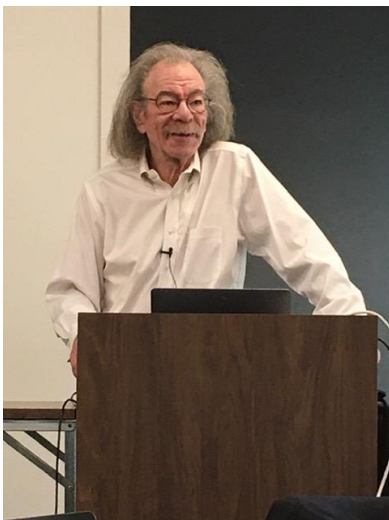




## Endacott Society 2023 - 2024 Annual Report



**Dave Marden and Judy Niebaum, Chairs, Out of Town Travel, Eisenhower Home and Museum**



**Leonard "Kris" Krishtalka giving a talk on Quantum Biology for Tech Studies**



**Diana Carlin presenting the history of President's wives at Potluck Lecture.**

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## President's Report: David Mannering

I want to begin by extending my condolences to the family and friends of Paul Willhite, whose untimely death led to my assumption to the presidency this year.

2023 was the Endacott Society's 40th anniversary year, and we held a catered evening celebration in October (See the 40th Anniversary Celebration report below.). Members were encouraged to wear our 40th anniversary buttons at events throughout the year.

We attempted to enhance our status within the KU community via three new service projects:

In response to John Poggio's presentation of the results of the recent Retiree Survey, we launched a new program called Voices of Experience which aimed to provide some insights and guidance to prospective and new retirees on how to anticipate and navigate the social aspects of retirement. We held two panel discussions open to all faculty and staff, but almost no one attended. It still seems like it serves a good cause, but clearly needs to be redesigned if it is to be continued.

On Leap Day in February we co-sponsored the TGIT get together where the Endacott Society was formally recognized by KU Alumni Association president Heath Peterson.

In March we made a monetary donation to the KU Libraries Enhancement Fund in recognition of our benefactor Paul Endacott's use of the Engineering Library as a student.

These service projects were in addition to our annual February Food drive for the Campus Cupboard which garnered even more donations than previous years.

This was our first full year of operation under our MOU with KUAA, and we developed a formal budget for the first time in a few years to help us manage our new room rental and coffee catering expenses. The Treasurer's Report below will summarize the results.

Due to the restrictions of the MOU, we could not hold all our activities in the Alumni Center, so enterprising activity leaders found venues in the Senior Resource Center, the Lawrence Public Library, and the Pioneer Ridge Retirement Center. Two activities continued to be held via Zoom only. Most meetings at the Alumni Center were hybrid (in-person plus Zoom).

There are other items of interest for the year in the reports below, but I want to close this one by thanking the activity leaders, committee chairs, and officers for their contributions in keeping our organization healthy, dynamic, and fun. Also, best wishes to Kevin Boatright, our next president. The Endacott Society will be in good hands for the coming year.

Dave Mannering

## Minutes of the 2022-2023 Annual Meeting of the Endacott Society

On June 21, 2023, President MaryKay Mahoney called the annual meeting to order at 10:11 am in the Paul Adams Room in the newly remodeled Adams Alumni Center. Members numbered 26 and two more were on Zoom for the hybrid meeting. Printed copies of the **2022-2023 Annual Report** were on hand, which was also posted earlier in the week on [www.EndacottSociety.org](http://www.EndacottSociety.org).

**President's Report:** MaryKay Mahoney read highlights of the President's Report. She also noted the passing of President Elect Paul Willhite last December. In January, former Endacott President Dave Mannering agreed to take on that role of President Elect.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Houston reported that the finances are in good shape and explained some of the new expenses in this year's report. The report was approved.

