

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

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June 2015

NOTICE OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

July 8—Immediately following Coffee. The membership will meet, as provided in the Bylaws.

Agenda: To be provided in July/August edition of this Newsletter.

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

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

Sharon and Bob Brown (842-2079) are in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum (llindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308), Lee Ketzler (leeketzler@yahoo.com, 843-4834) and Pat Kelly (842-0523) are in charge of programs.

June 11—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. The program following the celebration of June birthdays will be about “Better Quality Eldercare and KABC’s Forty Years of Advocating For It.” Mitzi McFatrach, Executive Director of Kansas Advocates for Better Care, or KABC, will be our speaker.

Card and Game Theory

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

June 18—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

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).

June 9—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. We will be showing *Rain Man*, starring Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise. Cruise plays a callous young hustler who finds his father has died and left him only rose bushes and a ‘49 Buick convertible. Feeling cheated out of what he thinks should be his 3 million dollar inheritance, he kidnaps his autistic brother (Hoffman) he didn’t know he had, and takes him on the cross country ride of his life. This 1988 drama won 4 Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Actor in a Leading Role. Running time is 133minutes, Please join us for coffee and a movie!

June 30—Film at 2:00, light refreshments and German snacks at 1:45, in the Bruckmiller Room. It may be the last day in June, but marriage is still very much in the air, so there is still time for us to witness the crazy shenanigans going on in New York at *The Wedding Banquet*, when everyone wants to kiss the beautiful Chinese bride, except the handsome Chinese groom, because he has a Caucasian boyfriend he is hiding in the closet from his ultra-conservative parents who have flown in from Taiwan for the wedding! Ang Lee wrote and directed this hilarious movie, which won the Golden Globe Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1994. (In English and Mandarin, with English subtitles, 108 minutes).

Computer Study

Earl Schweppe (schweppe@ku.edu, 842-1147) and Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930)

All meetings at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Computer Study will continue for the four Wednesdays in June with “Mac in June” sessions organized by Earl Schweppe and Vic Wallace, with the able assistance of Michael Valesano, Apple Campus Representative. These sessions are meant to be of benefit to Apple Macintosh users, or potential users, at all levels. However, much of the material should be of interest to any computer user. All are welcome.

June 3—“Review of your Mac’s age and status” (Michael Valesano). If feasible, please bring your Mac along.

June 10—“Up-dating and backing-up your machines” (Michael Valesano).

June 17—“Summary of Mac operating systems and applications” (Michael Valesano).

June 24—Answers to questions left from earlier sessions (Michael Valesano).

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Drama Study

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

June 12—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will read Clifford Odets' *Waiting for Lefty*. Copies are available, and all are welcome.

June 23—2:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The Drama Study Group will show a film based on George Bernard Shaw's 1905 play *Major Barbara* (which was read by the group in previous reading sessions). This 1941 B&W film comedy has a few added scenes authored by GBS, and stars Robert Morley, Wendy Hiller, and Rex Harrison, with Deborah Karr in her first bit-part. GBS was an effective critic of social problems, but with a marvelous sense of humor. Runtime: 131 min. Coffee, tea and water will be available at 1:45.

Gardening

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

June 3, 10, 17, 24—9:00 in the Music Room.

Great Books Study

Lucy J. Price (lucyprice@outlook.com, (843-1682) and
Ellen Reid Gold (843-6933)

June 10—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. We will discuss the short story *To Room Nineteen* by Doris Lessing. The text of the story can be found in pdf format at http://blogs.acu.edu/1020_HCOR140H1/files/2010/03/To-Room-Nineteen-Doris-Lessing.pdf. Our discussion will be led by Betty Shaffer. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

Music

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

June 3, 10, 17, 24—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

Opera Study

Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842-7930), and
Paul Lim (plim@ku.edu, 841-1544)

June 19—2:00 in the Bruckmiller Room. Opera Study has normally recessed during the Summer months, partly because Jim Seaver and Vic Wallace have had other Summer plans. This year, at Paul Lim's suggestion, we have decided to try some lighter fare (operettas and musicals) and continue through Summer. We hope you will like it. Here's our fare for June:

Chinese prince meets Austrian countess, Chinese prince gets Austrian countess, but will Chinese prince keep or lose Austrian countess? Franz Lehar's 1929 operetta *Das Land des Lachelns* was daring in its time, and continues to be daring in our time. The lavish 2001 *Morbisch Festival by the Lake* production features terrific Asian singers singing the principal Asian roles, and when the newlyweds arrive in China, the celebration includes spectacular entertainment by the Hunan Provincial Song and Dance Troupe. East mates West in "The Land of Smiles," and you will leave the show happily humming many of the arias made famous by the legendary Richard Tauber, for whom Lehar wrote this and many of his other operettas. There are no merry widows in "The Land of Smiles" because no one dies. If there are any sad or bittersweet moments, the Chinese just grin and bear it. Sung in German, with English subtitles. 134 minutes.

Chinese snacks and fortune cookies along with light refreshments will be available prior to the start of the video, and there will be a short break in the middle. Come see how everyone will be asked to reveal his or her fortune...IN BED!

Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

Ann Blackhurst (ablackhurst@msn.com, 841-4099)

June 3, 10, 17, 24—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.