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Most KU retirees and Endacott members were not able to attend Chancellor Doug Girod's "State of the University Address" at 4 p.m. on October 10. Many of us were busy getting ready for the Endacott potluck supper at 5:30 p.m., which followed the "Thank Goodness It's Thursday" (TGIT) reception at 4:30. All of this happened seamlessly in the Jayhawk Welcome Center and Adams Alumni Center, making it a very busy day for Justin Cohen, the senior director of operations and event services for KUAA.

"The state of your university is very strong indeed," said Girod, "and I think we're navigating this inflection point in higher education far better than most of our peers in the region." He described KU as having "leaders who not only share a vision but get along well together, work well together, and are really committed to the future of all of this. And we all agree that we're all just stewards of this place, and it's our job to leave the university better than we found it, and that it's even better 167 years from now than it was at our origin 167 years ago." Among the highlights of his 30-minute speech:

- KU's largest-ever and most diverse freshman class, representing 50 states and 30 countries, with 45% of new freshmen coming from outside Kansas.

- KU Medical Center's collaborative expansion in Wichita, and progress toward a new KU Cancer Center facility in Kansas City.

- Submission of KU's 10-year Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation documents, and progress on the One KU initiative that will enhance the ability of all campuses to better coordinate their work.

- Six consecutive years of increased federal research funding, and a record \$500+ million last year in all funded research.

- The public launch of the Ever Onward campaign, which has already reached 75% of the 10-year goal of \$2.5 billion.

Chancellor Girod's remarks are available online at <https://chancellor.ku.edu/>

Finally, if you've not already voted in the November 5 general election, please make it a priority to cast your ballot. There are many state and local races to be decided, in addition to federal races, and this is your best chance to have your voice heard.

---Kevin

Save the date:

December 19th— Potluck dinner

November Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No travel presentations are scheduled for November.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No program scheduled for November.

Cinema Studies

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DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, November 12th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

"Nebraska" (Dark Comedy, Road Trip, Drama), 2013 1hr 55min

An aging, booze-addled father, Woody (Bruce Dern), makes a trip from Montana to Nebraska with his estranged son, David (Will Forte), in order to claim a million-dollar Mega Sweepstakes. Their trip gets waylaid at a small town in central Nebraska, where the father grew up and has scores to settle. The story is told with deadpan humor and a unique visual style about a son trying to get through to a father he doesn't understand. Directed by Alexander Payne and written by Bob Nelson the movie was nominated for 6 Oscars and had 29 wins and 169 nominations for other awards.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, November 22nd, 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

"Downfall" (Political Drama, Biography, History, War) 2004, 2hrs 36min

Eye witness to what was occurring in Berlin during April/May 1945, Prof. **Felix Moos** will provide a short description of his experiences as an introduction to this month's movie which is one of his favorites.

Traudl Junge (Alexandra Maria Lara), the final secretary for Adolf Hitler (Bruno Ganz), tells of the Nazi dictator's final days in his Berlin bunker at the end of WWII. Charting the last 10 days of Hitler's life. "Downfall" uses multiple characters to show the chaos of the country coming apart at the seams, from Hitler's henchmen under the streets of Berlin, to the soldiers and civilians fighting and dying as the Soviet Army ravaged the city above. Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel and written by Bernd Eichinger and three others, the movie was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film and had 22 wins and 34 nominations for other awards.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, November 26th 1:30 to 4:00pm

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

(To be determined)

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays—November 5th & 19th at 1:30pm

ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

We will be reading Oliver Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer; or the Mistakes of a Night*, in which concealed and mistaken identities cause the hero to insult his prospective father-in-law outrageously and to sabotage his best friend's chance for a wealthy marriage. Goldsmith wrote this "laughing comedy" as a contrast and antidote to the overly sentimental comedy which had been in fashion for too long.

Games Theory

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Thursday, November 21st at 1:30pm

Senior Resource Center—Garden room

In November, it's all about famous movies. From best pictures to famous scenes and classic lines, we'll test your cinema knowledge. You're not on your own, we'll team up to answer these big screen questions for fun and profit. Treats provided.

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, November 13th at 9:00am, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

Growing Dahlias in your Garden—forms and tips for success

Wednesday, November 27th, 9:00am, Adam's Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

Winter Bird Feeding- Attracting them to Your Garden

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, November 13th at 1:30 pm.

Our reading will be Tillie Olsen's *Tell Me a Riddle* (1961), which contains three short stories—"I Stand Here Ironing," "Hey Sailor, What Ship?," and "O Yes"—and a novella that furnishes the title of the small collection. While we'll look at each of the stories, our focus will be on the novella. *Tell Me a Riddle* is available in a paperback version. It's also available in pdf versions; a particularly good one is at UNL Digital Commons.

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

Friday, November 1, 15, 22, 29 at 9am
Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi sessions will occur as usual every Friday, **EXCEPT** for November 8, when the Tai Chief will be out of town.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, November 25th at 1:30pm (The waiting room opens at 1:15pm)

Because we don't meet in December, This is our combined Holiday theme. We'll start with **Let George Do It** in a Thanksgiving program. The second program will be **The Aldrich Family** ("Hen-reeeee! Henry Aldrich!"), and the situation that develops when Christmas presents get mixed up. Finally, we'll hear an episode of **The Lone Ranger** called The Three Wise Men that might bring a sniffle.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No travel is scheduled for November.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.eduThe next

The next potluck will be on **December 19th**— 5:30 pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner, 6:45pm program. More information and invitation to follow closer to the date.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, November 6th, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Japanese Robots - Dave Mannering

Wednesday, November 20th, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

AI: Destroyer or Liberator? - AI Policy Considerations in Education - Stephan King, KS DoE

Wednesday Coffee (Hybrid)

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Wednesday, November 6, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center - Birthday Cake

Wednesday, November 27, 10:00 a.m. —Adams Alumni Center



Dr. Arash Mafi, Executive Dean of the College, was the speaker at the potluck supper on Oct. 10. Photo by Laurie Doud.



Attendees at National Museum of Toys & Miniatures in KC on Oct. 11. Docent photo provided by Judy Niebaum.



Dave Marden, an unsuspecting lunch at the Rabbit Hole on Oct. 11. Photo by Judy N.



Judy N. & Sandra W. looking lovely at the Toys & Miniatures museum. Photo by Dave M.



Deb Boatright in the "Sam and the Tigers" section at the Rabbit Hole. Photo by Kevin Boatright.