**Minutes:** David Bushouse read the minutes of the June 22, 2022 meeting, which were approved.

### Standing Committee Reports:

Endacott Society Membership

Linda Mullens, presented by MaryKay Mahoney

Nominating Committee Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka  
President-Elect: Kevin Boatright  
Secretary: David Bushouse (continuing)  
Treasurer: Pam Houston (continuing)  
Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Omofolabo Ajayi-Soyinka, Past President, and  
Chair, Mary Jane Dunlap and Lindy Eakin.

The slate was approved by acclamation.

|                     |                                    |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Newsletter          | Mary Jane Dunlap                   |
| Care Correspondence | MaryKay Mahoney for Carolyn Madaus |
| Scrapbook           | Laurie Doud                        |
| Library             | Jim Woelfel                        |

**Activity Reports:**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Endacott Speaker Series                          |   |
| Armchair Travel                                  | MaryKay Mahoney for Ron Schorr                    |
| Arts and Science Lectures                        | Kevin Boatright                                   |
| Cinema Studies: Documentaries, Foreign, Domestic | Tom Adams and Nora Clark                          |
| Computer and Technology Studies                  | Dave Mannering                                    |
| Drama Study                                      | Michael Shaw                                      |
| Endacott at the Lied Center                      | MaryKay Mahoney                                   |
| Endacott ReMembers                               | MaryKay Mahoney                                   |
| Evening Lecture Series                           | MaryKay Mahoney for Linda Mullens                 |
| Games Theory                                     | MaryKay Mahoney for Steven Lee                    |
| Gardening Seminar                                | MaryKay Mahoney for Cal Cink                      |
| Great Books                                      | Jim Woelfel                                       |
| Lunch Bunch                                      | MaryKay Mahoney for Ron Schorr                    |
| Old Time Radio Shows                             | MaryKay Mahoney for John Nicholson                |
| Oral History                                     | Lindy Eakin                                       |
| Out of Town Travel                               | MaryKay Mahoney for David Marden and Judy Niebaum |
| Singing for Fun                                  | Jim Woelfel                                       |
| Tai Chi  | MaryKay Mahoney for Haskell Springer              |
| Technology Support                               | Dave Mannering                                    |
| Wednesday Coffee Hour (Ten O'Clock Scholars)     | MaryKay Mahoney                                   |

**Other Business:**

MaryKay Mahoney called for volunteers for the treats and cleanup committees.

MaryKay Mahoney presented Dave Mannering with a small gift, welcoming him as President.

Dave Mannering gave a short speech about the changes in budgeting that must occur in the next year due to the expenses of multiple venues for activities.

Sandra Wiechert thanked MaryKay Mahoney for her service during the transition year.

Dave Mannering takes over as President on July 1.

Meeting adjourned 10:55.

