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Sophia Philharmonic Tickets

As previously mentioned, the Endacott Society has been offered free tickets to the Sophia Philharmonic at the Lied Center on Monday, **February 26**. There are two ways to request tickets: a sign-up sheet at the Wednesday Coffee meetings, or by e-mailing a request to endacottsociety@gmail.com. The last day to request tickets is Wednesday, February 14 (Valentine's Day). You must be an Endacott Society member to request tickets. Requests will be checked against the official membership list produced by the Alumni Association. A member may request one or two tickets. If you request two, then they will be adjoining seats, otherwise there is no guarantee that seats will be together.

TGIT

As previously mentioned, the Endacott Society is co-sponsoring (along with the Chancellor's Office and some KUAA corporate partners) the TGIT (Thank Goodness It's Thursday) celebration on **February 29** from 4:00PM to 6:00PM in the second-floor lobby, Pub, and Bruckmiller room in the Alumni Center. There will be food and an open bar. There is a short program scheduled in which the Endacott Society will be recognized (along with a few other folks). We will have a display table in the lobby and you can pick up your reserved tickets there. The event is free, but you are requested to register in advance. The link to register will be posted to the Retirees List a few days before the event. Please attend if you can and be sure to wear your Endacott 40th anniversary button. We'll have extra

buttons in the Endacott Society Office (Room 125) if you forget (or haven't received) yours. --Dave

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next potluck dinner/ lecture is **March 14**. Our guest speaker will be Curtis Marsh. A sign-up sheet will be available during the Wednesday morning coffee meeting. Also, you may contact Linda Mullens at mullenslmullens@ku.edu or 785-841-0958. Information needed is # of guests, and if you plan to bring an appetizer, salad, a vegetable or dessert. Meat is provided. Location is in the Alumni Pub and Bruckmiller on the second floor.

SAVE THE DATE:

The out-of-town travel group is planning a trip to the **Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum** in Abilene on either **Thursday, March 21 or Friday, March 22**. Contact Judy at (360) 953-2240.

Endacott Society Food Drive for the KU Campus Cupboard-

The Endacott Society will support the Campus Cupboard again. Members can bring food items to our Wednesday Coffee meetings in February where they will be collected and marked with labels identifying the Endacott Society as the donor of the items. The Cupboard accepts any donations of non-perishable food. They recommend items such as pasta, soups, beans, shelf-stable milk, cereals, rice, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, canned tuna and chicken, gluten-free items and spices. Additional items can be found at: www.student.support.ku.edu/campus-cupboard. A monetary contribution can also be made to KU Endowment with Campus Cupboard indicated as the recipient. --Cal & Jo Cink

February Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No program scheduled in February.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No event is scheduled for February.

Cinema Studies

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, **February 13th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "C"**

Under The Tuscan Sun 2003, 1h 53m

A 35-year-old literature professor and author in San Francisco, Frances Mayes, is struggling with her latest book. Her usual stable life is turned upside down after her husband files for divorce. Her husband wants to marry the woman with whom he's having an affair. He is suing his wife for alimony and wants to keep the house. She becomes depressed and unable to continue writing. Her best friend Patti, fearing she may not recover, offers her a vacation in Tuscany where she and her lesbian partner Grace own property. Frances accepts the offer. She joins a bus tour of Tuscany and on the spur of the moment buys a tumbled down villa on the beautiful countryside. Deciding to begin life anew and while restoring her new home, she eventually finds fulfillment she was seeking, including love. Directed by Audrey Wells and written by Frances Mayes (book). This comedy/drama/romance won 5 nominations for awards.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, **February 23rd, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "C"**

Bread and Tulips 2000, 1h 54m (Filmed in Venice)

Rosalba, a housewife in Pescara with teenage sons, is married to a plumbing supplier whose mistress is her sister-in-law. When a tour bus leaves her behind, her husband tells her to stay there but she decides to start hitchhiking toward home. On a whim, she decides to continue on to Venice to start her life anew. She finds a room in the flat of Fernando, a diffident, formal Icelander. She befriends Grazia, a holistic masseuse, and gets a job at the flower shop of Fermo, a cranky anarchist. Her husband sends a plumber to look for her but who can tell how things will end up. Directed by Silvio Soldini and written by Soldini and Dorian Leondeff this movie had 32 wins and 13 nominations for various awards.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, **February 27th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **Room "C"**

The Settlers (Documentary) 2016, 1h 47m (Made in Europe)

The first film of its kind to offer a comprehensive view of the Jewish settlers in the occupied territories of the West Bank. An historical overview, a geopolitical study and an intimate look at

those people at the core of the most daunting challenges facing Israel and the international community today as the Palestinians and Israelis resume talks again. Directed by Shimon Dotan. This movie received 5 award nominations.

