



July/August 2026

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We begin a new adventure. Maybe the Lunch Bunch will discover a new favorite restaurant. In the fall Cinema Studies will show new movies for thought and discussion. Tech Studies will show new toys for the holidays. We'll hear of new travels, drama, gardens, art and science, and many more topics. These activities help maintain our curiosity. Let's learn new ideas in the next year.

I see a few tasks ahead. We need to maintain a strong relationship with KUAA. That means communications and collaboration. We need to improve our relationship with KU Administration. That means engagement with KU on reaching new and established retirees, insuring acknowledgement of retiree's contributions to KU, and continued contributions to KU. And, developing new programs which engage new retirees. Thoughts and ideas are welcome.

Along the later idea, I'd propose a "Fifth Wednesday" gathering to explore new topics for discussion. (**See below under Wednesday Coffee.*) For example, we might have a chat on, "Food, Recipes, and Restaurants." (I'll leave out the "diners, drive-ins, and dives" part.) We would chat about our encounters with food, a recipe, a special restaurant, a special dinner, or a disaster.

On another "Fifth Wednesday" we might chat about "Serendipity: Stories of Opportunities Taken." Tell a story or two about an encounter that changed your life directions.

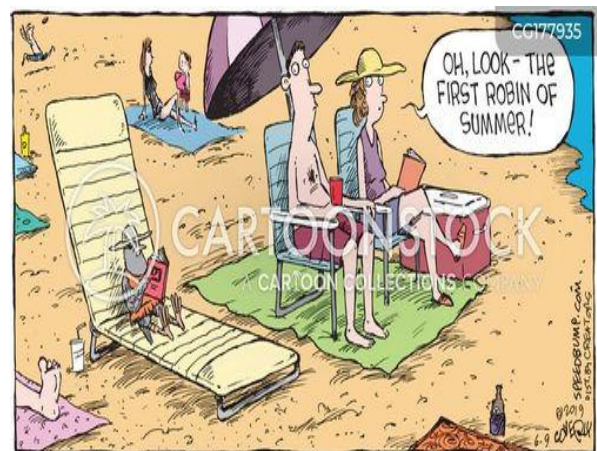
A third idea might be, "Art you made." Bring in art you made and talk about it. It might be a photo, a book, a poem, a watercolor, ceramics, ... Tell a story describing how your art came about.

"Fifth Wednesdays" should not impact established programs and would meet at the 9 AM slot before Coffee Break on the fifth Wednesday of months with fifth Wednesdays. Ideas for "Fifth Wednesdays" are welcome.

A good friend once advised me, "Always make new mistakes." I'll work on that.

Let's go have fun!

--G. Minden (gminden@ku.edu)



July/August Activities & Events

Armchair Travel

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

No travel adventures scheduled in July or August.

Arts & Sciences Lecture Program

Kevin Boatright kboatright@ku.edu

No programs are scheduled for July or August.

Cinema Studies

J. Tom Adams papawmik2004@yahoo.com

Nora Clark nora.clark@washburn.edu

Cinema Studies will take a break in July and August.

Drama Studies

Michael Shaw michaelhearneshaw@gmail.com

July-Tuesdays 7th & 21st at 1:30pm
ART ROOM in Pioneer Ridge Independent Living.

Our leader for July, Preston Fambrough, has this to say about the play we will be reading: "Nineteenth-century French dramatist Jean Anouilh adapts Sophocles' *Antigone* into an allegorical conflict between idealism and pragmatic realism."

As always, we invite anyone interested to join us, either to participate or to listen.

No Drama study reading will be scheduled for [August](#).

Games Theory

Steven Lee swlee@ku.edu

JULY-Tuesday 21st at 1:30pm-3:00pm
Senior Resource Center Garden room

In July we will be playing Family Feud. Family Feud is a fun, team-based party game where players guess the most popular answers to survey questions. Two teams compete, starting with a face-off to gain control. The winning team tries to guess all top answers while avoiding three strikes. If they fail, the other team can steal the points. The game is easy to learn, encourages teamwork and is perfect for groups of all ages. And no, you don't have to bring your family. Games Theory is played on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30. Please join.

AUGUST-Tuesday 18th at 1:30pm

In August we will be playing Balderdash. Balderdash is a humorous bluffing party game where players try to fool each other with made-up answers. As always, treats are provided.

Garden Seminar

Cal & Jo Cink ccinkbird76@gmail.com

No Garden seminars are meeting for July or August.

Great Books (Zoom)

Jim Woelfel woelfel@ku.edu

JULY, Wednesday, 8th at 1:30 pm.

The reading will be one of Toni Morrison's later novels, *Home* (Vintage International, 2012). A young Black man, Frank Money, returns home to Georgia after serving as an infantryman in the Korean War. Troubled and aimless, he has only his protective loyalty to his younger sister Cee as the enduring thread of his life. The story ranges over Frank's and Cee's difficult lives past and present, portraying the social and economic subordination of Southern Blacks under segregation and the resilience of their communities of support. Toni Morrison (1931-2019) was one of the most distinguished American writers of our time. Among her best-known novels are *Song of Solomon* (1977) and *Beloved* (1987). She received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.

AUGUST, Wednesday 12th at 1:30

The August meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12, at 1:30 pm. The reading will be selected short stories from Bernard Malamud's collection *The Magic Barrel* (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 2003), for which he received the first of two National Book Awards in 1958. A major American writer of the 20th century, Malamud (1914-1986), whose parents were Russian Jewish immigrants, was a novelist and short story writer. Among his best-known novels are *The Natural* (1952), *The Assistant* (1957), and *The Fixer* (1966), for which he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize. He taught writing at Oregon State University and then at Bennington College for most of his career.

Lunch Bunch

Ron Schorr rwwschorr@gmail.com

Wednesdays, 11:45 am.

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

Movement Workshop

Haskell springer@ku.edu

Fridays- at 9am

Senior Resource Center

Tai Chi will meet every Friday in **JULY & AUGUST** with the potential exception of Aug. 21st.

Old-Time Radio (Zoom)

John Nicholson wryterjccc@gmail.com

Old-Time Radio will be on hiatus until further notice.

Out-of-Town Travel

Judy Niebaum jniebaum@sunflower.com

No adventures planned for July or August.

Potluck Dinner & Lecture

Linda Mullens lmullens@ku.edu

No potlucks are scheduled for July or August.

Technology Studies

Dave Mannering dmannering@yahoo.com

Technology Studies will resume in the fall.

Wednesday Coffee

Gary Minden gminden@ku.edu

Wednesday, **July** 1, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, **July** 8, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, **July** 15, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - **Birthday cake**

Wednesday, **July** 22, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

* Wednesday, **July** 29, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - *First attempt at Fifth Wednesdays at 9:00 AM*

Wednesday, **August** 5, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, **August** 12, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center

Wednesday, **August** 19, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center - **Birthday cake**

Wednesday, **August** 26, 10:00 a.m. - Adams Alumni Center