

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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December 2015

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 (lhindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308), Lee Ketzler (leeketzler@yahoo.com, 843-4834) and Pat Kelly (842-0523) are in charge of programs.

December 10—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of December birthdays, John Mullens, retired KU Public Safety Officer, will tell us about “45 Years at KU: Interesting People, Events and Animals.”

Card and Game Theory

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

December 17—1:00 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 (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).

December 8—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. In December we will open the Christmas season with a comedy and at the same time celebrate the 25th anniversary of the release of *Home Alone*. Macaulay Culkin, stars as an 8 year old troublemaker who must protect his home from a pair of bumbling burglars (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during a Christmas vacation. This Christmas season classic was nominated for 2 Oscars and has had 5 sequels.

Running time is 103 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

December 29—Film at 2:00, light refreshments along with Scottish shortbread, and French and German cheeses

at 1:45, in the Bruckmiller Room. *Joyeux Noel* (2006) recreates the true-life story of the spontaneous Christmas Eve truce declared by the Scottish, French, and German troops in the trenches of World War I. The enemy soldiers leave all their weapons behind for one night as they band together in brotherhood and forget about the brutalities of war. They sing and share drinks, but what happens next will break your heart. (In French, 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:

December 2—“Google Calendar and Maps” (Alan Swarts).

December 9—“Online news & comic strips.”

December 16—To be announced.

Conversations with ...

Alan Swarts (amswarts@sunflower.com, 843-4225)

December 2—10:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. Dick Schiefelbusch will be interviewed, immediately after “Wednesday Coffee.”

Drama Study

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

December 11—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will continue reading *A Man for All Seasons* by Robert Bolt. Copies are available. As always all are welcome.

Gardening

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

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

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Great Books Study

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

December 9—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. We will discuss the story “Mario and the Magician” by Thomas Mann. This story can be found on-line at <https://litteraturesave2.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/thomas-mann-mario-and-the-magician.pdf>. Our discussion will be led by Rich Ring. All are welcome!

Music

Thelma Taylor (842-2578).

December 2, 9, 16, 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)

December 18—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. You haven't seen *Nutcracker* until you've seen the dazzling 2007 Mariinsky production, which returns to the original story

by E.T.A. Hoffmann to create a darkly magical childhood world of dancing snowflakes, sinister rats and a dangerous journey to the City of Sweets. Valery Gergiev conducts Tchaikovsky's complete score.

We will also see two bonus features: *The Nutcracker Suite* from Walt Disney's much-beloved *Fantasia* (1940); and *The Nutcracker Story*, an acclaimed documentary which re-examines the tale's history and reveals the troubled personal background to Tchaikovsky's final ballet. In keeping with the holiday season, a wide variety of nuts and fruitcakes will be offered along with the usual refreshments at 1:15 PM. And in anticipation of the upcoming 2016 election, two specialty Hillary Clinton nutcrackers will be raffled off at the event, one before and the other after the show. (2 hours, 30 minutes.)

Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA “Wednesday Coffee”

Pat Kelly (patckelly@sbcglobal.net, 842-0523)

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