

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - For the first time since her installation, **President Karole Bradford** opened the meeting. **John Bukaty** provided the invocation and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Scott Kaufmann** then led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to members with birthdays during July: **President Karole!** Members followed that with a chorus of "You're a Grand Ol' Flag."

Jay Dunlap, program chair for July and for this new Rotary year, introduced our speaker, **Sergeant Bryson Wesley**, who is an Army recruiter working from the recruiting office located at The Legends. Sergeant Wesley has been involved with Army recruiting for approximately eight years, spending the past year at the recruiting office at The Legends.

Sergeant Wesley explained that recruiting involves much more than simply getting a signature on the recruiting form. In fact, Sergeant Wesley described his job as being more of an ambassador to the community rather than a recruiter.

Currently, the Army is accepting recruiting forms from individuals ages 17 through 40. Because the country is not in war time, recruiting requirements are more stringent, with approximately 90% of those expressing interest being disqualified for various reasons. Most commonly, candidates fail to reach the required scores for Math and English on the entrance exam or are disqualified due to law violations. Minor drug offenses are also frequently the cause for disqualification, although after a 90-day waiting period, minor drug possession offenses will no longer disqualify an individual from joining the Army.

Permanent residents who are not US citizens may apply to join the Army, and once enlisted, these permanent residents are placed on the fast track toward citizenship. The fast track toward US citizenship also extends to the enlisted individual's family.

Presently, the Army has approximately 80,000 members with an additional 30,000 Army Reservists. When discussing the military readiness of the US, Sergeant Wesley described the US Army as the smallest yet strongest army in the world. Recruiting has an important role due to the current understaffing in the Army.

Sergeant Wesley also invited all KCK Rotarians to attend the Kansas City Armed Forces Hockey Classic scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2022, at the Independence Community Ice. The event is a great opportunity for the public to learn more about the various branches of the Armed Services and watch some fun hockey.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - **Ashley Scott**, with **Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Animal Control**, will be speaking to us about current issues in animal and wildlife control. **Jay Dunlap** is the program chair for the month.

HEALTH REPORT:

The Club wishes **Margaret Steele** a speedy recovery from her recent foot surgery!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

New Member - Be sure to welcome our newest member, **Njeri Mwangi**, to the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club!

With the beginning of another Rotary year, we are in the process of updating the Club's membership roster. If you have any changes to make to your directory information or if you wish to utilize a different photo, please contact Rosemary Podrebarac. Please submit any changes or new photos by July 15th.

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City has rescheduled its second annual **Rotaract BINGO Night** to **Thursday, August 4, 2022**, at the Bonner Springs Community Center. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, with Bingo starting at 7 pm. In addition to Bingo, the evening includes dinner, drinks, and a silent auction. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit this site: <https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-night>. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Redemptorist Center in Kansas City, Missouri.



Where the Gate to Kansas Swings Open

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club was organized on November 2, 1915, and received its charter as Club No. 195 in January 1916. Its members take pride in more than 100 years of Rotary service to the community and to international fellowship. From this Club have come five District Governors and two Directors of Rotary International. The Club's history is as rich as that of the community it represents.

Following the Lewis and Clark expedition which camped at the confluence of the Kansas and Missouri rivers on June 26, 1804, in present day Kansas City, Kansas, this area became an important center for fur trappers. In the following years, many Indian tribes were relocated here from the East. In 1842 the Wyandot Indians acquired land here and founded a town. During this period, and for the next five decades, this area became the main gateway to the inviting majesty of the sprawling Kansas Prairie and the American West. This was where the frontier began. Pioneers found river transportation, outfitters, and the beginning of the Santa Fe and Oregon Trails. After the covered wagons, came major trunk railroads and barge lines.

In 1886, Kansas City, Kansas received its charter as an incorporated city, combining the towns of Wyandot, Argentine, and Armourdale. (Rosedale was added in 1922.) Kansas City, Kansas is the site of the first industrial park in the United States, home of the prestigious The University of Kansas Health System, and the location of the National Agricultural Hall of Fame and of the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, Kansas City, Kansas is in the temperate latitudes at an elevation of 726 feet above sea level. The average rainfall is 35 inches. The average mean temperature ranges from 30° F in January to 80° F in July. The lowest recorded temperature was -23° F on December 23, 1989, and the highest was 113° F on August 14, 1936. Our city's population of 156,000 and area of 128 square miles rank it 158th among cities in the United States.

Welcome to Kansas City, Kansas Rotary and the vibrant community it represents.

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WHERE NEARBY TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

MONDAY

Bonner Springs (11:45 am) ----- Twisters Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.
Overland Park (Noon) ----- DoubleTree Hotel, 10100 College Boulevard

TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00 am) -----Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes St.
Western Johnson County (5:30 pm) ----- Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Rd., Lenexa

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15 am) ----- St. Andrews Golf Club, 11099 W. 135th
Leavenworth (Noon) ----- Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade
KCI, Missouri (Noon) ----- Granite City Pub, 8461 NW Prairie View Rd.
Shawnee Mission (Noon) ----- Milburn Country Club, 7501 W. 69th St., Overland Park
Olathe (Noon) ----- Olathe Indian Creek Library, 16100 W. 135th
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135th St.
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:30 pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15 am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS
Leawood (7:15 am) ----- Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Dr.
Village West (7:30 am) ----- Country Club Bank, 11006 Parallel Pkwy., KCK
Gardner (7:30 am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park
Santa Fe Trail (7:30 am) -----Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- The Gallery, 61 E. 14th Street, KCMO

FRIDAY

Desoto (7:00 am) ----- Burger King, 34071 Commerce Drive
Shawnee (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town 1929 – Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive
Plaza, Missouri (7:15 am) ----- Classic Cup Restaurant, 301 W. 47th St.
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Parks & Rec., 1201 Clark Ferguson Dr.
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Distance Learning Ctr.
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Road

Please see the Secretary for the world directory of all Rotary Club meeting times, days, and places.

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