

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Karole Bradford** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing “Hey, Look Me Over,” in a tribute to this week’s income tax deadline.

Jen Wewers, program chair, introduced our speaker **Jomella Watson-Thompson, Ph.D.**, Principal Investigator with ThrYve, a new initiative for youth violence prevention in Wyandotte County. ThrYve (“Together Helping Reduce Youth Violence through Equity”) is a program administered by the KU Center for Community Health and Development. The program is funded through a grant awarded to the KU Center for Research by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. ThrYve partners with approximately 50 local agencies and departments, including United Way and the Wyandotte County District Attorney’s Office, to provide KCK youth with support and programs to help them avoid violence and become successful adults.

Dr. Watson-Thompson shared some startling statistics concerning Wyandotte County youth, including that 30% of KCK homicides involve youth victims. The priority issues being addressed by ThrYve’s collaborative efforts are (1) too many local youth experience violence and (2) too many local youth are involved in and return to the juvenile justice system.

ThrYve’s approach consists of six main components: Collaborative Partnership and Action across Systems; Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs; Out-of-School Time Supports;

Education, College & Career Readiness Supports; Community-Based Training Programs; and Parent and Family Engagement.

Dr. Watson-Thompson shared that ThrYve directly serves approximately 120 youth. ThrYve’s many collaborators and partner agencies serve hundreds of other young people in KCK.

Additional detailed information about ThrYve may be found on its website: <https://wethryve.ctb.ku.edu>. Questions may be sent directly to Dr. Watson-Thompson at jomellaw@ku.edu.

Health Report - Frank Simonich has returned home from the hospital and is recovering from coronavirus. He has begun rehab and is still on oxygen.

Missouri River 340 Announcement - **Ken Davis** announced that the Missouri River 340 will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. He asked for volunteers and requested any members who wish to assist with parking and traffic direction to contact him.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Ana Escrogima**, a 17 year veteran of the U.S. State Department. She will be sharing her experiences and describing her life as a Foreign Service Officer.

Jen Wewers will serve as program chair again next week.

Dues Statements were recently sent via e-mail to all members. These statements are for the quarterly dues for the period from July through September. 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.

Survey Results - A summary of the poll results from our July 7th meeting discussion on a possible date and method for returning to in-person meetings is attached. Another poll will be sent to all members in the near future.

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.

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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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