

# ENDACOTT SOCIETY

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

April

**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 (llindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308) and Lee Ketzel (leeketzel@yahoo.com, 843-4834) are in charge of programs.*

**April 10**—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of April birthdays, our speaker will be Susan Harris, Hall Distinguished Professor of American Literature and Culture in Department of English.

## Armchair Travel

*Stitt Robinson (wsrobin@ku.edu, 843-1499)*

**April 24**—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00, in the Bruckmiller Room.  
Jerry and Judy Niebaum will take us to Alaska.

## Cinema Studies

*Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fnadaus@ku.edu, 841-4939), Audrey Kamb-Studdard (audkamb@ku.edu, 843-4166), and Bruce Linton (balinton@ku.edu, 843-6796).*

*Foreign Films: Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu, 841-1544).*

**April 8**—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The April domestic film will be *On Golden Pond*, starring Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda. A retired professor and his wife attempt to establish a better relationship with their grandson over a Summer at their summer cottage. Hepburn and Fonda both won Oscars for their performances in this 1981 movie. Running time is 109 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

**April 29**—Film at 2:00, light refreshments and Italian snacks at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. Next in our series of foreign films is Federico Fellini's *La Strada*, which won the Academy Award in 1956 for Best Foreign Language Film. *La Strada* is the tragic-comic story of a circus

strongman (Anthony Quinn), a naive waif (Giuletta Masina) whom he abuses, and a tightrope walker (Richard Basehart) who comes between them. The underlying philosophical theme of the movie is taken from the teachings of St. Francis, who believes that "everything in life has a purpose, even a pebble." For this reason, perhaps, Pope Francis I recently revealed in an interview that *La Strada* is his favorite movie, which should in no way encourage nor discourage anyone from undertaking the bittersweet journey that Fellini has in store for anyone who goes "on the road" with the three unforgettable characters in this remarkable movie. (In Italian, with English subtitles, 108 minutes.)

## Computer Study

*Jerry Niebaum (jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com, 842-3127)*

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

**April 2**—"Facebook Revisited" (Jerry Niebaum).

**April 9**—"Google Earth Updated" (Jerry Niebaum).

**April 16**—"Picasa Face Recognition" (Jerry Niebaum).

**April 23**—"Computing History – via YouTube" (Jerry Niebaum).

**April 30**—"Twitter & Tweets" (Jerry Niebaum).

## Conversations with ...

*Jerry Niebaum (jniebaum@wizardofkansas.com, 842-3127)*

**April 1**—2:30 in the Music Room. Grant Goodman will interview Felix Moos.

Videos of past conversations are available in the Archives section of our web site: <http://oldku.org>.

## Card and Game Theory

*Edna Galle (galle@ku.edu, 843-2950)*

**April 17**—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

---

### Drama Study

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

**April 11**—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will undertake a new vehicle to be announced. All are welcome.

### Gardening

Allen Wiechert (*wiechert@ku.edu*, 842-5467) and Dick Schiefelbusch (843-5869)

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**—9:00 in the Music Room.

### Great Books Study

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

**April 9**—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The Great Books group will be discussing a selection from Ruth Benedict's *Anthropology and the Abnormal*. Bob Procter will be the moderator. It ought to be a lively discussion. The selection is 30 pages long. If anyone would like a copy of the selection, call Don Chambers and he will provide one. (Please call ahead of time to provide time to get it copied.)

For May we will be reading a selection from D.H. Lawrence's *The Man Who Loved Islands* with David Hiebert moderating, and for June we will be reading a selection of John Keats best known poems with Esther Smith moderating.

### Metropolitan Opera Radio

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

An afternoon of musical enjoyment and good cheer is enjoyed by members listening to some of the weekly live Internet broadcasts of the Met Saturday matinees. Hospitality and conversation are shared, and libretti provided for appreciating the words and music.

The group meets at the home of Vic and Mary Wallace, 1509 Massachusetts Street. Whether you are an experienced opera-goer, or just like the music, please join us. For this month the following is the selected performance:

**April 19**—11:00. *Arabella*, by Richard Strauss. (Note the earlier time.)

### Music

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

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

### Out of Town Travel

Bob and Norma Hohn (*bnhohn@sunflower.com*, 842-8804) and Fred and Carolyn Madaus (*fmadaus@ku.edu*, 841-4939)

**May 1**—Due to a lack of interest, we have abandoned our plans for a trip to Oklahoma City. However, we are planning a day trip to Topeka on May 1st!

We will be visiting the new Capital Visitors Center, the Ward - Meade complex- which contains the home, a botanical garden, an old drug store and other exhibits, and the Kansas History Museum. Cost of the trip will be between \$35-45/person, depending on group size. Lunch is not included.

**April 3** will be the sign-up deadline, with the fee due by **April 16**. You may sign up at coffee or by phone or e-mail to the organizers above.

### Singing for Fun

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

**April 3**—2:00 in the Music Room. A session of fun, singing oldies and goodies, with Winnie Gallup, Pat Kelly and Al Gallup and others. Please come and sing!

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

Esther Smith (842-1660)

**April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.