As you know, most movies are shown on the Lower Level of the Lawrence Public Library. Reminders are emailed a couple of days before each showing. Please note that the *Location, Dates, Times and Rooms* may change based on availability. We start the movies promptly at the times indicated but try to get doors open earlier. Members are encouraged to bring your family or friends because we have room to accommodate 20 to 25 people. You may also bring snacks and drinks, but coffee, tea and snacks are provided. **PLEASE NOTE: Suggestions for movies you would like to see are always welcome. Just send us an email!**

J Tom Adams

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays—**February 6th & 20 at 1:30pm**
Community Room in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

We will be reading and discussing *The Trials of Brother Jero*, led by Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka. Here is Folabo's note about the play:
The Trials of Brother Jero (1963) by Wole Soyinka is a light -hearted satirical comedy about fake prophets who treat religion as a “business for profit.” Jero, (Jeroboam) epitomizes this band of religious hypocrites, but in the end he is exposed for the charlatan he is. Devoid of any religious training or conviction, but nimble at reading people, Jero does not hesitate to exploit the needs, wants, weakness, and/or misfortunes of his followers and potential victims to boost his ego and make money. There is plenty of laughter as word play, circumstantial locations, gullibility, and psychological manipulations are woven around a hint of love, betrayal, and sexual repression.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, **February 15th at 1:30pm**
Senior Resource Center

We will be playing **Telestrations**. It is a game that is a combination between telephone and illustration, hence the name Telestrations. You draw, guess, draw, guess, and at the end of the round you will find that laughing can be painful. The game is fun for everyone. I hope you can come and join us.

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

February 14th at 9:00am Adam's Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

--*Gardening for a Changing Climate*

February 28th, 9:00am Adam's Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

--*The New USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map and My Garden*

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, February 14, at 1:30 pm.

In recognition of Black History month, our reading will be selected essays from W. E. B. Du Bois's *The Souls of Black Folk*. A scholar, writer, and activist, Du Bois (1868-1963) is among the most influential African-Americans in U.S. history and *The Souls of Black Folk*, published in 1903, is an American classic. The fourteen essays comprising *The Souls of Black Folk* range over a variety of topics and issues in the history of Black American culture and experience down to the early years of the 20th century. Du Bois's writing in these essays is highly literary and often deeply personal. We'll read for discussion seven of the essays: "Of Our Spiritual Strivings," "Of the Dawn of Freedom," "Of Mr. Booker T. Washington and Others," "Of the Meaning of Progress," "Of the Faith of the Fathers," "Of the Passing of the First-Born," and "Of the Coming of John."

The Souls of Black Folk is published in an inexpensive Dover Thrift edition and in several other paperback editions. It's also available as a pdf document.

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 AM. Ron will announce a local restaurant each week, or weather permitting, he may announce a picnic-style brown bag at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. Please contact Ron by email to receive his announcements.

Movement Workshop

Haskell Springerspringer@ku.edu

There will be no in-person Tai Chi sessions in February. Resuming in March.
--Haskell

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

February, 26th at 1:30pm-3:30pm (The waiting room opens at 1:15pm)

To begin with we'll listen to **The Fred Waring Show**. The second program will be **Meet Miss Sherlock**. This is a rare program, and currently, only two episodes are known to exist. Finally, we'll listen to **Fort Laramie**, starring Raymond Burr. This episode was moved from last month due to the length of the surprise program. If this is your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

Dave Marden mardendl@gmail.com

Save the date TBD: March 21st or 22nd. (See page 1)

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

Save the date: March 14th (see info on page 1)

Technology Studies (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, February 7, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center
--*Highlights from the 2024 Consumer Electronic Show*

Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

--AI Playground: ChatGPT 4 and Dall-E - Playing with some of the most advanced AI publicly available

AI Playground Returns

I have zero artistic talent, but I created the image below of a 1950's one-room school house with robot students and teacher in less than two minutes. I need to confess that I had a little help. All I did was describe what I wanted to ChatGPT 4, and it produced the image. When we last played with ChatGPT in Technology Studies in January 2023 it produced impressive (if not always accurate) information in response to our queries. We also had DALL-E draw some pictures that were always interesting if not necessarily something you'd want to hang on your refrigerator door. Since then, both software systems have been greatly improved, and the newest version combines ChatGPT and DALL-E in a single system.

So, to test the new capabilities we are going to have another AI playground session in Technology Studies in February. See the schedule above. In the meantime, you can be thinking of something you'd like to ask the AI to do in our session. Refrigerator door magnets not included. –Dave Mannering



Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, February 7, 10:00 am, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 am, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, February 21, 10:00 am, Adams Alumni Center – Birthday Cake

Wednesday February 28, 10:00 am, Adams Alumni Center



Phil Baringer entertained us with his and his wife's 2,400 mile Route 66 travels. Check out his shirt!