M. David Bushouse, Secretary

# Endacott Society Treasurer's Report 2022-2023

| <b>Cost Center</b>                    | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>Expenses</b>    | <b>Balance</b>    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Arts & Sciences                       | \$200.00           | \$100.00           | \$100.00          |
| Armchair Travel                       | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Care Correspondence                   | \$65.00            | \$93.60            | (\$28.60)         |
| Cinema Studies                        | \$1,440.00         | \$323.77           | \$1,116.23        |
| Drama Study                           | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Endacott Office                       | \$1,000.00         | \$284.28           | \$715.72          |
| Endacott ReMembers                    | \$200.00           |                    |                   |
| Endacott Society                      | \$5,120.00         | \$5,000.00         | \$120.00          |
| Evening Lecture                       | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Pot Luck Dinner                       | \$5,000.00         | \$2,889.54         | \$2,110.46        |
| Games Theory                          | \$390.00           | \$189.89           | \$200.11          |
| Garden Seminar                        | \$120.00           |                    | \$120.00          |
| Great Books                           | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Library                               | \$200.00           |                    | \$200.00          |
| Lunch Bunch                           | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Membership                            | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Movement Workshop                     | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Name Badges                           | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Newsletter                            | \$90.00            |                    | \$90.00           |
| Nominating Committee                  | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Old-Time Radio                        | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Out-of-Town Travel                    | \$0.00             |                    |                   |
| Scrapbook                             | \$15.00            |                    | \$15.00           |
| Singing for Fun                       | \$700.00           |                    | \$700.00          |
| Technology Studies                    | \$120.00           |                    | \$120.00          |
| Technology Support                    | \$125.00           |                    | \$125.00          |
| Ten O'Clock Scholars                  | \$6,000.00         | \$6,218.85         | (\$218.85)        |
| Web Site                              | \$50.00            |                    | \$50.00           |
| New Activity 1 Student Ambassador     | \$1,440.00         |                    | \$1,440.00        |
| New Activity 2 Voices of Experience   | \$200.00           |                    | \$200.00          |
| Service Project 1 Campus Cupboard     | \$100.00           |                    | \$100.00          |
| Service Project 2 KU library donation | \$1,000.00         | \$1,000.00         | \$0.00            |
| Service Project 3* TGIT 8/13/23       | \$2,500.00         | \$2,500.00         | \$0.00            |
| Special Event 1: 40th Anniversary     | \$1,500.00         | \$2,815.62         | (\$1,315.62)      |
|                                       |                    |                    |                   |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$27,575.00</b> | <b>\$21,415.55</b> |                   |
| <b>Remaining balance</b>              |                    |                    | <b>\$6,159.45</b> |
|                                       |                    |                    |                   |
| <b>Oral History</b>                   | <b>\$2,725.00</b>  | <b>\$179.55</b>    | <b>\$2,545.45</b> |

| 23-24 Fund         |                    | Receipts        |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Phillips           | Expressions        | Support         |
| <b>\$16,957.23</b> | <b>\$10,985.49</b> | <b>\$762.55</b> |
| \$100.00           |                    |                 |
| \$93.60            |                    |                 |
| \$293.37           |                    | \$30.40         |
| \$284.28           |                    |                 |
| \$5,000.00         |                    |                 |
| \$134.69           |                    | \$55.20         |
| \$4,524.60         | \$400.00           | \$1,294.25      |
| \$1,000.00         |                    |                 |
|                    | \$2,500.00         |                 |
| \$2,315.62         | \$500.00           |                 |
| \$13,746.16        | \$3,400.00         | \$1,379.85      |
| \$3,211.07         | \$7,585.49         | (\$617.30)      |
|                    |                    |                 |

Anticipated Income through the end of the fiscal year  
 Expenses through June 5, 2024

In addition to the Phillips Petroleum Fund, the Expressions of Appreciation Fund, and the Oral History Fund (which is fully funded from the Grace Medes Fund), the Endacott Society has a new fund, the Retired Faculty Support Fund. This fund was set up June 1, 2023. The opening contribution to the fund was \$25,000 which was transferred from another Endowment fund by a retired faculty member. The expendable amount available each year is based on the interest earned through the KUEA investment spending policies.

The fund documents state: “This fund shall be used to support the activities of the Endacott Society whose membership includes retired faculty, staff, and their spouses, and their use of the Adams Alumni Center and the Jayhawk Welcome Center at the University of Kansas. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon the recommendation of the President of the Kansas Alumni Association in consultation with officers of the Endacott Society.”

