



# December 2023

## Voices of Experience

Our Voices of Experience Panel held its inaugural program on October 26 with each panelist giving a brief introductory speech regarding an aspect of retirement, and then the audience was given a chance to ask questions. However, the audience was sparse and it turned into a bit of a round-table discussion with the audience also making brief statements. Even though the attendance was disappointing, the panelists got a chance to practice their presentations, which we will schedule again in the spring.

## Coffee Crew

This is a shout-out to our coffee crew who set out the plates, coffee creamer, and other accessories at each Wednesday Coffee. At the end of the meetings, they put everything away and make sure the tables are clean. They also assure that someone is signed up to bring treats. So, here's a thank-you to Laura Borchert, Gary Minden, and Sandra Weichert. Also, a thank-you to Jo and Cal Cink who provide the name badges and transport the birthday cake from Hy-Vee on the third Wednesdays.

## Games Theory

On the third Thursday of the month at 1:30PM the Games Theory group meets in the Garden Room at the Senior Resource Center. At each session Steve Lee presides over a new group game which is always fun and very often hilarious. Games Theory is somewhat unique for an Endacott

Society activity in that members of the public are invited to participate along with Endacott members (Arts & Sciences is another example). In the sessions I have attended the public outnumbered Endacott members, though there is plenty of room for more of both. I encourage you to stop in and join the fun. You don't need to know how to play in advance. Steve will teach you what you need to know, and I guarantee you will have a good time.

-Dave Mannering

## Please Note:

The Wednesday Coffee on December 27 will be at the **Senior Resource Center**.

## Parking at the Library:

Basement — 10-hour pass (or) \$2 per day

Level 1 — 2-hour free parking

Level 2 — 2-hour free parking (or) 10-hr pass / \$2 per day

Level 3 — 10-hour pass (or) \$2 per day

Level 4 — free parking; top level has no roof

Pay stations are located at each stairwell on Level 1

It's my understanding free parking is available anywhere in the garage with a handicap placard.

--Laurie

## December Activities & Events

### Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

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

None scheduled for December.

### Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

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

No event is scheduled for December.

### Cinema Studies

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

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

#### DOMESTIC MOVIE

Friday, **December 8th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "C"**

***The Muppet Christmas Carol*** (Comedy, Drama, Family) (1992 1h 25m)

The Muppets present their own touching rendition of Charles Dickens' classic tale. 'Tis the season for love, laughter and one of the most cherished stories of all time. Join Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and all the hilarious Muppets in this merry, magical version of the classic. Michael Caine gives a performance that is anything but "bah humbug!" as greedy, penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge. One fateful Christmas Eve, Scrooge is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Together with kind, humble Bob Cratchit (Kermit the Frog) and his family, these Spirits open Scrooges' eyes...and his heart...to the true meaning of Christmas. Directed by Brian Henson with screenplay written by Jerry Juhl, this movie won two awards and was nominated for another.

#### FOREIGN MOVIE

Tuesday, **December 12th, 2:30 to 5:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "A"**

***The King's Speech*** (Biography, Drama, History) (2010 1h 58m)

This is the story of King George VI, his unexpected ascension to the throne of the British Empire in 1936, and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch overcome his stammer. Britain's Prince Albert must ascend the throne as King George VI, but he has a speech impediment. Knowing that the country needs her husband to be able to communicate effectively, Elizabeth hires Lionel Logue, an Australian actor and speech therapist, to help him overcome his stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the two men, as Logue uses unconventional means to teach the monarch how to speak with confidence. Directed by Tom Hooper with screenplay written by David Seidler, this movie won four Oscars and had 108 other wins and 206 nominations.

**PLEASE NOTE:** First, we would like to thank **Pioneer Ridge** for providing their excellent movie facilities on November 14th. Also, we are showing only two movies this month because of the holidays. As you know, most movies are shown on the Lower Level of the Lawrence Public Library. Reminders are mailed a couple of days before each showing. Please note that the **Location, Dates, Times and Rooms** may change based on availability. We start the movies promptly at the times indicated but try to get doors open earlier. Members are encouraged to bring your family or friends because we have room to accommodate 20 to 25 people. You may also bring snacks and drinks, but coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

J Tom Adams

## **Drama Studies**

Michael Shaw [michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com)

December, on the 5th, at 1.30pm  
**Community Room in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.**

Drama Studies will meet only once in December. We will be reading Samuel Beckett's play "Endgame". Despite the grim situation of the play, it turns out to be a rather comic experience. Come and see if you agree.

## **Games Theory**

Steven Lees [leeswlee@ku.edu](mailto:leeswlee@ku.edu)

December 21st at 1:30pm  
**Senior Resource Center**

This month Game Theory will again play Face-the-Music (Holiday Version)! Snippets of holiday songs will be played, and you with your team will attempt to name the song, artist, and year (+/- 1) the song was released. These are songs you know and love so please join us as "there is snow place like home."

## **Garden Seminar (Hybrid)**

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

December 13th, at 9am  
Adam's Alumni Center—Paul Adam room,

Beekeeping Basics; How To Start Your Own Colony

## **Great Books (Zoom)**

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

Wednesday, December 13, at 1:30 pm.

Our holiday-themed reading is P. D. James's *The Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories*: four short stories, in three of which Christmas gatherings figure. During her long writing career, from the early 1960s through the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Phyllis Dorothy James (1920-2014) came to be called the "Queen of Crime," the leading British mystery writer of her generation. The detective she created, Adam Dalgleish of Scotland Yard, is featured in two of our stories and is the main character in fourteen novels, all but one of which were adapted as a long-running television series.

## **Lunch Bunch**

Ron Schorr [rwwschorr@gmail.com](mailto: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 [Springerspringer@ku.edu](mailto:Springerspringer@ku.edu)

Fridays: Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am

For the rest of the year, Tai Chi will be meeting at the **Senior Resource Center**.

## **Old-Time Radio (Zoom)**

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

No program in December.

## Out-of-Town Travel

No trips are planned for December.

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

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

## Potluck Dinner & Lecture

The next potluck will be in the spring.

Linda [Mullenslmullens@ku.edu](mailto:Mullenslmullens@ku.edu)

## Technology Studies (Hybrid)

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

Wednesday, December 6, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Tot Toys, Bot Toys - AI under the Christmas tree? Our annual review of new technology-infused playthings.

Wednesday, December 20, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

AGT - America's Got Talent (& Technology) - Acts that have a "wow" factor due to sophisticated technology.

## Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

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

Wednesday, December 6, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, December 20, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center – Birthday Cake

Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 AM, **Senior Resource Center**

