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Spring time is here! I hope you will all find ways to enjoy the season outdoors. Of course, you can spend time inside at one of our coffee hours, drama readings, games theory, Tai Chi, movies, and a host of other ways with your Endacott colleagues.

We had our spring Potluck dinner on March 26. Our speaker was Steve Nowak, Executive Director of the Watkins Museum of History here in Lawrence. We learned about the key role that Watkins has played in Lawrence for fifty years now.

Many of our group traveled to Topeka on March 13 to see the newly renovated Kansas Museum of History and also traveled vicariously with Folabo Ajay-Soyinko as she provided an armchair travel presentation on her recent trip to Kenya.



Folabo's interesting presentation on Kenya.

On March 18, KU Alumni President Heath Peterson gave us an update on the progress of the association's transition from a "membership" driven organization to one that focuses on a mission of supporting the University and its alumni, but through a philanthropy driven model rather than relying on "dues paying members." The

most immediate result of that change is that membership in the Endacott Society no longer requires membership in the KU Alumni Association. Membership now simply requires retirement from KU or a similarly accredited university. If you know of anyone who has put off Endacott membership because of the requirement to belong to the KU Alumni Association, please let them know that Alumni membership is no longer necessary and we would welcome them to join our group!

--Lindy

At Endacott's annual meeting in June, three officers will be elected to one-year terms: President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary. The current President-Elect, Gary Minden, will become President on July 1. The other officers' terms also take effect at that time.

As Past President, I chair the Nominating Committee. Our task is to prepare a slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

If you would like to be considered for one of the officer positions, or would like to suggest someone else to serve, please contact me by April 10. The [bylaws](#) outline the duties of each officer, but I'd be happy to discuss any questions you may have about those duties or about Endacott in general.

Anyone on the RETIREES emailing list is an Endacott member. New members are those who express an interest and are [eligible based on Article III of the Bylaws](#). No dues are required.

--Kevin Boatright

Save the dates: May 7th Potluck
May 15th Out of town travel.

April Activities & Events

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No travel adventures scheduled in April.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No program scheduled for April.

Cinema Studies

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

DOMESTIC MOVIE

Tuesday, April 14th, 1:30 to 4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

AIRPLANE 1980 (Comedy, Slapstick, Satire) 1h 28m

"Airplane!" is a hilariously absurd spoof of disaster films, packed with rapid-fire jokes and iconic one-liners—it's a must-see for anyone who loves sharp, silly comedy!

Directed by Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker and Written by Jim Abrahams and five others, the movie was nominated by BAFTA for best screenplay and had 3 wins and 7 nominations by others.

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE

Wednesday, April 22nd 11:00am to 12:00pm (Note the location and time)

Adams Alumni Center-Paul Adam lounge

"Island in Between" is a 20-minute poetic documentary by S. Leo Chiang. It follows his return to Kinmen, a Taiwanese island just two miles off the Chinese coast, using this borderland to reflect on his own identity between Taiwan, China, and the U.S. It's a visually rich and quietly powerful film, offering both a personal journey and a reflection on global geopolitics.

Directed by S. Leo Chiang and written by S. Leo Chiang and David Teague, the movie was Oscar nominee for Best Documentary Short Film.

FOREIGN MOVIE

Tuesday, April 28th, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Room "C"

"The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" is a breathtaking French musical romance, where every line is sung. It follows a young couple, Genevieve (Catherine Deneuve) and Guy (Nino Castelnuovo) separated by war. Visually stunning and emotionally powerful, it's a timeless classic that blends love, loss, and music in unforgettable ways. 1964 (Musical, Drama, Romance) 1h 31m

Directed and written by Jacques Demy, the movie was nominated for 5 Oscars and 6 wins and 7 nominations by others.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 7 at 1:30pm

ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

There has been a slight change in our schedule. We will read Teganni, Femi Osofisan's adaptation of Sophocles' *Antigone*, on [March 31 and April 7](#). As usual, we will meet at 1:30 pm in the Art Room at Pioneer Ridge. After that, our group will resume our readings in May.

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

Thursday, April 16th at 1:30pm-3:00pm

Senior Resource Center Garden room

We will be playing Catch Phrase which is a fun electronic party game where teams compete to guess words or phrases displayed on a unit before a hidden timer buzzes. The goal is to avoid holding the device when it beeps. What makes it so fun is how fast it moves. There's no time to overthink or be clever—you just blurt, gesture, improvise, and hope your brain keeps up with your mouth. And when it doesn't? That's where the magic is. Please join us.

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 8th at 9:00 am, Adams Alumni Center

--*Growing Vegetables in Containers*

Wednesday, April 22nd at 9:00 am, Adams Alumni Center

--*Container Gardening for Pollinators*

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

Wednesday, April 8th at 1:30 pm.

Our reading of the month will be John Updike's short novel *Of the Farm* (1965). John Updike (1932-2009) was one of the most important American writers of the second half of the 20th century, one of only four authors to win two Pulitzer Prizes for Fiction. His substantial *oeuvre* includes more than twenty novels, twelve collections of short stories, eight volumes of poetry, extensive literary and art criticism, and children's stories. Updike is best known for his tetralogy of novels about an American Everyman, Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, beginning with *Rabbit, Run*.

Of the Farm was Updike's fourth novel. The main character, and narrator, is Joey Robinson, a 35-year-old New York advertising executive. Together with his second wife Peggy and her 11-year-old son Richard, he visits Joey's widowed mother, who still lives on her "unfarmed farm" in rural Pennsylvania where Joey spent part of his childhood. Joey has promised to cut the hay on the large meadow, and he's also introducing Peggy and Richard to his mother. Their conversations over three days open up buried feelings about the past for both Joey and his mother and awkward comparisons between Joey's first wife Joan and Peggy. Updike is known for his distinctive prose style, with its close lyrical descriptions, and *Of the Farm* is a good example. The original *New York Times* reviewer called it "a small masterpiece."

Of the Farm is available in a Random House paperback edition and also in pdf format.

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 am.

An email will be sent each week as to where the lunch bunch group will meet.

Movement Workshop

Haskell springer@ku.edu

Fridays-April 3rd, 17th, 24th at 9am
Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi will meet every Friday in April [except for the 10th](#).

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Monday, April 27th at 1:30pm-3:45pm

This is the program I had to cancel in February. We will listen to **My Friend Irma**, **Theatre Five**, and **The Lone Ranger**. The waiting room will open at 1:15. No reservations are necessary, and even if you have never attended our group, we would love to see you. No reservations are necessary.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No travel adventures are planned for April, but look for a new excursion in May.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

No potluck is scheduled for April.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 AM, Adams Alumni Center
AI Update - (Part 2)

Wednesday, April 15, 9:00 AM, Adams
What's up with Aviation Technology

Wednesday Coffee

Lindy Eakin wlineak@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center
Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center
Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - **Birthday cake**
Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center
Wednesday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center



Our Kansas History Museum greeters. Photo courtesy of Richard Kershenbaum.



One of the tour leaders, Bruce Beach (left), fascinating us with his knowledge at the History Museum. Photo courtesy of Richard K.



Laurie waving farewell to Ron in the old train's sleeper car at the History Museum. Photo courtesy of Ron Schorr.



After the tour, Kevin made friends with Red Robin at the restaurant.