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As you know, the Endacott Society operates under the auspices of KUAA.

Here's an excerpt from an October 22 news release issued by the KU Alumni Association [KUAA]:

□ "As part of a comprehensive, university wide initiative to optimize resources and better serve the University of Kansas community, the KU Medical Center [KUMC] Alumni Association will integrate into the KU Alumni Association, creating a unified organization dedicated to serving all KU alumni. This will take effect Jan. 1, 2025. The KU Medical Center Alumni Association includes the KU Health Professions, KU Medical and KU Nurses alumni associations."

□ "The decision to integrate follows a comprehensive review process that began in fall 2023 to evaluate both associations' operating models and identify opportunities for collaboration to align with Chancellor Douglas A. Girod's "One KU" initiative, which aims to unify leadership and operations across the university. While both associations have a rich history of operating independently, this separation has led to duplicate efforts and confusion regarding separate membership programs, events and initiatives."

Is there some way the Society can be of service to KU in this process?

Integration, per se, should have no effect on our current programs and structure. KUMC, to the best of my knowledge, does not have an equivalent retirees group. Our bylaws don't mention KUMC retirees as potential members, specifically, but do allow "Faculty and staff who have officially retired from another accredited institution of higher education" to join. So KUMC retirees have always been eligible. In the future, we may wish to reach out with an invitation to those who now live in, say, Douglas County. Would a KUMC retiree come to a potluck supper or Wednesday Coffee at the Adams Center, if asked? What do you think about this?

---Kevin



December Activities & Events

Armchair Travel (Hybrid)

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Laura Borchert will present her South America trip on **Dec. 12th @ 1:30pm**. Location TBD.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No program scheduled for December

Cinema Studies

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DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, December 10th, 2:30 to 5:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

[\(Note the later time\)](#)

From Nowhere, (Drama) (Kanopy), 2016 1hr 29min

Three undocumented teenagers from the Bronx are graduating from high school while navigating the treacherous waters of trying to get their papers to stay in the United States. One of their teachers connects them with a lawyer to help the girls dig into their family histories to support their immigration cases. Directed by Mathew Newton and written by Mathew Newton and Kate Ballen, the movie won awards from the SXSW Film Festival and Champs-Elysees Film Festival plus two wins and two nominations for two other awards.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Friday, December 20th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

Blithe Spirit, (Comedy, Fantasy, Drama, Romance, Slapstick) (Kanopy) 2020 1hr 29min

A spiritualist medium holds a séance for a writer who is suffering from writer's block. The medium accidentally summons the spirit of his deceased first wife. This leads to an increasingly complex love triangle with his current wife of five years. Directed by Edward Hall and written by Nick Moorcraft and Meg Leonard, this movie has won one award so far. (Based on the play by Noel Coward.)

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.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Tuesday, December 24th 1:30 to 4:00pm

This showing has been **canceled** this year because the library is closed on Christmas Eve.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays, December 3rd & 17th at 1:30pm

Pioneer Ridge Art room

We'll read Millington Synge's "Riders to the Sea." Millington Synge (1871-1909) was a major figure in the Irish Literary Renaissance, a new theatre based on Irish legend, folklore, history, and language. Synge's Riders to the Sea is set on the rocky, desolate Aran Islands west of Mayo, where traditions run deep and life is an everyday struggle for existence and where the protagonist Maurya mourns the death of her husband and six sons with a patience and dignity that have invited comparisons to Greek tragedy and the Japanese Noh drama.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, December 19th at 1:30pm

Senior Resource Center—Garden room

We'll have two activities:

---White Elephant Gift Exchange - we will have a true white elephant gift exchange with a dice game variation. **No buying anything**; bring a wrapped item from your home to exchange.

---Holiday Mind Reading - We will be teaming up to see if great minds can come together on holiday-themed categories.

Please put on your ugly holiday sweater or just dress the part and join us!

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, Dec. 11th at 9am-Adams Alumni Center

A visit with Sharon Ashworth, Douglas County Horticulture Extension Agent.

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 springer@ku.edu

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9am

Senior Resource Center

The Tai Chi practice group will meet every Friday in December, at 9:00am in the Senior Resource Center.

Old-Time Radio

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.co

There will **not** be a meeting of the Old-Time Radio Group in December. We will continue with meetings in January. I hope everyone has a happy holiday season.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No expeditions are scheduled for December.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

Thursday, December 19th

Adams Alumni Center-**2nd floor**- Food buffet in the Pub and dinner in the Bruckmiller Room

5:30 pm wine and cheese, 6:00pm dinner, 6:45pm program. Please sign up for this event by Wednesday, December 11 and indicate what food (appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert) you will bring. Meat is furnished.

Our speaker is Dr. Paul Laird, Professor Emeritus of Musicology. His topic is the record-setting musical (and new film) "Wicked." Paul is the author of *Wicked: A Musical Biography* (2011). It promises to be an Oz-some program!

You can use the signup sheet which is available during Wednesday Coffee or by calling or emailing Linda Mullens. lmullens@ku.edu (785-766-3698)

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, December 4, 9:00am, Adams Alumni Center **Summerfield Room**

Students' Social Media Usage - Helping Unite Generations (HUG) KU Student Group

Wednesday, December 18, 9:00am, Adams Alumni Center

Tot Toys, Bot Toys - Dave Mannering

Wednesday Coffee

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center-Summerfield Room

Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center - **Birthday Cake**

*There will be **no** Wednesday Coffee on December 25 (Christmas) or January 1 (New Year's). KU's Adams Alumni Center will be closed both days.



Stephen King (PhD, PMP), an Education Program Consultant at the Kansas Department of Education, discussed policy and usage of AI in the classroom in Dave Mannering's Technology program on November 20.