Pam Houston, Treasurer

## Standing Committees:

### Membership Report

1. Membership as of March 2023 was 383. As of June 2024 the membership was 387. Snapshots, however, are sometimes difficult to compare since annual memberships come due throughout the year for individuals. According to President Dave Mannering, we gained 10 new members during this year.
2. I obtained lists of retired faculty and staff from July 2022 thru June 2023. The list totaled 80 retirees.
  - a. Worked with the Alumni Association to cross check the retiree names for current Alumni Association membership and secondary cross check for Endacott Society membership.
  - b. Goals:
    - Those who are already Alumni Association members but not an Endacott Member will be encouraged to become active in Endacott.
    - Remaining retirees will be encouraged to join Alumni Association and become active in the Endacott Society, most likely at the reduced rate offered.
3. Recruitment of the 2022-23 retirees:
  - a. In July 2023, a letter from the Endacott Society (on KU Alumni Association letterhead) was sent to retirees who are current alumni members who are not active in Endacott. A similar letter was sent to those who are not current alumni members. Both explained our activities and included an Endacott Society brochure. Updated in 2022, this brochure also contains an application for membership.
  - b. An invitation for them to be guests at the upcoming August Evening Lecture and dinner was included in this letter. Three new retirees came to this dinner. None of these new retirees are on our current membership list
  - c. The email about the monthly newsletter (included month schedule of events) was sent to all new retirees for three months (September thru November).
  - d. Evaluate success of the process.
    - Nothing formal was evaluated during 2023-24.
    - **A future consideration:** Consider re-contacting those who have been retired one year or longer to inquire about their interest in joining Endacott.
    - It has been suggested that we list the latest retirees in a fall newsletter.
4. Membership recruitment is an ongoing project. Working with Austin Harris of the KU Alumni Association is delightful. He is extremely helpful in our recruitment process.

Linda Mullens

## **Nominating Committee 2024-2025**

In accordance with the by-laws, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Endacott Society members to be elected for officer positions effective from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. All have been asked, and all have agreed to serve.

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| President-Elect: | Kevin Boatright             |
| Secretary        | David Bushouse (continuing) |
| Treasurer        | Pam Houston (continuing)    |

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:  
MaryKay Mahoney, Past President and Committee Chair  
Cal Cink, Jo Cink and Laurie Doud

## **Newsletter Report**

Since taking over the job of editor of the monthly newsletters I've learned a few things along the way—

- 1) Don't try to copy, paste, and edit all in one day.
- 2) Photos take patience to fit properly on a page.
- 3) Errors are possible, and people are quite forgiving.

I've had many positive comments on the brevity of the content limited to only Endacott related events, and it saves on paper and ink. Dave Mannering sent monthly newsletters out by mail to three who do not have computers.

I want to thank Dave for listening to suggestions and reaching compromises. He's also helped me with computer logistics and is understanding when I have to cut some of his articles due to length and formatting. Also thank you to Audrey Kamb-Studdard for her eagle eye in proofreading! She's a gem. Lastly, thank you to all the Event Chair's detailed program information submissions. They are the backbone of the newsletters.

Laurie Doud, Editor

## **Scrapbook** (formerly Bulletin Board and Scrapbook)

The scrapbook started a year ago is almost full with copies of newsletters, obituaries, tributes, and photos and letters to the editor printed in the Lawrence Journal World.

Laurie Doud

## **Care Correspondence**

This year's cards sent by our group were from several members who donated a variety of beautiful and meaningful selections and were so appreciated by the sender. Communications included Birthday, Sympathy, Get Well, Thinking of You, Anniversary, Thank you and Christmas cards.

It has been my pleasure to serve and I know that next year this will be in good hands with a new chair.

Carolyn Madaus

## **KU Retiree Rights and Benefits Committee**

The KU Retirees Rights and Benefits (RRB) Committee is a standing committee of the KU University Senate. The basic purpose is:

“to promote communication with retirees, support their participation in the life of the university, inform retirees of their rights, and otherwise improve the experience of retirees both as an acknowledgment of valued service and as an important asset for the university.”  
[University Senate website]

During the FY2024 year the committee focused on major themes from the 2023 Retirees Survey, identified major concerns of retired faculty and staff, emphasized the importance of retirees to the university, and encouraged improved communications with pre-retirees and retirees. These activities are recommended to continue into FY2025.

The final report should (soon) be available on The University Senate RRB Committee website at: <https://governance.ku.edu/retirees-rights-and-benefits>.

Gary J. Minden

## **Events and Activities**

### **Armchair Travel**

Presentations are usually given on second Thursday of the Month, at 1:30 PM.

September 2023. Ron Schorr and Georgann Eglinski. 2023 Latvian Song and Dance festival and Latvian culture and history.

November 2023. Gary Minden Upstream B, Antarctica.” Travel to 83° South and New Zealand.

