Marden mardendl@gmail.com

No trips are planned for November.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens Mullensl@mullens@ku.edu

The next potluck will be in the spring.

Technology Studies (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

No program on November 1

Wednesday, November 15, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Brain/Machine interface

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

**Adams Alumni Center-Paul Adam room
10am**

Wednesday, November 1

Wednesday, November 8

Wednesday, November 15– Birthday Cake

Wednesday, November 22

Wednesday, November 29

Images from the 40th Anniversary dinner:



Our exceptional event coordinator



Best dresser



Midway Brass Quintet - Photo courtesy of Kevin Boatright



Conversation prior to dinner