

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety February 2011

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

Afternoon Lecture Series

Carolyn Madaus (fmadaus@sbcglobal.com, 841-4939) is in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum (lhindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308), and Stan and Janet Roth (sdroth@ku.edu, jroth@ku.edu, 843-4764) are in charge of programs.

February 10—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of February birthdays, Ric Averill, Drama Program Director at the Lawrence Arts Center, will present the program: “The Fly Guy and the Hot Air Balloon.”

Armchair Travel

Stitt Robinson (wsrobin@ku.edu, 843-1499)

February 24—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00. Jerry Niebaum will report on “Nova Scotia and the Maritime Provinces.”

Card and Game Theory

Virginia Johnston (vljohnst@ku.edu)

February 17—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The usual games of bridge and scrabble will be played. A sign-up sheet is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies

Grant Goodman (plim@ku.edu, 841-1066) and Fred Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu, 841-4939)

February 15—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. We will see *Dragon Seed*, the second of the three film versions of novels by Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck, which will take us through March. This remarkable 1944 film version of the dramatic story of a Chinese peasant family's resistance to the invading Japanese army during World War II stars Katharine Hepburn and Walter Huston. This film clearly was made to depict, for American audiences, the kind of enemy which the United States faced after the Pearl Harbor attack. The film is unique in several ways, most interestingly in dealing with the enemy in the Pacific even though a preponderance of wartime Hollywood was directed at Nazi Germany. Once again, Ms. Buck is our guide to a China of which Americans knew very little. Everyone is welcome.

Computer Study

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

All meetings at 9:00 in the Paul Adam Lounge unless otherwise noted. Programs for the month follow. (Check our Web site for possible changes: <http://oldku.org/>).

February 2—KU's Center for Digital Scholarship (Ada Emmett).

February 9—Texting with your cell phone (Jerry Niebaum).

February 16—Kan-REN state network (Cort Buffington).

February 23—Genealogy (Rebecca Christensen).

Drama Study

Arnold Weiss (ahweiss@ku.edu, 842-5502)

February 11—1:30 in the Music Room. Reading of Noel Coward's *Blythe Spirit* continues, beginning with Scene 3 of Act II (page 72 in most editions). Music again will be courtesy of Janis Hutchinson. Come prepared to sing along.

Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

Tom Eblen (teblen@sunflower.com, 865-3634) and John Mullens (841-0958)

February 3—5:30 wine and cheese, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little is scheduled to speak.

Foreign Policy Study

Marilyn Bradt (mbradt@carrollswest.com, 843-7751)

February 7—3:30 in the McGinnis Library. Since we were snowed out of the January meeting we will transfer the topic intended for that meeting, “Halting Atrocities in Kenya,” to the February meeting.

Gardening

Arno Knapper (knapper@ku.edu, 312-9422) and Dick Schiefelbusch (843-5869)

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Great Books Study

Ellen Gold (843-6933) and Don Chambers (843-5805)

February 9—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The group will discuss a selection from Percy Shelley's *A Defence of Poetry*. The discussion will be led by Ellen Reid Gold.

Metropolitan Opera Radio

Al Sellen (jnalsellen@aol.com, 841-7432)

The live Saturday opera radio broadcasts of the Met are received over the Internet and played at the home of Vic and Mary Wallace, 1509 Massachusetts Street. Jim Seaver will bring his expert knowledge, and provide librettos for following the text. Coffee, snacks, and conversation follow during intermissions. Parking is conveniently available in the church lot next door. All are welcome.

When the opera is being presented in live-HD-video at movie houses, the group will meet at Southwind Theatres, 3433 Iowa Street, instead of at the Wallaces'.

February 5—12:00. *Simon Boccanegra*, Verdi.

February 12—12:00. *Nixon in China*, John Adams (at Southwind).

February 19—12:00. *Don Pasquale*, Donizetti.

February 26—12:00 *Iphigénie en Tauride*, Gluck (at Southwind).

Music

Arno Knapper (knapper@ku.edu, 312-9422)

February 2, 9, 16, 23—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

Out of Town Travel

*Bob and Norma Hohn (bnhohn@sunflower.com, 842-8804)
Fred and Carolyn Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu, 841-4939)*

March 29—**Trip to Lindsborg, Kansas.** Our itinerary will include a stop at the Smoky Hill museum in Salina, and then lunch at the Swedish Crown Restaurant in Lindsborg. The menu sounds delicious with all the traditional Swedish foods available. After lunch, we will visit the Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery, which is one of the top art galleries in the state.

The cost is \$40/person for the bus and tip for the driver, with lunch on your own. A full buffet can be had for \$12 with dessert, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and gratuity included. The bus will leave from Lawrence at 8:00 A.M. and be back home between 6:00 and 6:30 P.M. Travel time is approximately 2 and ½ to 3 hours.

Reservations must be made by **March 9th**. Join the Traveling Endacotts for an informative and entertaining trip!

Singing for Fun

Roberta Spires (rspires@ku.edu, 842-6820)

February 3—2:00 in the Music Room. Winnie Gallup will accompany us with the able help of Edwyna Gilbert and Al Gallup. Please come. It is so very much fun!

Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

Genevieve McMahon (841-2116).

February 2, 9, 16, 23—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

Endacott Society Membership List

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