January 2024. Philip and Jill Baringer. Driving Route 66

May 2024. Collaboration on cruising. David Mannering, Ocean Cruises: Our Best, Worst, and Lessons Learned. Ron Schorr, Transatlantic cruising, Southern Crossing.

Ron Schorr

### **Arts and Sciences Afternoon Lecture Programs**

During the past year, four KU-related speakers made presentations, starting in August 2023 and concluding in June 2024. For the first time since 2020, all of the presentations took place in person at the Adams Alumni Center. Here’s a summary of the 2023-24 programs.

August 10: Dennis Domer, Professor Emeritus of American Studies, and others involved in the project, discussed Embattled Lawrence: The Enduring Struggle for Freedom.

November 15: Val Stella, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, is an internationally acclaimed researcher, inventor and entrepreneur in the field of drug discovery and delivery. His topic was “Is there a difference between inventing in Science and being creative in the Humanities?”

March 28: Carol Smith, Dean of Libraries, discussed KU Libraries’ new five-year set of strategic priorities, as well as the future of libraries as tools for teaching, learning and research.

June 20: Leonard “Kris” Krishtalka, Director Emeritus of the KU Biodiversity Institute and Professor Emeritus of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, discussed and read from his 2024 novel, Native Blood, the fourth in his Harry Przewalski Mystery Series.

The 2024-25 Arts and Sciences series will resume in September. Suggestions for speakers or topics are most welcome, as are volunteer presenters.

Kevin Boatright

### **Cinema Studies**

The Cinema Studies group continued meeting at the Lawrence Public Library three times each month during the past year. Meetings were scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesday for Domestic and Foreign films and third or fourth Friday for Documentary films to avoid conflicts with other Endacott groups. Coffee, tea and snacks were provided at each meeting.

Several new persons joined the regular movie goers bringing the total number to 30. Of the total 39 scheduled movies only 34 were shown due to holidays and severe weather.

J. Tom Adams and Nora Clark, Co-Chairs



## **Drama Studies**

The Drama Studies group, some eight members strong with a few guests, have brought to life plays by Sophocles, Inge, Beckett, Soyinka, Shakespeare, Ibsen, O'Neill, Sheridan, with Yeats and Simon to follow. Pioneer Ridge has been the gracious host of our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays at 1:30. And play group members have provided provisions abundant. Readers and listeners are welcome; just contact michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com for more info.

Mike Shaw

## **Endacott at the Lied Center**

Fifty-five free tickets for the Sophia Philharmonic Orchestra performance on March 26 at the Lied Center were distributed to Endacott Society members. Thanks so much to Derek Kwan!

Dave Mannering

## **Evening Lecture and Potluck Dinner Series**

Four events were scheduled this year. They were publicized in the Newsletter, and with emails to the Retirees Listserv. Attendance averaged over 60 persons, close to room capacity.

Justin Cohen, Adams Alumni Center staff arranged for equipment and dinner tables. Dave Mannering set up microphones and a sound system for the speakers. Linda Mullens managed reservations and ordered food and catering services from Hy-Vee.

In August Rex Buchanan presented Petroglyphs of the Kansas Smoky Hills

In October the event was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Endacott Society. The program was a concert by a graduate student brass quintet from the School of Music.

In March Curtis Marsh, author of *KU-phoria* entertained with anecdotes of famous and obscure facts about KU.

In May Diana Carlin presented quizzes and stories from based on her book *Remember the First Ladies*.

Linda Mullens

## **Games Theory**

For 2023-24, Games Theory will be offered as a cooperative effort between the Senior Resource Center (SRC) and the Endacott Society. It will be offered on the third Thursday of each month from 1:30-3:00 in the game room of the SRC. Games will be open to Endacott Society members as well as the public. We hope to continue to offer Bridge and Mah-Jong, but open social games will be the focus. These games will change each month and feature games for 6 or more people that are easy to learn and play and have a strong social component. Feedback from participants regarding games they enjoy or would like to see offered will guide future offerings.

