

# ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas [groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety](http://groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety) Jan. 2014

**SCHEDULED EVENTS** *All activities meet at the Adams Alumni Center unless otherwise noted.*

## Afternoon Lecture Series

Sharon and Bob Brown (842-2079) are in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum ([lhindenbaum@sunflower.com](mailto:lhindenbaum@sunflower.com), 843-4308) and Lee Ketzler ([leeketzler@yahoo.com](mailto:leeketzler@yahoo.com), 843-4834) are in charge of programs.

**January 9**—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of January birthdays, Dr. Douglas Marples will speak on “The Art of Violin Making”. Dr. Marples’ career took a different path when he left internal medicine to make concert violins, violas, and cellos. Join us on the 9th to welcome Dr. Marples.

## Card and Game Theory

Edna Galle ([galle@ku.edu](mailto:galle@ku.edu), 843-2950)

**January 16**—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

## Cinema Studies

Fred Madaus ([fmadaus@ku.edu](mailto:fmadaus@ku.edu), 841-4939), Audrey Kamb-Studdard ([audkamb@ku.edu](mailto:audkamb@ku.edu), 843-4166), and Bruce Linton ([balinton@ku.edu](mailto:balinton@ku.edu), 843-6796).

**January 21**—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The January film will be *The Help*. An aspiring author, during the civil rights movement of the 1960’s, decides to write a book detailing the African-American maids’ point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis.

This film was the most requested in our survey last year. Running time 146 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

## Computer Study

Jerry Niebaum ([jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com](mailto:jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com), 842-3127)

All meetings at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Programs for the month follow:

**January 8**—”Scams and Scam Avoidance” (Jerry Niebaum).

**January 15**—”Historic Mount Oread Website” (Jerry Niebaum).

**January 22**—”Google Software Review” (Jerry Niebaum).

**January 29**—”Future Technology” (Jerry Niebaum).

## Conversations with ...

Jerry Niebaum ([jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com](mailto:jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com), 842-3127)

**January 7**—2:30 in the Music Room. Our guest will be Jim LaPoint. Jerry will serve as moderator.

## Drama Study

Arnold Weiss ([ahweiss@ku.edu](mailto:ahweiss@ku.edu), 842-5502), and Bob Procter ([robert@procter.com](mailto:robert@procter.com), 221-2100)

**January 10**—1:30 in the Music Room. The new play to be undertaken is *The Trojan War Will Not Take Place*. (It was produced in New York as *Tiger at the Gates*.) Copies are available. All are welcome.

## Gardening

Allen Wiechert ([wiechert@ku.edu](mailto:wiechert@ku.edu), 842-5467) and Dick Schiefelbusch (843-5869)

**January 8, 15, 22, 29**—9:00 in the Music Room.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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### Great Books Study

*Ellen Reid Gold (843-6933) and Don Chambers (843-5805)*

**January 8**— 1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The Great Books group will discuss a selection from Marcel Proust's *Swann's Way*. All are welcome to join us. If you need a copy of the selections we will be reading, call Don Chambers (a little in advance) or email [captnemo@ku.edu](mailto:captnemo@ku.edu).

### Metropolitan Opera Radio

*Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930)*

An afternoon of musical enjoyment and good cheer is enjoyed by members listening to the historic live radio and Internet broadcasts of the Met on Saturday afternoons. Hospitality and conversation are shared, and libretti provided, for appreciating these musical gifts.

Because the broadcasts are on Saturdays, when the Alumni Center is closed, they are held at the home of Vic and Mary Wallace, 1509 Massachusetts Street. An exceptional, Internet connected, sound system and a warm fireplace round out the comforts of the experience. Whether you are an experienced opera-goer, or just like the music, please join us in the fun. For this month the following date was selected:

**January 25**— 12:00. *L'Elisir d'Amore*, Donizetti. (Anna Netrebko and Ramón Vargas performing.)

### Music

*Roberta Spires (rspires@ku.edu), Contact: Thelma Taylor (842-2578).*

**January 8, 15, 22, 29**— Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

### Opera Study

*Al Sellen (jnalsellen@aol.com, 841-7432) and Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930)*

**January 17**— 1:30 in the All America Room. For January we will present Umberto Giordano's *Andrea*

*Chénier*. The opera was first produced in 1896 and presents the story of a famous French poet who was executed in 1794 during the French Revolution. It is both a love story and a dramatization of the intrigues and dangers to the intelligentsia during the revolutionary 1790s. Giordano's other operas are rarely played, but this one has been much favored, partly due to the wonderful lyric-dramatic music provided for the title character.

Our DVD recording, from a 1996 performance, features Plácido Domingo in the title role, with Maria Gulighina and Juan Pons as Maddalena and Gérard. Domingo and Gulighina are extraordinary in the roles, in this exceptional *verismo* opera. James Levine conducts.

The opera lasts about two hours. Coffee, tea, cookies, and conversation will be served up during the intermission.

### Singing for Fun

*Roberta Spires (rspires@ku.edu). Contact: Shirley Phillips, Mary Ross, or Pat Kelly.*

There will be no *Singing for Fun* in January. Be prepared for *Fun* in February!

### Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

~~*Esther Smith (842-1660)*~~

**January 2**— 10:00, at HiVee, Clinton Parkway. Since the Endacott Society will not be meeting at the Alumni Center on January 1, we invite you to meet instead on Thursday, January 2 at 10am for coffee at the HyVee Store on Clinton Parkway, in their open seating area at the west end of the store. We will purchase our own coffee and refreshments. Come and share holiday cheer together!

**January 8, 15, 22, 29**— 10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

*Ann Gaerhuist  
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