# ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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October 2011

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

#### **Afternoon Lecture Series**

Carolyn Madaus (fmadaus@ku.edu, 841-4939) is in charge of Birthday preparations. Loraine Lindenbaum (lhlindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308), and Stan and Janet Roth (sdroth@ku.edu, jroth@ku.edu, 843-4764) 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, Mary Doveton, director of Theater Lawrence will speak on "Theatre Lawrence: New Directions."

#### **Armchair Travel**

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

October 27—Program at 2:30, coffee and tea at 2:00. Bruce and Chris Linton will present "Swiss Oberland," a DVD covering two weeks at Lake Thun, with lots of folk fests, side trips on the lakes, and in the mountains.

## **Card and Game Theory**

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

October 20—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The signup 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)

October 18—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. We will see *In the Valley of Elah*. This will be the first in a series of three films dealing with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Valley of Elah was the place where David slew Goliath, and here it serves as a metaphor for Iraq. This very moving mystery story stars Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon. The movie is about the kind of war America is fighting today and what this type of combat does to men who are caught up in it. 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.

October 5—The Kindle Electronic Book (Judy Niebaum).

October 12—Android tablet computers, alternatives to the iPad (Jerry Niebaum).

October 19—Dr. Fixit (Jerry Niebaum).

October 26—Technology in Education (Doug Golick).

## **Drama Study**

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

October 14—1:30 in the Music Room. The group will meet to continue its reading and discussion of Archibald MacLeish's play *J.B.*, beginning with Scene V. Homework assignment (not required but highly recommended): Read (or reread) the biblical *Book of Job*.

## **Evening Lecture Series (Potluck Dinner)**

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

October 6—5:30 wine and cheese, 6:00 dinner, 7:00 program. Our speaker will be Dr. Timothy Caboni, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs.

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

#### **Foreign Policy Study**

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

October 10—3:30, coffee at 3:00, in the McGinnis Library. The topics for discussion in October and on through the winter are to be determined at the September meeting.

#### Gardening

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

October 5, 12, 19, 26—9:00 in the Music Room.

#### **Great Books Study**

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

October 12—1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The group will discuss *What Do We Mean When We Talk About Love*, by Raymond Carver. Art Lamb will lead the discussion.

#### SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### **Local Tours**

Ev Swartz (evswartz@ku.edu, 841-4065)

Please join us for two local tours in October. If you are interested in either, or both, of them, please e-mail Ev Swartz.

October 3—10:30-11:30. Guided tour of the new KU Pharmacy building. You may want to have lunch in the neat little cafeteria, after the tour.

October 10—9:30-10:30. Guided tour of Cottonwood. Coffee and cookies will be served.

#### Music

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

October 5, 12, 19, 26—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

## **Opera Study**

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

October 21—1:30 in the Paul Adam Lounge. The next opera in the American and British Series is Handel's *Giulio Cesare*, the story of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra in Egypt. It was well received when performed in 1724 but over time Handel's operas were forgotten. A revival of them began in the 1920s and his operas now are presented regularly, with this opera one of the best known. The Glyndebourne production of the Roman story is placed in British colonial times when another power dominated Egypt. Also, unlike in most operas, women play major male roles replacing the male castrato roles of Handel's time. These include Sarah Connolly as Caesar, and Angelika Kirchschlager. Cleopatra, of course, is played by a woman, Danielle de Niese. The opera is more than three hours in length. Coffee and tea with cookies will refresh us at an intermission.

#### **Out of Town Travel**

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

Our itinerary will include stops at the *Frontier Army Muse-um* on the Fort Leavenworth grounds and lunch on your own at the *Pullman Place* restaurant in downtown Leavenworth. At Atchison, we will tour the *Amelia Earhart Museum* and the *Evah Gray Mansion*.

The cost will be \$40/person which includes the bus tour, tip and lunch for the bus driver, and admissions to the Earhart Museum and Evah Gray Mansion. Sign Up begins on Sept. 14th and payment must be received by **October 12.** Checks should be made out to the Endacott Society and must indicate the names of who is going on the trip.

## Singing for Fun

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

October 6—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)

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

October 19—Special program: A Salute to the Nineties - a recognition of our members who are 90 or better. Special treats, special music, special prize

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **New Retirees**

Sandra Wiechert (wiechert@ku.edu, 842-5467)

This is new retirees' second, *Endacott Society Newsletter*, being sent to encourage you and your spouse or parnter to take part in the many social and educational activities of the KU retirees. Endacott membership is free with membership in the KU Alumni Association (see page 4). Surely some of the above weekly, monthly, and/or quarterly activities, in the company of former colleagues and old and new friends, will be of interest to you. Check us out on the above website, and come for any activity. You are always welcome.

- Sandra Wiechert, President

#### **KU Endowment "Photo Booth"**

Jessica Sain-Baird (Communications Specialist, KU Endowment, jsainbaird@kuendowment.org, 832-7358

October 26—9:30-12:30 at the Kansas Union fourth floor lobby (near the piano). KU Endowment is planning

a fundraising campaign for KU. Because the purpose of the campaign is to raise money to help KU, its students, faculty and staff, KUEA would like to highlight members of the KU community in upcoming campaign publications, with their photos and thoughts about KU. Specifically to encourage representation by retirees and members of the Endacott Society in these highlights, KUEA has scheduled a photo-shoot, with a professional photographer, around the Endacott Society's meeting schedule, at a place convenient to the Adams Center.

Members are encouraged to stop by the KU Endowment "photo booth" to be a part of this fun project. All you have to do is pose for a photo and write a quote about how you feel about KU. Your photo and quote may be featured in publications to kick-off a fundraising campaign for KU. Remember: Wednesday, October 26, any time between 9:30 and 12:30 in the Kansas Union main lobby. Look for KU Endowment Photo Booth.