



January 2025

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Most Endacott Society activities take a short break during the holidays. This year that includes the popular Wednesday morning "10 O'clock Scholars" coffee meeting. Christmas and New Year's both fall on a Wednesday, and the KU campus and Adams Alumni Center are closed both days. Most of us have better things to do on those holidays anyway! Be assured we will resume this important activity on Wednesday, January 8 at 10 a.m. Be there if you're a regular, or attend for the first time and have some coffee, conversation and treats with colleagues and friends.

One significant thing did happen on January 1 at KU. As of that date, the KU Medical Center (KUMC) Alumni Association integrated into the KU Alumni Association (of which Endacott is an affinity group), which now serves all KU alumni and those from any other institute of higher education (myself and many other Endacott members included) who wish to join and support this organization.

I had a productive conversation on December 18 with representatives of both associations to discuss opportunities for Endacott to engage retired KUMC faculty and staff, especially those who live in proximity to Lawrence. I expressed our desire to

assist the integration in some way. An idea I mentioned last month in this newsletter is to directly communicate with and invite all KUMC retirees to participate in Endacott activities and events. They have always been eligible to join, but few from KUMC are aware we exist. The new "One KU" structure might help us contact them more easily with information and invitations. That will be one starting point. Let me know if you have other ideas.

As you scan this newsletter and the Endacott website, you'll see there's lots available for retirees who wish to stay connected to the university and to each other. All these existing activities welcome new and prospective members to participate as much as they wish, and it's always possible to start up something new. As we begin 2025, we encourage you to join or become more active in one or more of the various groups that meet each month throughout the year. Make Endacott one of your resolutions!

PS: Justin Cohen, Senior Director of Operations and Event Services at the Jayhawk Welcome Center, sent a Christmas card to the Endacott Society. He wrote: "Happy holidays!! It's been wonderful working with you all during 2024. I appreciate our partnership! See you in 2025!"

-Kevin

January Activities & Events

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, January 9th at 1:30pm-- Adams Alumni Center

Onsite only. **No Zoom.**

Ron Shorr will do a rerun of his unsuccessful earlier presentation of:

"The XXVII Nationwide Latvian Song and XVII Dance Festival and What it Means"

Festival occurs every five years and has upwards of 45,000 participants. The festival will form the basis of a brief presentation on the history and culture of this Baltic nation.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Tuesday, January 28, 1:30-2:30 pm--Adams Alumni Center

Jennifer Kraenzle, director of KU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute since last June, will discuss the program and offer a glimpse of the spring semester catalog of courses. Many Endacott members have taught or attended Osher classes. This is an opportunity to meet the new director and learn about what's coming up for Osher in 2025.

Cinema Studies

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

DOMESTIC MOVIE

NO Domestic movie for January.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Tuesday, Jan 14th, 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 seance 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.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Friday Jan. 24th, 1:30-4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room C

"Medal of Honor", (History, Documentary) (PBS Distribution) 2008 1hr

The "Medal of Honor" traces the history of America's highest award for valor in combat. It uses powerful stories of those who have received this honor and asks fundamental questions about what it means to have the courage of a hero. It begins with the profile of Sgt. Paul Smith, the first soldier to receive the Medal of Honor in the Iraq War, and traces back to its creation during the Civil War. The film explores the extraordinary, almost inconceivable acts of heroism for which the medal has been awarded through intimate accounts of fear and the realities of surviving combat as told by the living recipients themselves. Directed by Ken Burns and Roger Sherman it was produced by Florentine Films, Sherman Pictures, for distribution by PBS.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesdays January 7th and 21st at 1:30pm

ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

Drama Studies opens 2025 with the South African play, *Woza Albert!* (1981), written by Mbongeni Ngema with Percy Mtwa and Barney Simon. A highly satiric play set in Apartheid South Africa, *Woza Albert!* imagines the second coming of Christ, who unexpectedly appears to two black South Africans trying to exist as best as they could under the inhumane strictures of the apartheid system. The play unfolds to challenge and subvert the political establishment. Although written in 1981, it already ranks among South African theatre classics for the way it captures the enduring tenacity of the human spirit against relentless sadism of state power. Want to know who the Christ is? Join us for the reading and discussions.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, January 16th at 1:30pm

Senior Resource Center—Garden room

Games Theory invites you to join in the fun as we decrypt, decode, decipher, interpret and/or untangle phrases for general frivolity! Let the laughs begin as you and **your team** compete to make sense out of gibberish from well-known phrases. Also, it's National Fig Newton Day, so guess what treats we'll have. Please join us!

Garden Seminar (Hybrid)

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 8th at 9:00am, Adams Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

Audubon Christmas Bird Counts- Citizen Science Results

Wednesday, January 22nd, 9:00am, Adam's Alumni Center, Paul Adam Room

Winter Gardening: Growing Herbs Indoors

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, January 8th at 1:30 pm.

We'll read and discuss three of the stories from Jhumpa Lahiri's debut collection entitled *Interpreter of Maladies* (1999): the title story, *Interpreter of Maladies "Mrs. Sen's"* and *The Third and Final Continent*. Jhumpa Lahiri (1967) is a major contemporary American writer. The daughter of immigrants from the Indian state of West Bengal, she has written that she has always felt "intense pressure to be two things, loyal to the old world and fluent in the new." Her stories and novels are often drawn from her own life experiences, and explore the challenges immigrants from India to the U.S. deal with as they adapt to a very different culture. *Interpreter of Maladies* won the O. Henry Award for short stories in 1999 and the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and the PEN/Hemingway award in 2000.

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, January 3rd, 10th, and 31st at 9am

Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi lessons for January are scheduled at the dates listed above.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, January 27th at 1:30pm-3:45pm (The waiting room opens at 1:15pm)

We'll listen to the audition episodes of three programs. The first program will be **The Cases of Mr. Ace**. Then we'll hear the audition for **Father Knows Best**. Finally, we'll listen to the audition for **The Judge**.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No travel is scheduled for January.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu The next

No dinner/lecture is scheduled for January.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 15, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

AI Playground - Trying out the latest ChatGPT features

Wednesday Coffee

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

Wednesday, January 1 – No Coffee: Adams Alumni Center and KU Campus are closed

Wednesday, January 8, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center – **Birthday Cake**

Wednesday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. — Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 a.m. – Adams Alumni Center



Laura Borchert's Colombia, South America travel presentation.



Dr. Paul Laird's "Wicked" presentation at Potluck dinner.