

ENDACOTT SOCIETY

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July-August 2003

The Year in Review: 2002-2003

It has been a very good year with many successful activities and no major problems. The quality of the work of the leaders of the various study-activity groups has been the key and the task of the president has mostly been to watch, participate, and smile happily. Bryan Greve and his effective staff importantly helped make things work well. Lora Stoppel recently replaced Suzanne Cotrel Doyle who as Special Events Coordinator had been so helpful. Wiley Mitchell as Treasurer again handled finances expertly. He reported that finances are in good shape. Other officers to thank are Audrey Kamb as Secretary and Nancy Hambleton, Representative to the Alumni Association. There was no need to have an extra Board meeting and the relatively short annual meeting in May had the election of officers as its principal task. Max Lucas became President-Elect, Wiley Mitchell Treasurer, and Audrey Kamb Secretary.

The weekly activities by the Computer Group, Gardening Seminar, Ten O'clock Scholars, the Music Group, and the Lunch Bunch occurred regularly with good attendance. Monthly groups including Afternoon Lecture, Evening Lecture, Foreign Policy, Game Theory, Great Books, and Drama Study all had much success. Meeting less frequently but with as much fun were Opera Study and Armchair Travel. Notable for their service to the Endacott Society were Megan Schoeck who put out an excellent newsletter and Betty Banks with her clear reports as Benefits Manager. Behind the scene was the work in the library and also the important oral history project headed by Jane and Earl Gates. They also did the unsung handling of the nametags right in front of everyone. A one-time event was the Retirement Reception so wonderfully handled by Shirley Phillips and Dorothy Cook.

Some persons in new positions should be noted. Leonora Barker ably became Care Respondent following in the "letter writing" of Mildred Clodfelter. Grant Goodman offered to take the leadership of Pre-Concert Dinners and developed them so well at the Smith Center of Brandon Woods. Ev Swartz stepped in to manage so expertly the many trips of Out-of-Town Travel when no one else would. Also volunteering for an unfilled position was Jane Sellen as Conservator, now renamed Archivist. With much initiative Jim Drury developed a new study group in Domestic Issues. This was the first full year that some in the Opera Group gathered on Saturday afternoons to hear the Met Opera radio broadcasts with fine reception via computer at the home of Vic Wallace.

Excellent programs came from the Program Committee of Bill and Nancy Hambleton, Phyllis and Dick Sapp, and Katherine Stannard. Phyllis, Katherine, and Edwyna Gilbert made Ten O'clock Scholars reporting sessions fun as well as informative.

There were a few unusual events. Max Lucas resigned as President-Elect because of Jane's terminal illness and Fred Madaus graciously accepted the appointment as President-Elect. Jane's subsequent death told us again that illness and death are dominant themes in our age group. We also know that life goes on and Max Lucas is now President-Elect for 2003-2004. In early March, for the second time ever, the Wednesday morning activities were cancelled because of snow.

New sweatshirts were created to show and to explain the Endacott name as well as to better represent KU spouses and persons from elsewhere who were not specifically KU retirees. New members wanted shirts too. The KU Endacott logo was also put on cardigans, which sold well. As summer approached t-shirts and sport shirts also appeared. The old Procedures Manual describing the activities of the various study-activity groups mysteriously disappeared last year. A new Procedures Manual is now available to help new leaders.
Al Sellen, President

SOME COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2003-04

Afternoon Lecture—*Rita Haugh* (843-7613)

Archivist—*Jane Sellen* (jnalsellen@aol.com & 841-7432)

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Computer Study—*Oliver Phillips* (ophil@ku.edu & 842-1020), *W. Keith Percival* (percival@ku.edu), and *Bob Smith* (rjsmith@ku.edu & 843-8417)

Domestic Issues Study—*Jim Drury* (jdrury@ku.edu & 842-3308)

Drama Study—*Arnold Weiss* (ahweiss@ku.edu & 842-5502)

Endacott Society Rep-KUAA—*Nancy Hambleton* (wwhamble@ku.edu & 843-2508)

Foreign Policy Study—*Margo Gordon* (msgordon@ku.edu & 842-1848)

Game Theory—*Edna and Karmie Galle* (galle@ku.edu & 843-2950)

Gardening Seminar—*Arno Knapper* (knapper@ku.edu & 312-9422) & *Dick Shiefelbusch* (843-5869)

Library—*Phyllis and Dick Sapp* (rpsapp@ku.edu & 842-0013)

Lunch Bunch—*Barbara McCorkle* (bmccork@ku.edu & 838-4193) and *Dick Moore* (rmoore@sunflower.com & 843-3697)

New Retirees Reception Committee—*Eva Alley* (ealley@sunflower.com & 312-7839), *Maxine Patterson* (843-7905), and *Mary Ross* (760-2816)

