

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

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

A WELCOME TO NEW RETIREES

If you are a new retiree this year, you are receiving this complementary copy of the Endacott Society Newsletter as a welcome and an introduction to the Society and its activities. We encourage you to join us at some of our activities, especially our Wednesday Coffee, where you will meet the most members at one time.

We will continue to send complementary issues of the Newsletter for several months so you will be aware of our full range of activities. More information is available on our website, <http://groups.ku.edu/~endacottsociety/>.

We also hope you will decide to be a member. (To become a member, refer to the item "Dues" on the last page of this Newsletter.)

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

Afternoon Lecture Series

Carolyn Madaus (fmadaus@sbcglobal, 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.

September 15—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of September birthdays, Founders Day Recognition for the Endacott Society will be presented by Betty Alderson, Ev Swartz, Sandra Wiechert, Jan Roth, and Lorraine Lindenbaum. (Note, once again, that this is a *third* Thursday, contrary to "normal.")

Armchair Travel

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

September 22—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00. Richard Kershenbaum and his wife, Jennifer Lattimore, report on their travels through Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

Card and Game Theory

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

September 15—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The sign-up sheet for bridge and scrabble is available at the Wednesday Coffee.

Cinema Studies

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

September 20—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. We will see the third of our summer musical films: "Chicago." This Academy Award winning best film of 2002 is the story of two murderesses, Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart, who find themselves on death row

together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows. The award winning performances by Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta Jones are truly remarkable, as is the outstanding acting of Richard Gere as their legal eagle who works tirelessly in their behalf. The entire company directed by the superb Rob Marshall will sing and dance their way into your hearts! 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/>).

September 7—Introduction and plans for the year (Jerry Niebaum).

September 14—Computers and Theater (Mark Reaney).

September 21—YouTube on Surface Computing (Jerry Niebaum).

September 28—Apple time: Introduction to the Mac (Kyle Savage).

Drama Study

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

September 9—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will meet to continue its reading—and likely discussion—of Archibald MacLeish's verse play *J.B.* All are welcome, most especially those with a familiarity or, even better, a working knowledge of the biblical *Book of Job*.

Foreign Policy Study

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

September 12—3:30, coffee at 3:00, in the McGinnis Library. Foreign policy will resume, for this new season, with Danny Drury leading the discussion on "The Horn of Africa."

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Gardening

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

September 7, 14, 21, 28—9:00 in the Music Room.

Great Books Study

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

September 14—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The group will be talking about *Death in the Woods*, by Sherwood Anderson. Esther Smith will moderate.

Music

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

September 7, 14, 21, 28—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

Singing for Fun

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

September 1—2:00 in the Music Room. Winnie Gallup will accompany us with the able help of Pat Kelly and Al Gallup. Please come. It is so very much fun.

Ten O'clock Scholars, AKA "Wednesday Coffee"

Esther Smith (842-1660)

September 7, 14, 21, 28—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opera Study

Al Sellen (jnalsellen@aol.com, 841-7432) and Vic Wallace (wallace@ku.edu, 842 7930)

On August 19 Opera Study saw the second of its 2011-2012 series of American and British operas, Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes*. *Peter Grimes* is Britten's best known opera and the one that established his reputation in 1945, a month after the war ended in Europe. The opera was Jim Seaver's favorite Britten opera. It was the story of a "proud, self-willed outsider of uncompromising independence" in a "society determined to enforce its norms." Peter Grimes, a fisherman, was sung by Jon Vickers, one of the outstanding tenors in that role. It was a 1981 production of The Royal Opera, Covent Garden, with Colin Davis conducting.

Your editor apologizes for the omission of this notice from the July/August edition of the Newsletter. This notice appears simply to set the record straight. — VW

Oral History Project

Sandra Wiechert (wiechert@ku.edu)

Since the Annual Report of June 2011, six oral histories of retired KU faculty and staff have been completed. Copies will be placed in KU Archives where they are available for research, and other copies have been placed in the Adams Center Library where they may be checked out. Interviewees have their own copies. They include: Peter Casagrande, James Hartman, Phyllis Brill Munczek, Bobby Patton, Bud Stallworth, and Robert Weaver. Several other recent retirees have been interviewed recently, and those oral histories are now being transcribed.

Out of Town Travel

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

Those attending recent Coffees were asked to indicate which of 5 possible trips they would like to go on. Twenty-seven individuals responded and the results were:

Nelson Gallery and Steamboat Arabia - 18
Abilene - 17
Omaha, NE - 16
Leavenworth - 15
Atchison - 14

These results indicate to us that any of the 5 that were proposed would be acceptable to the group. Support for an overnight to Omaha was most gratifying, suggesting that such a trip has a very good chance to make the minimum number of people needed to finance it. We now plan to obtain dollar estimates of the cost for each. Our timeline is to schedule a one-day trip for fall, an overnight for spring and another one-day trip for summer.

If you have comments to make about our plans, please contact any one on the committee. As a side note, we received no support at all for a trip to Egypt.