



December 2025

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November was a busy month for the Endacott Society. Thanks to Pam and Doug Houston, the "ReMembers" tribute was attended by 12 to share stories. In 3 years, 135 members and KU staff have passed. Work is in progress to post a YouTube video of the event.

An Armchair Travel presentation was followed up by Ron Schorr on his and Georgann's 25-day cruise trip to Alaska and Japan.

The next week featured Kevin's Arts & Sciences lecture by Elizabeth Cox, an Assistant Professor in Journalism, on Sports Marketing to fan bases. Truly a busy month!

We are planning another upcoming Armchair Travel presentation by Kevin Boatright on his recent trip to Japan with the Sister Cities project on Thursday, December 4.

Since the holidays mean many will be visiting family here or on the road, we will not have our usual Endacott Scholars coffee hour on Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve). Safe travels to all.

Finally, our next potluck dinner is planned for Thursday, January 29, 2026. Save the date.

--Lindy



December Activities & Events

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Thursday, December 4th at 1:30 p.m. — Adams Alumni Center

Kevin Boatright traveled to Japan in October as a member of the official nine-person Lawrence delegation visiting our sister city: Hiratsuka. In addition to spending four days there, he and his wife, Deb, made a personal day trip to the historic city of Kyoto via the high-speed Shinkansen, or "bullet train." Kevin will show highlights of the week-long experience and share information about our 35-year relationship with Hiratsuka, a city of 250,000 located on the coast south of Tokyo.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No program scheduled for December.

Cinema Studies

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, December 9th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

The Namesake (2006) (Drama, Indie film) Hulu, 2hrs 2min.

The Namesake, directed by Mira Nair, is a vibrant, deeply felt drama that follows Gogol Ganguli—played with surprising intensity by Kal Penn—as he tries to outrun the name and heritage he never asked for. Torn between his Indian parents' traditions and the American life he's desperate to claim, Gogol's journey becomes a powerful collision of identity, love, loss, and belonging. After moving from Calcutta to New York, members of the Ganguli family maintain a delicate balancing act between honoring the traditions of their native India and blending into American culture. Their son, Gogol, born in America, struggles with his cultural identity shaped by his name.

With unforgettable performances by Irrfan Khan and Tabu as his parents and adapted from Jhumpa Lahiri's bestselling novel, the film delivers emotional punches wrapped in gorgeous visuals and authentic family moments. It's heartfelt, bittersweet, and impossible to shake. You'll want to talk about it the moment it's over.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Tuesday, **December 23rd, has been cancelled** due to the Holidays. *MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

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Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 2nd at 1:30pm

ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

Edward Albee is best-remembered for his three Pulitzer Prize-winning full-length plays (*A Delicate Balance*, *Seascape* and *Three Tall Women*), plus *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Early in his career he also wrote one-acts, including *An American Dream*, which will be read in our single session in December. The play, described as "a satire on American family life, concerns a married couple and their elderly mother. On a particular day, they are visited by two guests who turn their worlds upside down." One critic wrote "Albee explores the hollowness of the American dream, as well as the fallacy of the ideal American family."

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, December 18th at 1:30pm-3:00pm

Senior Resource Center Garden room

In December, participants in Games Theory will be playing a Holiday Scramble. Grouping into teams, members will search their brains and work together to identify holiday characters and holiday songs. Also, there will be a white elephant (pick or steal) gift exchange. No purchases of gifts are allowed, but everyone should bring one wrapped gift from their home. Please join us.

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 10th at 9:00 am, Adams Alumni Center—Share Your Favorite Nature Photographs

Wednesday, December 24th -- No meeting

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, December 10th at 1:30 pm.

Thanks to all who participated in the lively and stimulating discussion of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. In the spirit of the holiday season, I propose that we read the all-time Christmas classic, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Throughout our adult lives I'm sure we've all watched stage, film, and TV adaptations, but I myself haven't actually read the story for many years and I'm guessing that you probably haven't either. I thought it might be interesting and perhaps revealing to read the tale—which Dickens called his "Ghostly little book"—as he wrote it.

A Christmas Carol is available in many paper editions, and also online. There's a very inexpensive Dover Thrift Edition. The story is novella-length, at 68 pages in the Dover edition. Happy reading, and I look forward to seeing you onscreen.

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 am.

During the colder months an email will be sent regarding the restaurant to be selected each week.

Movement Workshop

Haskell springer@ku.edu

Fridays-December 5th, 12th, 19 at 9am
Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi will be in session every Friday in December, **except Dec 26th.**

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

The Old-Time Radio group will **not meet** in December. Our next meeting will be on January 26, 2026. Thanks.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No adventures are scheduled for December.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

No potluck is scheduled for December.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO AND FROM THE EVENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, December 3, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center

Tot Toys Bot Toys (#8) - The latest technology-infused toys.

No program on December 17

Wednesday Coffee

Lindy Eakin wlineak@gmail.com

(Note: No meeting is scheduled for Dec. 24th)

Wednesday, December 3, Summerfield Room, Alumni Center

Wednesday, December 10, Paul Adams Lounge, Alumni Center

Wednesday, December 17, Paul Adams Lounge, Alumni Center—Birthday cake****

Wednesday, December 31, Paul Adams Lounges, Alumni Center