

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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September 2015

OFFICERS FOR 2015-16

Following the action of the July 8 Annual Meeting, the officers for the year beginning July 1, 2015 are:

President: Tom McCoy (President 2015-2016)

President Elect: Alan Swarts (President 2016-2017)

Past President: Ellen Gold (President 2014-2015)

Treasurer: Edna Galle (continuing)

Secretary: Ed Zamarripa (continuing)

The Annual Report for the 2014-2015 year can be found at <http://oldku.org>, under "Archives".

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.

September 10—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Bruckmiller Room. The program following the celebration of September birthdays will be on "The Wilcox Collection of Greek and Roman Art at KU." Dr. John Younger, Professor in the KU Classics Department and Curator of the Wilcox Classical Museum in Lippincott Hall will be our speaker.

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr (rwwschorr@gmail.com, 842-8625)

September 17—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00. The Armchair Traveler for September is to be announced.

Card and Game Theory

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

September 17—1:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge. (Note special time)
The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

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).

September 8—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The September film will be *In Her Shoes*,

starring Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette and Shirley MacLaine. We have a flirty, flaky party girl and a plain, dependable lawyer who are sisters, best friends and bitter rivals, who seem to have nothing in common but size 8 and 1/2 feet and some family secrets. After a heart-rendering falling out, they accidentally discover they also share a long lost grandmother. Together they travel a bumpy road toward making peace with each other and themselves. Running time 130 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

September 29—Film at 2:00, light refreshments and Japanese snacks at 1:45, in the Bruckmiller Room. When an Imperial Japanese Army regiment surrenders to British forces in Burma at the close of World War II, a solitary private, thought to be dead, disguises himself as a Buddhist monk and stumbles upon spiritual enlightenment through music. Kon Ichikawa's "The Burmese Harp" (1957) is one of cinema's most overwhelming antiwar statements, both tender and brutal in its grappling with Japan's wartime legacy. (In Japanese and Burmese, with English subtitles, 116 minutes.)

Computer Study

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

All meetings are at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge:

September 2—"Tablet Computers - Pro and Con" (Jerry Niebaum).

September 9—"Smart phone apps you may not know".

September 16—"TV technology - What's new?" (Jerry Niebaum).

September 23—"Electric Cars" - (George Brenner).

September 30—"Go-Pro cameras and sports videos" (Jerry Niebaum).

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Drama Study

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

September 11— 1:30 in the Music Room. New vehicle to be undertaken is *She Stoops to Conquer* by Oliver Goldsmith. Copies are available. As always all are welcome.

Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

Linda Mullens (lmullens@ku.edu, 841-0958)

Please sign up for the Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner) by Wednesday, **September 23**, and indicate what food you will bring. You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or call or email Linda Mullens. (Note different date than usual.)

October 1— 5:30 appetizers, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. Our speaker will be Drs. William and Kathryn Tuttle. They will be talking about their chapters in the recently published book celebrating the 150th anniversary of the University.

Gardening

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

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

Great Books Study

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

September 9— 1:30 in the McGinnis Library. We will discuss the short story *The Dream of a Ridiculous Man* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. The text of this story can be found at <http://www.colorado.edu/studentgroups/shortfiction/RidiculousMan.pdf>. Our discussion will be led by Preston Fambrough. All are welcome! Hope to see you there.

Music

Thelma Taylor (842-2578).

September 9, 16, 23, 30— Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room. Relax with a program of recorded classical music.

Opera Study

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

We are happy to present on Blu-Ray DVD, the world premieres of two new operas for September and October. Please note that, because of room availability, our upcoming offerings are only two weeks apart.

September 18— 1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *Written on Skin* (music by George Benjamin, text by Martin Crimp) has been hailed by *Le Monde* as “the best opera written over the last twenty years.” It’s about what happens when a cruel and powerful Protector (Christopher Purves) asks a mysterious Boy (Bejun Mehta) to create an illuminated book to celebrate his wealth. The horrific ending will leave you breathless and reeling. The composer conducts his own work in this 2013 Royal Opera House production. Hearty British snacks and light refreshments at 1:15, video at 1:30. Sung in English, with English subtitles, 90 minutes.

October 2— 1:30 in the Summerfield Room. *Brokeback Mountain* (music by Charles Wuorinen, Text by Annie Proulx) tells the heart-breaking story of two lonely cowboys who meet while herding sheep in the mountains of Wyoming. They fall in love and sustain a long secretive relationship, with tragic consequences. Ang Lee’s celebrated movie adaptation won three Oscars in 2006. Now relive the story in the powerful 2014 adaptation from Teatro Real/Madrid which Opera News calls “an important new work on a controversial subject.” Beef jerky and other Western snacks at 1:15, video at 1:30. Sung in English, with English subtitles, 130 minutes.

The program for November and December will likely be Donizetti and Puccini, respectively.

Ten O’clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”

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

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30— 10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements. The Annual Meeting follows the July 8 session.