

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

Retired Faculty and Staff of the University of Kansas

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May 2012

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 (lhindenbaum@sunflower.com, 843-4308), and Stan and Janet Roth (sdroth@ku.edu, jroth@ku.edu, 843-4764) are in charge of programs.

May 17—Program at 2:30, sherry at 2:00, in the Summerfield Room. Following the celebration of May birthdays, Joan Stone, Retired Director of the Division of Dance at KU, will present “*Mary Carpenter Rankin: Survivor of Quantrill’s Raid, A Play for a Dancer.*”

Card and Game Theory

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

May 17—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)

May 15—Film at 2:00, coffee at 1:45, in the Paul Adam Lounge. This month we will see the second of our two World War II home front dramas: *The Best Years of Our Lives*. This epic story of postwar America trying to come to terms with the sociological dislocations of the war stars Myrna Loy, Fredric March, Dana Andrews and Teresa Wright.

Directed by William Wyler, this film won 7 Academy Awards. Three ex-servicemen from three very different backgrounds come home to face all of the human problems of readjusting to peacetime society, one very different from the one they left behind. Each of these men finds a world totally changed from the one they knew, and each confronts a personal crisis analogous to those of the rest of American society. 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>.)

May 2—The KU web site (Corey Stone, University Relations).

May 9— Using Internet resources to plan a vacation (Jerry Niebaum).

May 16— Computer Assisted Rapid Prototyping (Lorin Maletsky).

May 23— WordPress and the Endacott Web (Jerry Niebaum).

May 30— Lorin Maletsky (Jerry Niebaum).

Drama Study

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

May 11— 1:30 in the Music Room. Having successfully negotiated the play’s first two acts, the group is primed to continue (and likely conclude) its reading of Eugene O’Neill’s *Anna Christie*. All are welcome. Copies of the play are available.

A special invitation goes to those eager to experience O’Neill’s very personal and picturesque manner of rendering the sounds of the Swedish-American and Irish-American language he requires of his actors.

Gardening

Allen Wiechert (wiechert@ku.edu, 842-5467) and Dick Schiefelbusch (843-5869)

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—9:00 in the Music Room.

Great Books Study

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

May 9— 1:30 in the McGinnis Library. The conversation will be about the poetry of Wislawa Szymborska, the Polish Nobel Laureate of 1997. Don Chambers will moderate the discussion.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

Metropolitan Opera Radio

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

The live Saturday opera radio broadcasts of the Met, received over the Internet, will be heard at the home of Vic and Mary Wallace, 1509 Massachusetts Street. Coffee, snacks, and conversation follow during intermissions, and libretti are furnished when possible. Parking is conveniently available in the church parking lot next door. All are welcome.

The Radio Opera season ends with the following program:

May 5—11:30. *The Makropulos Case*, Janáček. (Karita Mattila is the featured singer.)

Music

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

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Immediately following coffee, in the Music Room.

Singing for Fun

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

May 3—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)

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—10:00, in the Summerfield Room. Conversation, coffee, tea, cookies and announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting

June 20—Immediately following Coffee. The Annual Meeting will be held, as provided in the Bylaws. An agenda will be posted in the June Newsletter. Elections for next year's officers will be part of it, and all are encouraged to put this date on their calendars

Stop Day Walking Tour

Ted Johnson (tj@ku.edu, 842-5328)

May 4—9:00 at the Natural History Museum, and various points afterward. Ted Johnson will conduct the traditional Stop Day Walking Tour of Mount Oread. The walk begins with the Natural History Museum at 9 a.m. and then meets at various points on the campus throughout the day. The full program will be available at Wednesday Coffee, or by contacting Ted. (The program is sponsored by the Department of Humanities and Western Civilization.)