Steven Lee

## **Garden Seminar**

The Garden Seminar generally met the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from July 2023 to June 2024 for 19 meetings, during the hour before Wednesday Coffee. All meetings were hybrid (In-person plus Zoom). Presentations were equally divided between recorded webinars of the K-State Garden Hour and Power Point presentations by Cal Cink. The highlight of the year was our in-person visit with Sharon Ashworth, the Douglas County Extension Horticulture and Natural Resources Agent, who fielded lots of interesting questions during her hour with us. We look forward to some field trips in our next year's programs. The following includes the programs presented:

Solutions to insect and disease problems in the garden

Integrating plants into your landscape and plants sown in summer that are fall harvested

Seed saving from your garden and controlling invasive plants

Winterizing gardens and flowers that bloom in the cold

Lawns to Landscapes- an informal visit with Sharon Ashworth  
Bee-Keeping basics and planting fruit trees and shrubs that thrive with minimal effort  
The New Plant Hardiness Zone Map and Climate Change  
Early nesting Kansas birds and Nightjar biology  
Companion plants in your garden

Cal and Jo Cink: Co-chairs of the Garden Seminar

## Great Books

In 2023-24 we continued to meet for discussion on Zoom on the second Wednesday of each month. We read mostly novels and short stories, but also autobiographies and essays. Our discussions are consistently lively and stimulating. A list of the authors and readings for July 2023-June 2024:

Rebecca West, *The Return of the Soldier*

George Orwell, *Animal Farm*

Albert Camus, *The Fall*

Joy Harjo, *Poet Warrior: A Memoir*

Henry James, *The Turn of the Screw*

P. D. James, *The Mistletoe Murders and Other Stories*

John Cheever, three short stories: "Goodbye, My Brother," "The Enormous Radio," and "The Swimmer"

W. E. B. Du Bois, *The Souls of Black Folk* (selected essays)

Virginia Woolf, five short stories: "The New Dress," "The Man Who Loved His Kind,"

"Moments of Being: 'Slater's Pins Have No Points,'" "The Searchlight," "The Legacy"

Willa Cather, four short stories: "Eric Hermannson's Soul," "The Enchanted Bluff," "Paul's Case," "A Wagner Matinée"

Franz Kafka, *The Metamorphosis*

Edith Wharton, three short stories: "The Muse's Tragedy," "The Pelican," and "Xingu"

James Woelfel

## Library Report

Endacott's Big Move to new quarters in the renovated Adams Alumni Center in March of 2023 involved figuring out what to do with all the books from the old library, which had been in storage in various locations throughout the period of renovation. Highest priority was given to accessible shelving of the oral histories. The new Endacott office had built-in shelves lining the east wall, which were very largely filled up with oral histories. Belated but grateful thanks to a number of Endacotters who were involved in moving books to our new office, most of which had to be stored initially in our large storage cabinets in the hallway next to the office. Led by Dave Mannering, we "downsized" the number of books considerably, distributing those we decided not to keep in a variety of ways. Dave also secured two additional bookcases for the south wall to enable us to house most of the remaining books.

Folabo Ajayi-Soyinka graciously volunteered to work with me as a library committee of two to organize and shelve books. In the late summer of 2023 we organized them by categories and alphabetized them by author. Categories include Kansas history, KU history, nature and gardening in Kansas, and the arts in Kansas. Each content section also preserves works by and about KU and other Kansas authors.

Jim Woelfel

## Lunch Bunch

Every week following our Wednesday coffee meetings, a group of gregarious members meet for lunch. During the winter and when the weather was unpleasant we would meet at various restaurants in town. When the weather is nice we meet in the Weinberg Pavilion at the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum.

Ron Schorr

## Office Report

We added two bookshelves to the office (see the Library Report) and hung two pictures: A Jayhawks poster and the 2012-2013 Christmas Collage. Otherwise, we just continued some filing and closet organization. Once the stored books had been moved to the bookshelves we filled the center closet with the sheet music from the former Singing for Fun activity. This music is the last of the items that had been stored at members' homes during the remodeling of the Alumni Center.

