

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY - Filling in for President Scott Martens, Vice President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Karen Hostetler provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann then led the members in singing "You're a Grand Ol' Flag."

Jen Wewers, program chair, introduced our speaker Ana Escrogima, a 17 year veteran of the U.S. State Department, who joined us from Washington, DC. Ms. Escrogima is one of Jen's former high school students at Notre Dame High School in New York City. After graduate school, Ms. Escrogima attended field school in Tunis, Tunisia, continuing her Arabic language studies. Her first official State Department assignment was in Damascus, Syria, where her work centered on human rights issues. During her tenure with the State Department, Ms. Escrogima has served in Iraq (Baghdad), United Arab Emirates (Dubai), Tunisia (Tunis), Algeria, the US Embassy for Yemen in exile in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and DC. Soon, she will begin her new assignment at the US Consulate General in Montreal, Canada.

The US State Department employs more than 13,000 foreign service officers and 11,000 civil servants who work in the US. Additionally, more than 45,000 individuals are employed locally at overseas embassies and consuls.

Ms. Escrogima believes that the pandemic is "forcing modernization" in the State Department by increasing the acceptability of telework. A positive result of working remotely is the increased connecting of DC and overseas State Department employees.

With respect to her time spent overseas, Ms. Escrogima noted that most people with whom she had contact were hospitable to separate the American people even if they had issues with American policies.

Welcome Back - It was great to see Frank Simonich and Donna Severance joining our meeting this week. Frank continues to improve from his bout with coronavirus. Bruce Schlosser also joined the meeting and shared that he is almost back to full strength after his own coronavirus struggles.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Melissa Rivero, a lawyer from New York who recently published her first novel, *The Affairs of the Falcóns*.

Jen Wewers will serve as program chair again next week.

Sad News - Beverly Mullarky, wife of member Bill Mullarky, died July 21, 2020. A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Corinth Cemetery.

Missouri River 340 Reminder - If you are interested in volunteering at the Missouri River 340 on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, to assist with parking and traffic direction, please contact Ken Davis for details.

Baseball is back! And, **Greater Kansas City Day** is Friday, July 24th! This year Greater Kansas City Day will be held in a modified format. While fans cannot go to the games, we ask that everyone cheer on our boys in blue from the safety of their homes with this year's Greater Kansas City Day flag! Rotarians will not be selling papers and flags on street corners. Rather, Rotary is encouraging Rotarians and community members to purchase buy this year's "Always Royal" flag at one of the local Price Chopper stores or online at mlb.com/royals/community/programs/greater-kc-day. Proceeds from the sales of flags will support Rotary Youth Camp.

Greater KC Day is also hosting a new promotion on social media! Through Friday (July 24th), anyone who buys this year's flag can enter to win a signed Mike Matheny natural wood autographed bat. All you have to do is take a picture with this year's flag, post it on Facebook, and tag @greaterkccday with the hashtags #alwaysroyal and #gkccday.

Zoom Meeting information will again 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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