

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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March 2011

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

Afternoon Lecture Series

Carolyn Madaus (fmadaus@sbcglobal.net, 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.

March 10—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of March birthdays, Michael P. Thompson, MD, Anatomic & Clinical Pathologist at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, will speak about “My experience and education with a small portion of the Flint Hills.”

Card and Game Theory

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

March 17—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies 23

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

March 15—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. We will see film *Pavilion of Women* (2001), the third of our series of films based on Pearl Buck's novels. With World War II looming, a prominent family in China must confront ideas of traditionalism, Communism and Western thinking, while dealing with the most important ideal of all: love and its meaning in society. This film, in contrast to the two previous films shown in this series, is a Chinese-American coproduction with a full Chinese cast. 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/>).

March 2—Smartphones - the Apple iPhone (Susan Hasselle).

March 9—Kan-Ed, the Board of Regents network (Brad Williams).

March 16—Texting with your cell phone (Jerry Niebaum).

March 23—No session - Spring Break.

March 30—Dr. Fixit - bring questions! (Jerry Niebaum).

Drama Study

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

March 11—1:30 in the Music Room. Having, in a manner of speaking, brought down the house with the finale of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, the group undertakes a new vehicle, George Farquhar's restoration comedy *The Beaux' Strategem*. This play, by no coincidence whatsoever, is currently also being staged in KU's Crafton-Preyer Theatre. In other words, a double delight for the Valentine season.

Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)

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

March 31—5:30 wine and cheese, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. Our speaker will be Kevin Corbett, president of the KU Alumni Association.

Please sign up for reservation and to indicate a dish you will bring: salad, vegetable, or dessert. (Sign-up sheet at Wednesday Coffee, or contact Tom Eblen or John Mullens directly.)

Foreign Policy Study

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

March 14—3:30 in the McGinnis Library. Because bad weather has interfered with our normal planning routine, the topic for discussion will be decided and announced at a time after the newsletter deadline. Stay tuned. We'll let you know.

Gardening

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

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

Great Books Study

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

March 9—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The group will be reading a selection from Honore Balzac, *The Unknown Masterpiece*. David Hiebert will lead the discussion.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

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 Theaters, 3433 Iowa Street, instead of at the Wallaces'.

March 5—12:00. *Armida*, Rossini.

March 12—11:00. *Boris Godunov*. Mussorgsky.

March 19—12:00. *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Donizetti (at Southwind).

March 26—12:00 *The Queen of Spades*, Tchaikovsky.

Music

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

March 2, 9, 16, 30—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

Opera Study

Jim Seaver (jseaver@ku.edu, 843-4081) and Al Sellen (jnalsellen@aol.com, 841-7432)

March 4—1:30, in the Paul Adam Lounge. Opera Study will present a very beautiful rendition of Sergei Prokofiev's opera *War and Peace*, the final opera for our series of five Russian operas this year. The opera is performed by Opera National de Paris in 2000. It stars Elena Obraztsova, Nathan Gunn, Robert Brubaker, and Anatoli Kotcherga. The conductor is Gary Bertini. The running time of the opera will be about three and one-half hours. After the first half of the opera, entitled "The Peace," we will have an intermission, during which coffee and cookies will be served. The second half of the opera, should end about 5 P.M. During the intermission we should discuss next year's program of American operas.

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. There is still time to sign up for the trip. Our itinerary will include a stop at the Smoky Hill museum in Salina, and then lunch at the Swedish Crown Restaurant in Lindsborg. After lunch, we will visit the Sandzen Memorial Art Gallery, and conclude our trip with shopping in downtown Lindsborg.

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 at approximately 7:00 P.M..

Reservations and non-refundable payment must be made by March 9. Join the Traveling Endacotts for an informative and entertaining trip!

Singing for Fun

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

March 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 McMahan (841-2116)

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

March 16—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. 10:00. **St. Patrick's Eve:** This will be an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day, so wear your green, be prepared to eat green cookies and other goodies, and to sing teary, sentimental Irish songs. There will be no announcements, just conversation and song.

Endacott Society Membership List

Copies of the Endacott Society membership list may be obtained from Bryan Greve at the KU Alumni Association. To subscribe to our list-serve, send an e-mail to: listproc@ku.edu with message content: "Subscribe retirees your-name".

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