

# ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas [groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety](http://groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety) May 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 (lhlindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308) and Lee Ketzler (leeketzler@yahoo.com, 843-4834) are in charge of programs.*

**May 8**—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of May birthdays, our speaker will be Brad Allen, Director of the Public Library, who will speak on “Coming Soon - Your New Library.”

## Cinema Studies

*Domestic Films: Fred Madaus (fmadaus@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).*

**May 13**—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The May domestic film will be *Mister Roberts*, starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney, William Powell, Jack Lemmon and others. This 1955 comedy-drama is about life on a not particularly important ship of the US Navy during WWII. Jack Lemmon won best supporting actor award for his performance. (Running time 123 minutes.) Please join us for coffee and a movie.

**May 27**—Film at 2:00, light refreshments and Spanish snacks at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. Coming up next in our series of foreign films is Pedro Almodovar’s *All About My Mother*, which won 49 international awards in 1999, among them the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. It’s a delightfully raunchy comedy about a young man who wants to become a writer and also to discover the true identity of his father, which has been carefully concealed by his mother. (In Spanish, with English subtitles, 101 minutes.)

## Computer Study

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

All meetings at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Programs for May follow. Note: There will be a “Mac in June” series

in June, focused on Macintosh computers, and lead by Earl Schewpe and Vic Wallace.

**May 7**—“Vacation Blogs” (Jerry Niebaum).

**May 14**—“G. Baley Price” (Jerry Niebaum).

**May 21**—“Exploring the iPhone” (Jerry Niebaum).

**May 28**—“Exploring the Endacott Web Site” (Jerry Niebaum).

**May 29**—‘Review/Renew’

## Conversations with ...

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

**May 6**—2:30 in the Music Room. Jerry Niebaum will interview Tom McCoy.

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)*

**May 15**—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

## Drama Study

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

**May 9**—1:30 in the Music Room. Drama Study Group will undertake its new vehicle, Thornton Wilder’s *The Skin of Our Teeth*. Copies will be available. As always, all are welcome.

## Gardening

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

**May 7, 14, 21, 28**—9:00 in the Music Room.

## Great Books Study

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

**May 14**—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. David Hiebert will moderate the discussion of *The Man Who Loved Islands* by D. H. Lawrence. If anyone would like a copy of the reading, call Don Chambers. Join us!!

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

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### Metropolitan Opera Radio

Vic Wallace ([wallace@ku.edu](mailto:wallace@ku.edu), 842-7930)

**May 3**—Noon, at the home of Vic and Mary Wallace, 1509 Massachusetts Street. The group will hear the live internet-radio broadcast of the opera *I Puritani*, by Vincenzo Bellini. Hospitality and conversation are shared, and libretti provided for appreciating the words and music. Parking is available in the church parking lot next door. Running time is 3.5 hrs.

### Music

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

**May 7, 14, 21, 28**—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

### Opera Study

Vic Wallace ([wallace@ku.edu](mailto:wallace@ku.edu), 842-7930)

**May 23**—1:30 in the Paul Adam lounge. For May we will present Amilcare Ponchielli's masterpiece dramatic grand-opera *La Gioconda*. The opera, first produced in 1880 and based on a Victor Hugo play, was his only major success but it succeeded beyond dreams and made him famous to this time. It is a difficult work to produce since it requires six major singers in all voice-types in demanding roles. "Gioconda" is a name in Italian which

ironically signifies a happy or self-satisfied woman (and "La Gioconda" is the name Italians give to the da Vinci painting we call the *Mona Lisa*). In this opera, though she is a generous woman she is anything but happy.

Our 2008 DVD video features a slim Deborah Voight as Gioconda with Ewa Podles, Richard Margison, Carlo Guelfi, Elisabetta Fiorillo, and Carlo Colombara. The lovely ballet *Dance of the Hours* is beautifully done. The production is of the Theatre del Liceu, Barcelona, and playing time is three hours.

Cookies and coffee are available at the break. Come and enjoy!

### Singing for Fun

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

**May 1**—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)

**May 7, 14, 21, 28**—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### G. Bailey Price Computing Center

**May 13**—4:00 at the Computer Center Auditorium. The Computing Center is being renamed in a ceremony at the building's auditorium in honor of one of our long-term members, G. Bailey Price, Distinguished Professor of Mathematics, and a founder of KU's computer center in 1956. He retired in 1975. He died in 2006 at age 101.

### Stop Day Walking Tour

Ted Johnson ([jtj@ku.edu](mailto:jtj@ku.edu), 842-5328)

**May 9**—9:00am at the Natural History Museum, and various points afterward until 6pm. Ted Johnson will conduct the traditional Stop Day walking tour of Mount

Oread beginning at 9 am in front of the Museum of Natural History. Come for an hour or come for the day. A schedule of the complete tour will be available at Wednesday Coffee or in response to email addressed to Ted at [jtj@ku.edu](mailto:jtj@ku.edu).

Other key stops along the way are: the Wilcox Classical Museum in Lippincott at 10, the Pioneer statue and the Prairie Acre at 11, and gathering before the façade of Watson Library at noon. From there the tour will descend Mount Oread to the Burge Union for lunch, work its way slowly back up the hill reflecting on law and art at 2, to Chi Omega fountain at 3, the Memorial Carillon and Campanile at 4, and then move through Marvin Grove to reflect on the day's dialogues in the Weaver Court adjacent to Spooner