ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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October 2016

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

Afternoon Lecture and Birthday Celebration

Sharon Brown (842-2079) is in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum (lhlindenbaum@ sunflower.com, 843-4308), Lee Ketzel (leeketzel@yahoo.com, 843-4834) and Pat Kelly (842-0523) are in charge of programs.

October 13—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of October birthdays, Beth Llewellyn, CEO of Health Care Access, will speak to us.

Armchair Travel

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

October 27—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Mike Delaney travels to Cambodia, a continuation of Mike and Kathy's trip to South East Asia.

Card and Game Theory

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

October 20—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).

October 11—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. The English language film for October will be *The Blind Side*, starring Quinton Aaron, Sandy Bullock, and Tim McGraw. This (2009) Sports Drama is a true story of Michael Oher, a homeless and traumatized boy who becomes an All American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring women and her family. The film was nominated for 2 Academy Awards (Best Picture and Best Female in a leading role). Bullock won the Oscar for Best Actress. Running time will be 129 minutes. Please join us for coffee and a movie.

October 25—Film at 2:00, Spooky cookies and light refreshments at 1:45, in the Bruckmiller Room. The scary movie that Alfred Hitchcock wanted to make, but Henri-Georges Clouzot beat him to, was *Diabolique* (1955),

featuring Simone Signoret and Vera Clouzot (the director's wife). A dark, dank thriller, *Diabolique* is about a cruel headmaster whose wife and mistress conspire to kill him, but after the murder is committed, his body disappears, and strange events begin to plague the two women. Think the shower scene in Psycho was terrifying? *Diabolique* will make you think twice before using a different bathroom fixture, or before you jump into another swimming pool. It's the classiest Halloween movie for thinking people. (In French, with English subtitles, 2 hours.)

Computer Study

Alan Swarts (aswarts25@gmail.com, 913-238-4732)

All meetings are at 9:00 in the Phillips Board Room. Tentative program topics:

October 5—"Genealogy: Update" (Bob Lim).

October 12—"Windows 10, Revised" (Richard Kershenbaum).

October 19— "KU Applications" (Matt Garrett).

October 26— "Raspberry Pie (Revised)" (Richard Kershenbaum).

Drama Study

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

October 14—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will continue reading Shakespeare's The *Merchant of Venice* in honor of Will's 400th anniversary. Copies (with parallel modern English) are available. Newcomers are welcome.

Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

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

October 6—5:30 appetizers, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. After the dinner, our speaker will Gayle Sigurdson, Recreation Programmer, Lawrence Parks and Recreation. She will discuss the Lifelong Recreation Program.

Please sign up for this event by Wednesday, **September 28**, and indicate name, number of guests, and what food you will bring (appetizer, salad, vegetable, or dessert). (Meat is provided.) You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling or emailing Linda Mullens, above.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Gardening

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

October 5, 12, 19, 26—9:00 in the Music Room. Conversation and readings, mostly about gardening, sometimes just about nature,

Great Books Study

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

October 12—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. Great Books will discuss Leo Tolstoy's story "The Death of Ivan Ilych." The story can be found on-line at http://www.tc.umn.edu/~awalzer/3302/readings/tolstoy_death.pdf. Our discussion will be led by Rich Ring.

Music

Thelma Taylor (842-2578).

October 5, 12, 19, 26—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)

October 21—1:30 in the Summerfield Room. Trust the Swiss to bring opera to the people! On September 30, 2008, Opernhaus Zurich staged Verdi's beloved *La Traviata* in the city's central train station. With the orchestra on a platform in the middle of the main hall, the singers (among them Vittorio Grigolo and Eva Mei) moved around and used various parts of the station as sets. Unsuspecting travelers were treated to a once-in-a-lifetime performance of Verdi's masterpiece, aired live on Swiss television. The reaction of the audience at the end of the show was ecstatic, the neverending ovation still going on many minutes after the last note, when the live broadcast ended. And now, the entire spectacular performance can finally be seen on DVD.

Biscotti and light refreshments at 1:15, video at 1:30. (Sung in Italian, with English subtitles, 2 hours 30 minutes.)

Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

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

October 5, 12, 19, 26—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.