The three closets are pretty full, but there are still a few miscellaneous items that could be cleaned out to make room if the need arises.

Dave Mannering

## Old Time Radio Shows

Our group meets for about two hours, on the last Monday of the month, to learn about, listen to, and discuss Old Time Radio shows. No preparation is required. The shows from the '30s, '40s, and '50s, and their associated commercials elicit lively discussion both about the shows and related aspects of life during those times, such as the roles of homemakers and the nature of advertising. Episodes range from half-hour episodes and one hour episodes, to multiple 15-minute shows. Our meetings are held through Zoom, a format that works well for this group.

We listened to episodes of *Broadway Is My Beat*, *Burns and Allen*, *Mysterious Traveler*, *Dr. Kildare*, *Pat Novak for Hire*, *The Six Shooter*, *Challenge of the Yukon*, *Mr. President*, *My Little Margie*, *The Shadow*, *Mysterious Traveler*, *Jack Benny*, *Amos 'n' Andy*, *Dragnet*, *Gunsmoke*, *Suspense*, *Superman* (Australian version), *The Lone Ranger*, *Fort Laramie*, *Fred Waring*, *Bob Hope*, *Sam Spade*, *Maisie*, *Let's Pretend*, *Fibber McGee*, *People are Funny*, *Frontier Gentleman*, *Rate Your Mate*, *Phil Harris-Alice Faye Show*, *One Out of Seven*, *Chick Carter*, *Boy Detective*, *Nick Carter*, *Master Detective*, *Mark Trail*, and *It's Murder*.

We had a successful year and I look forward to continuing to meet in our community and sharing something we all seem to enjoy.

John R. Nicholson

## Oral History Project

Committee Members/Interviewers: Martin Bergee, David Bushouse, Nora Clark, Lindy Eakin, Jonathon Hagel, Elizabeth Miller, Iris Fischer Smith, and Audrey Kamb-Studdard.

The Oral History project is back up and running. This past year we had five active interviewers and have completed seven interviews. Five transcripts have been filed in the Endacott Library and Spencer Research Library. Two other interviews have been transcribed and are being edited by the interviewees. The interviews completed are: Ann Schofield, John Gronbeck-Tedesco, Gary Minden, Maggie Childs, Amy Devitt, Eve Levin, and Jimmy Morrison. We continue to schedule and conduct interviews.

I have also been working with the Spencer Research Library to reconcile our collections. It appears that Spencer has interview transcripts that we do not have in the Endacott Library and we have fifteen transcripts that do not appear to be in their collection. I am beginning the process of getting copies of the transcripts that we do not have and then will have to print, bind and file them in our collection. Likewise, I will need to make copies of our transcripts – print and electronic – to provide for their collection.

We are gaining momentum and look forward to reporting even more progress next year.

Lindy Eakin

## Out of Town Travel

September 21, 2023 - Sixteen Endacott members went to Atchison for a tour of the recently opened, highly acclaimed Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum. The Museum, situated in an actual airplane hangar, included the centerpiece sister of the Lockheed Electra airplane that Earhart flew on her 1937 attempt to circumnavigate the globe.

March 22, 2024 - Twenty-six Endacott members traveled to Abilene to visit the Eisenhower Presidential Museum, which has undergone major renovations and upgrades in recent years. Before the tour the group enjoyed family-style fried chicken at the historic Brookville Inn.

Judy Niebaum and Dave Marden

## **Special Event: Endacott Society 40th Anniversary Celebration**

The Endacott Society celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 12, 2023, with a 5:30 p.m. reception and 6 p.m. dinner and program in the newly and dramatically renovated Adams Alumni Center. Many of those in attendance wore a special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary button to mark the occasion. Benefactor Paul Endacott graduated from KU in 1923, so the event had dual significance. A poster featuring his contributions was created and on display.

More than 70 people attended the dinner – fully catered by Hy-Vee - in the new Bruckmiller Room, with a cash bar in the new Pub. In honor of Endacott's historic career as a basketball player at KU, the Alumni Association set up its basketball hoop game.

