

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

Meeting Location: Meetings presently held via Zoom.
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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY – Past President **John Freshnock** greeted members and introduced our new President, **Scott Martens**, who was sworn in at the 5th Tuesday event held on June 30th at Greg Shondell's house. **President Martens** led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Dan Duncan** provided the invocation. **Scott Kaufmann** then led the singing, including a chorus of "Happy Birthday" for fellow Rotarians. Karole Bradford is our member celebrating a July birthday.

This week our Club meeting centered on a discussion of club issues. **Karole Bradford and Jen Wewers** served as program chairs for the day. Club members participated in a lively discussion centered on the topic of a new location for our Club and members readiness to return to in person meetings. **John Freshnock** reported that the UG had agreed to waive the room charge for meeting space at Memorial Hall and that Brancato's is very interested in returning as the caterer for our Club meetings.

Karole and Jen presented five poll questions to members and asked for input on how comfortable members are about returning to in person meetings and opinions on how to proceed with current and future meetings. The poll will be shared with all members to request their input.

The members reached a consensus to continue Zoom meetings for the present and continue to discuss the topic of when we may be able to return to in person meetings and how members might be comfortable in doing so.

Additionally, members discussed the status of the current merger discussions with the Village West Rotary Club. Some members had heard that the Village West Rotary Club is disbanding. The group who previously met with Village West will contact the Village West president and ask about that club's plans concerning the merger possibility.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY – Jomella Watson-Thompson, Ph.D., will join us next week to talk about ThrYve, a new initiative for youth violence prevention in Wyandotte County. **Jen Wewers** will serve as program chair again next week.

Dues Statements were sent via e-mail to all members last week. If you did not receive your dues statement, please contact Treasurer Greg Shondell or Secretary Rosemary Podrebarac. Please mail your dues payments to the Club's new Post Office Box, PO Box 171384, Kansas City, Kansas 66117.

Inclusivity – In line with Rotary International's principles, District 5710 has issued a statement on Inclusivity which members should have received earlier this week. District Governor Barr requests every Rotarian to review the statement, which includes a link to allow members to share their ideas on actions Rotary can take to be more inclusive and to fight racism.

Additionally, the District is hosting a program this week to address diversity, equity, and inclusion. The program will be presented at 8 am on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, and again at Noon on Friday, July 17, 2020. For this meeting, the District is requiring registration (the registration link is included in the e-mail sent to all Rotarians in the District). The speakers are Danielle Johnson, a partner in Inclusive Growth Strategies and Associate Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Wichita State University and Joseph Shepard, the Director of Multicultural Engagement and Campus Life at Newman University. We'll cover topics like the importance of DEI, unconscious bias, who needs to be at the table for these discussions and even next steps our clubs can take.

Zoom Meeting information will be sent to all members on Monday prior to our weekly meeting.



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 University of Kansas Medical Center, and the location of the National Agricultural Hall of Fame and the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, it 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 145,000 and area of 155 square miles rank it 158th among cities in the United States.

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

Service Above Self

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

WHERE NEARBY TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

MONDAY

Bonner Springs (11:45am) ----- Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.
Overland Park (11:30am) ----- Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd.

TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00am) ----- Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65th

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133rd
Leavenworth (Noon) ----- Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade
KCI, Missouri (Noon) ----- Granite City Pub, 8461 NW Prairie View Rd.
Shawnee Mission (Noon) ----- Sylvester Powell Community Ctr, 6200 Martway, Mission
Olathe (Noon) ----- Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S. Strang Line Road
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- Margarita's, 13401 Holmes Rd.
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & I-35
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:15pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS
Leawood (7:15am) ----- Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Rd
Village West (7:15am) ----- Providence MC/Cafeteria Conference Rm, 8929 Parallel, KCK
Gardner (7:30am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park
Santa Fe Trail (7:30am) ----- Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- The Gallery, 61 E. 14th Street, KCMO

FRIDAY

Desoto (7:00am) ----- Desoto United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road
Shawnee (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive
Plaza, Missouri (7:15am) ----- Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Library, 2251 Howell Street
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Woodard Center
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Lakeview Village, Southridge Bldg., 14001 W. 92nd, 5th Floor

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

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