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Marching Onward

March is a sort of anniversary month for the Endacott Society. It was in March 2020 that we held our very last Wednesday Coffee meeting in the “old” Alumni Center. Little did we know then that it would be more than three years before we would have coffee there again. The pandemic has divided time for us into BP (before pandemic) and after. What had we planned to do in March of 2020? Based on the listing in the March 2020 newsletter there were 30 meetings scheduled of which only eight were completed before the Alumni Center closed for Spring Break. Notable things scheduled that did not happen included a Public Affairs Forum with (then Mayor) Lisa Larson, a potluck dinner with a presentation on Woman Suffrage in Lawrence, 1854-1920 by Jeanne Klein, and an Opera Study session featuring Sergei Prokofiev’s War and Peace. The following three Marches were a trajectory of slow recovery for the Endacott Society calendar of events, but this March it looks like it is back to the robustness of the BP days. Of course, things will never be quite like they were before, but let’s enjoy the sameness and the differences. Because you never know...
-Dave Mannering

Knock, Knock

Who’s there?
AI.
AI who?
AI’s coming for you, puny human!
Relax! Based on our latest Technology Studies session with ChatGPT4 & DALL-E, we have nothing to worry about. We were able to get the AI chat bot to tell a joke (not

the one above), prove a mathematical formula, give advice on dealing with difficult people, and draw a striking cubist rendition of Einstein, among other things, but sort of like watching a trained bear ride a bicycle, we were more amused than frightened. Nothing to worry about. Or is that just what it wants us to think?
-Dave

March event reminders:

(See specific details below under Potluck and Out-of-Town Travel)

Endacott Society Food Drive for the KU Campus Cupboard-

The Endacott Society supported the Campus Cupboard again in February. Members generously brought 136 food items to our Wednesday Coffee meetings where they were collected and marked with labels identifying the Endacott Society as the donor of the items. Thanks to Cal and Jo Cink for transporting these items to the Campus Cupboard.
--Laurie

March Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No program scheduled in March.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Thursday, **March 28 at 1:30 p.m.**

Adam's Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

This year marks the centennial of KU's Watson Library. So it's appropriate that the next speaker in the Endacott Arts and Sciences Series will be Carol Smith, Dean of KU Libraries.

KU Libraries is finalizing a new set of strategic priorities for the coming five years. Dean Smith will discuss these priorities and other topics involving KU Libraries and the future of libraries as tools for teaching, learning, and research. "Physical libraries matter more than ever in the digital age," says Smith, "because people learn from each other through conversation, and libraries are spaces that bring people together in a spirit of shared learning."

Cinema Studies

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DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, **March 12th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "C"**

"The Ides of March" (Political Drama, Thriller) 2011, 1hr 41min

An idealistic staffer for a new presidential candidate gets a crash course on dirty politics during his stint on the campaign trail. Stephan Meyers (Ryan Gosling) has sworn to give all for Governor Mike Morris (George Clooney), a wild card presidential candidate whose groundbreaking ideas could change the political landscape. However, a brutal Ohio primary threatens to test Morris' integrity, while Meyers finds himself caught up in a scandal involving a young intern. Directed by Geo. Clooney with screenplay written by Clooney and Grand Heslov, this movie was Oscar nominee for Best Writing, Adapted Screenplay and had 9 wins and 36 nominations for other awards.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, **March 22rd, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **ROOM "C"**

"The Rules of the Game: La regle du jeu". (LPL's Kanopy) 1939, 1hr 46min

Considered by many to be one of the greatest films ever made, this movie is a scathing critique of corrupt French society disguised as a comedy of manners. Taking place over a weekend at a marquis' country chateau, Jean Renoir's classic film lays bare some ugly truths about a group of haute bourgeois acquaintances.

After a violent response from its premiere audience, this film was subjected to cuts in 1939. The original negative was destroyed during WWII and wasn't reconstructed until 1959. That version has stunned viewers for decades.

Directed by Jean Renoir, this film won of Best European Film at the Bodll Awards, was voted second place for Best Film of the Century by the Village Voice Film Poll and was the Official Selection at the Venice Film Festival.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, **March 26th, 1:30 to 4:00pm**

Lawrence Public Library, **Room "C"**

"Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story" (Biography, History, War) 2017, 1hr 28 min

A profile of Hedy Lamarr is presented, largely based on some audio recordings of Lamarr herself, and corroborated by other sources. She is most remembered for being a glamorous Hollywood movie star in the 1940s after emigrating to the US following an infamous movie career in her native Austria, but her Hollywood career was never fully realized. The biggest surprise about her is her inherent scientific intellect, her biggest achievement being awarded a patent for an invention developed as part of the US war effort in WWII, for which she never got the credit, financial or otherwise, but is the basis for the technology used today in many of our electronic devices. Directed and written by Alexandra Dean, this movie had 8 win and 5 nominations for various awards.