Newsletter Editor—*Edwynna Gilbert* (gilbert@ku.edu & 843-8338)

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Out of Town Travel—*Ev Swartz* (evswartz@ku.edu & 841-4065) and *Allen Wiechert* (wiechert@ku.edu & 842-5467)

Pre-Concert Dinner—*Grant Goodman* (plim@ku.edu & 841-1066)

Program Committee—*Nancy and Bill Hambleton* (wwhamble@ku.edu & 843-2508),
Pat Kelly (wkelly1301@aol.com & 842-0523), and *Katherine Stannard*
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Ten O'clock Scholars (Coffee)—*Marjorie Lamb* (marjlamb@earthlink.net & 749-4647)

SCHEDULED EVENTS—July and August 2003

Afternoon Lecture Series

Rita Haugh (843-7613)

July 10--Dr. Robert Kent, fireman, Ph.D. degree in American Studies, teaches Professionalism in Special Education. Will discuss the merger of the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services and consequences for older persons.

August 14--Mary Doveton, Managing Artistic Director of Lawrence Community Theatre, will enlighten us about long-range plans, problems, and performances.

Drama Study Group

Arnold Weiss (ahweiss@ku.edu & 842-5502)

Normally meets on the second Friday of each month. Summer 2003 meetings Fridays July 11, August 8, and September 12 at 1:30 P.M in the music room. Plays TBA at Wednesday Ten O'clock Scholars gatherings. For further information, speak with Arnold Weiss or call 842-5502. (Computer not working as of this writing.)

Evening Lecture

The Summer Evening Lecture will be held Thursday, August 7. Please mark your calendar now. A signup sheet will be available soon at the Ten O'clock Scholars meeting soon. Program and main dish will be announced at a later date.

If you know anyone who doesn't attend the Coffees, please remind them of this event and date. If signing up at the regular meetings is not possible, members can contact the Madauses (fmadaus@ku.edu or 841-4939).

Foreign Policy Study Group

Margo Gordon (msgordon@ku.edu & 842-1848)

July 14, 3:30 P.M. Adams Alumni Center Library

This month's topic, "China in Transition: Is Real Change Imminent?" Discussion will be lead by Al and Jane Sellen. Come join us.

August 11 3:30 P.M. TBA

Gardening

Arno Knapper (knapper@ku.edu & 312-9422) & *Dick Shiefelbusch* (843-5869)

Normally meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 A.M.

Great Books Study Group

Mary Boyden (843-8897)

Normally meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 P.M. in the Adams Center library.

July 9--Ev Swartz will lead the discussion of three selections from our current book: *The Nature of Life*: "Experiments in Plant Hybridization" by Gregor Mendel; "An Introduction to the Study of Experimental Medicine" by Claude Bernard; "The Snout" by Loren Eiseley.

No Meeting in August 2003!

Music

Wednesdays, immediately following Ten O'clock Scholars, Music Room, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20, 27

Ten O'clock Scholars

Margery Lamb (marjlamb@earthlink.net & 749-4647)

Wednesdays, 10:00 A.M., Adams Alumni Center, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13, 20, 27

F Y I--Summer Sport Shirt and T-shirt Orders

These are in the Endacott ash color with a small KU Endacott logo on the front. They are men sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X. The sport shirt is a 50% cotton 50% polyester blend jersey fabric. It has a collar and two-button opening and costs \$10.5. The T-shirt is a 100% cotton jersey with a cost of \$7.50. To order please call Al or Jane Sellen at 841-7432. An order will be submitted to the company in early July

Activities beginning in September 2003

Opera Study

Jim Seaver (jseaver@ku.edu & 843-4081) and *Al Sellen* (jnalsellen@aol.com & 841-7432)

Meets four times a year

The coming year we will see the four operas of Wagner's "Ring." The first one, "Das Rheingold," comes Friday, September 5, preceded at 1:00 P.M. by an explanation of the musical motifs Wagner uses in "The Ring." There will be coffee/tea/water and cookies.

Armchair Travel Study

The next meeting of Armchair Travel will be the fourth Thursday of September--the 25th. Subject to be announced.

Computer Study Group

Oliver Phillips (ophil@ku.edu & 842-1020), *W. Keith Percival* (percival@ku.edu), and *Bob Smith* (rjsmith@ku.edu & 843-8417)

Computer Group will reconvene in the fall.

Domestic Issues Study Group

Jim Drury (jdrury@ku.edu & 842-3308)

The next meeting will be on September 8, when the program, moderated by Howard Baumgartel, will be on the Patriot's Act—Challenges to Civil Liberties.

Game Theory

Edna and Karmie Galle (galle@ku.edu & 843-2950)

Normally meets on the third Thursday of each month. Reconvenes on the third Thursday of September.