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What are you reading, or planning to read, in October? At the moment I have only two books going at the same time. One is William Stegner's *The Spectator Bird* (1976), a novel about a literary agent from New York who has retired with his wife to a rural house near San Francisco. It's what he wanted, but he's starting to feel a little lost and depressed as he sorts through the papers that defined his career. His wife "tells [him] at least once a day that old people, or people getting old, tend to disengage, back away, turn inward, listen only to themselves, and get self-righteous and censorious. And they mustn't." His doctor tells him "You've got a bad case of the sixties. The sixties are the age of anxiety. You feel yourself on the brink of old age, and you fret. Once you pass your seventieth birthday that all clears away. You're like a man with an old car and no place in particular to go. You drive it where you want to, and every day it keeps on running is a gift."

Also on my coffee table: *How to Retire: 20 Lessons for a Happy, Successful, and Wealthy Retirement*, by Christine Benz (2024). She tells all of us "Yes, you need to have funds. But more important, you need a network of

people who care about you. You need to practice healthy habits and take care of your body. You need a plan for your days. You need activities that bring you joy. Those things are more important to a happy and satisfying retirement than a well-designed portfolio and a carefully calibrated spending rate." All good reasons for joining and staying engaged in the Endacott Society at KU.

---Kevin



Folabo giving a presentation on Nigeria.

--Laurie

October Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No program scheduled for October

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No program scheduled for September.

Cinema Studies

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DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, October 8th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

"Something Wicked This Way Comes" (Fantasy, Mystery, Thriller), 1983, 1hr 35min.

In a small American town, a diabolical circus and its demonic proprietor prey on the townsfolk. Can two young boys overcome the worst the devil himself deal out? Wishes are granted but twisted as only the esteemed Mr. Dark can make them. Directed by Jack Clayton with screenplay by Ray Bradbury, based on his novel, the movie won two awards and was nominated for seven others.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, October 18th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

"Rabbit-proof Fence" (Adventure, Biography, Drama), 2002, 1hr 34min.

Based on a true story of three young aboriginal girls, Molly (Everlyn Sampi) and Daisy (Tianna Sansbury) and their cousin, Gracie (Laura Monaghan), who in 1931. were forcibly removed from their mothers and their home in Jigalong and moved over fifteen hundred miles away, as a part of official 'White Australia' Government policy. Molly leads her younger sister and cousin on a brave escape and in a bid to find their way home, following, on foot, the rabbit-proof fence that cuts across the Gibson Desert and towards Jigalong. Directed by Phillip Noyce and written by Doris Pilkington and Christine Olsen, the movie won 23 awards and was nominated for 25 others.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, October 22nd, 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

"The Children of Chabannes" (Documentary, War), (Kanopy), 1999, 1hr 33min.

From 1939 to 1942, the village of Chabannes in central France, more than 400 Jewish children were hidden, schooled and ultimately saved through the heroic efforts of the school's director and teachers and of Jewish rescue organizations that first got the children there, add then, as war closed around them, got all but a handful out safely. In 1966, two aged teachers and the children and their families reunite. Lisa Gossels, whose father and uncle were among the children,

records it. Survivors' comments, photos and drawings from the war, footage of the school and town, and a celebration of the heroism and leadership of the school's director, Feliz Chevrier, comprise the film. Directed by Lisa Gossels and Dean Wetherell, the movie won eight awards and had one other nomination.

Parking is free on the upper level of the parking garage and an elevator is available. Elsewhere parking is free but is limited to 2 hours and you may be ticketed unless you pay before you leave the garage. Members are encouraged to bring their family and/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.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearnshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays—October 1st and 15th at 1:30pm (Note there are 3 this month)
ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

Tuesday Oct. 29th at 1:30pm
THEATER ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

We will read and discuss Kansas playwright William Inge's *Bus Stop* (1955). It is the third in a trilogy of Inge plays set in his home region. (We read *Dark at the Top of the Stairs* in 2022 and *Picnic* in 2023.) The action in *Bus Stop* takes place during a snowstorm in a diner about 25 miles west of Kansas City. The bus is stranded, and eight characters interact in ways that are both humorous and poignant. The focus is on a Montana cowboy and rodeo star who is hot to marry a night club singer he's just met, and who is on the bus against her will. The 1956 film of *Bus Stop*, starring Marilyn Monroe as the singer, will be shown on the last Tuesday in October. All are welcome to join the reading and watch the film.

Games Theory

Steven swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, October 24th at 1:30pm
Senior Resource Center—Garden room

Family Feud. We'll bring the hottest TV game show to the Senior Resource Center (SRC) in October. Get ready for a SHOW DOWN! From what the "Survey Says" to "Fast Money" we'll team up and do it all. Come on down to the SRC on October 24th at 1:30 for Games Theory. [PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL ON THE 4th WEEK IN OCTOBER.]

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 9th at 9:00am, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room
--Fall Blooms Showstoppers for Your Autumn Garden.

Wednesday--October 23rd at 9:00am **Senior Resource Center**
– Evergreens in Kansas. (Note this program will no longer be on Zoom)

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Please contact Jim for program information.

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

Haskell springer@ku.edu

Fridays, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 9am
Senior Resource Center

The Tai Chi group will meet every Friday at 9 a.m. at the Senior Resource Center throughout the month of October.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.co

Monday, October 28th at 1:30pm (The waiting room opens at 1:15pm)

Halloween is once again upon us, and that means another session of listening to Halloween-related (scary and funny) radio shows. The next meeting of the Old Time Radio Group will be on October 28th, 2024. It will begin at 1:30 pm with the waiting room opening at 1:15. Everyone is invited and no reservations are needed. This is a Zoom only meeting.

We'll begin with the Halloween episode from 1951 of The Halls of Ivy starring Ronald and Benita Coleman. Next, we'll listen to a scary episode of The Mysterious Traveler from 1947. Finally, we'll see how Ozzie & Harriet handled a haunted house in 1948.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

Friday, October 11th

The Endacott out of town travel group is going to Kansas City to tour two children-themed museums. First is the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures near U.M.K.C. followed by a visit to the new Rabbit Hole Museum of children's literature in North Kansas City.

For more information contact Judy Niebaum at 360.953.2240.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture
Thursday, October 10th

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.eduThe next

Adams Alumni Center (**Note the room's locations**)

We begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker is Dr. Arash Mafi, Executive Dean of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, The sign-up sheet is available during the Wednesday morning coffees. You may also sign up by responding to this email or calling me at 785/766-3698. The information needed is: # of guests, name, and what potluck item you plan to bring...appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert. Meat is provided.

We will set up the food in the **Adams Room** and eat in the **Summerfield Room**, all on the **first floor**. Hope you can attend!

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 2nd

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, October 2, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

The Marriage of Radio and Digital Technologies - Jack Horner

Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Meet Flipper: The Friendly Hacking Tool - John Nicholson

(Note, these sessions will not be Zoomed.)

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, October 9, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center - Birthday Cake

Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 a.m. —**Senior Resource Center**

Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center