As you know, most movies are shown on the Lower Level of the Lawrence Public Library. Reminders are emailed a couple of days before each showing.

Please note that the *Location, Dates, Times and Rooms* may change based on availability. We start the movies promptly at the times indicated but try to get doors open earlier. Members are encouraged to bring your family or friends because we have room to accommodate 20 to 25 people. You may also bring snacks and drinks, but coffee, tea and snacks are provided. **PLEASE NOTE: Suggestions for movies you would like to see are always welcome. Just send us an email!**

J Tom Adams

Drama Studies

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Tuesdays—**March 5 & 19 at 1:30pm**

Community Room in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

The play we are reading this month is "A Doll's House." Written by Norwegian Henrik Ibsen in 1879. The play deals with the universal theme of a woman who feels trapped in her role of wife/mother. Rather than life as a "doll" in a playhouse, she works at finding more fulfillment. Even though Ibsen wrote the play 145 years ago, there are interesting parallels today.

Games Theory

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Thursday, **March 21 at 1:30pm**

Senior Resource Center

We will be playing Face-the-Music Movie Version. Since March is the Oscars month, we will be playing snippets of well-known songs from famous movies. You and your group (you are not alone) will attempt to name the song, the movie and the artist. This nostalgic game has been very fun and popular in Games Theory. I hope you will join us.

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday--**March 13th at 9:00am** Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

--Selecting and Planting Fruit Trees for Kansas.

Wednesday--**March 27th, 9:00am** Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

-- Shrubs that Thrive with Minimal Effort.

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, **March 13, at 1:30 pm.**

We'll discuss five short stories by Virginia Woolf. Woolf (1882-1941) was one of the most highly regarded and influential English-language writers of the twentieth century. Better known for her novels, such as *To the Lighthouse* and *Mrs. Dalloway*, Woolf also wrote a number of short stories: brief, delightfully witty and perceptive portrayals of human situations that exhibit Woolf's unique style. As our author for Women's History Month, she is also an icon of the feminist movement, particularly for her books *A Room of One's Own* and *Three Guineas*. Our stories for discussion are "The New Dress," "Moments of Being," "The Man Who Loved His Kind," "The Searchlight," and "The Legacy." They're included in a collection of Woolf's short stories available in paperback and also online as pdf documents. (Suggestion: Google "Virginia Woolf short stories" and click on the Project Gutenberg Australia site.)

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 AM. Ron will announce a local restaurant each week, or weather permitting, he may announce a picnic-style brown bag at the Weinberg Pavilion at the Rotary Arboretum, 5100 W. 27th St. Please contact Ron by email to receive his announcements.

Movement Workshop

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Friday **March 8 at 9:00am**

Senior Resource Center

After a 2-month hiatus, Tai Chi classes will resume on in the Senior Center and will continue weekly. Beginners are welcome.

Thanks,

--Haskell

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday **March, 25th at 1:30pm-3:30pm** (The waiting room opens at 1:15pm)

To begin, we'll listen to a **Sam Spade** caper starring Howard Duff. The second program will be **Maisie** with Ann Sothern (later Southern). Finally, we'll hear an episode of **Sherlock Holmes** starring Sir John Gielgud.

The waiting room opens at 1:15, with the program beginning at 1:30. If this is your first time attending, please consider joining us. No reservations are necessary.

Out-of-Town Travel

Friday, **March 22nd**

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

Dave Marden mardendl@gmail.com

The Endacott out-of-town travel committee has scheduled a day trip to the Eisenhower Presidential Museum and Library in Abilene. We will have lunch at the historic Brookville Hotel in Abilene. We are asking for volunteer drivers to ensure that everyone who wants to go will be able to attend. More details and sign-up opportunities are available at the Endacott 10 a.m. Wednesday coffees in the Adams Alumni Center. Contact Judy Niebaum (360) 953-2240 with questions.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

Thursday, **March 14**

5:30pm wine and cheese, **6:00pm** dinner, **6:45pm** program. Please [sign up for this event by Wednesday, March 6](#) and indicate what food you will bring. Meat is furnished. Our speaker is Curtis March, who will talk about his new book about the University of Kansas. You can use the sign-up sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling (785-841-0958) or emailing Linda Mullens-- lmullens@ku.edu.

Technology Studies (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, **March 6th, 9:00 AM**, Adams Alumni Center
--*The Connected Traveler Part 3 - Richard Kershenbaum*

Wednesday, **March 20, 9:00 AM**, Adams Alumni Center
--*Chess Technology - From the Mechanical Turk to AlphaZero*

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 6, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center – Birthday Cake

Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center



Members of KU's Endacott Society for retired faculty and staff are contributing food during February to the "Campus Cupboard" at the Kansas Memorial Union. The program benefits KU students.