Arrangements for the excellent buffet were expertly handled by Linda Mullens, and a student ensemble, the Midway Brass Quintet, performed, thanks to Linda Mannering. A looping PowerPoint presentation, highlighting key moments in the 40-year history of the KU retirees organization, was compiled by Mary Jane Dunlap and Kevin Boatright.

Dave Mannering, Endacott's 38<sup>th</sup> president, spoke at the dinner. He paid homage to the first four presidents and touched on the evolution of the organization. His brief remarks concluded with a toast and the ringing of the bell used at Wednesday Coffee. Also present as a special guest was Heath Peterson, President and CEO of the KU Alumni Association.

President-Elect Kevin Boatright chaired the Celebration Committee, joined by Dave Mannering, Cal Cink, Jo Cink, Nora Clark, Laurie Doud, Mary Jane Dunlap, MaryKay Mahoney, and Linda Mullens. "The celebration promoted pride in the organization and its history," said Kevin. "It also encouraged a greater sense of cohesiveness among members, and generated greater awareness of the Endacott Society on campus and among potential members. I'm grateful to everyone who participated."

Kevin Boatright

## **Student Ambassadors**

The purpose of this activity is to participate in students' Life Cycles by interactions through informal meetings to share relevant stories about each others' unique life experiences. Initial contacts were made with several organizations on campus to explore possible interactions with them. After the Provost's "State of the Campus" presentation in October we met briefly and were encouraged to 'meet with others and tell our stories'.

In December we met at the Senior Resource Center who advertised, "Have Coffee with a Student". These KU students belong to an organization called Purple Pals. We began meeting monthly with them and discussed personal backgrounds, education, special interests, life stories and current affairs. We, of course, discussed the Endacott Society, its history, projects and diverse membership. Average attendance at five meetings was 12 persons, 6 students and 6 seniors which included 3 Endacott members.

Brief encounters with small groups, two or three students, from the Lawrence High Schools, Haskell Institute and Baldwin High School occurred in the spring. Most contacts were brief but encouraging because of their interest in learning about Endacott's history and members.

Open invitations were extended to all the groups to come to our 10 O'clock meetings on Wednesdays to meet our members and tell their stories.

J. Tom Adams

## **Tai Chi**

Weather permitting, the Tai Chi group of 8-12 met weekly in South Park. Of course, the lack of an indoor facility has cramped our style. Regular attendees, however, have made great progress, and

have learned by experience the mental and physical benefits of the simplified Yang style 24 form of Tai Chi.

Haskell Springer

## **Technology Studies**

Technology Studies had 20 programs which met at 9:00AM on the first and third Wednesdays in the Alumni Center. The speakers and their number of presentations were:

Dave Mannering (14), Richard Kershenbaum (2), Tami Albin (1), Jack Horner (1), Kris Krishtalka (1) and Ron Schorr (1).

The attendance varied from 10 to 30, with one or two attending via Zoom.

Dave Mannering

## **Technology Support**

Technology support was mostly providing support for Zoom meetings and presentations. Some enhancements were made to the Endacott Society web site including adding pages for Voices of Experience, and February Food Drive, and adding links to more outside resources. The site was converted to a secure (https:) site. All remaining floppy disks were read and copied to our external hard drive. Our Pro Zoom license was renewed in April for another year.

Dave Mannering

## **Wednesday Coffee Hour (Ten O'Clock Scholars)**

The Wednesday Coffee (AKA *Ten O'clock Scholars*) met every Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Meetings were at the Adams Alumni Center except for four which were held at the Senior Resource Center and one at the Union Pacific Depot. Most meetings also had one or two Zoom attendees. Attendance varied between 20 and 36 members. Coffee was delivered by Hy-Vee, and treats were supplied by member volunteers, except on the third meeting of the month which had birthday cake from Hy-Vee. KUAA President Heath Peterson spoke at an October meeting.

Dave Mannering