

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. **Rick Behrens** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led the members in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" to welcome back **Frank Simonich**, **Donna Severance**, and **Bruce Schlosser** after their fights with coronavirus. **Jen Wewers** introduced our visitor, Allison McClain from the Village West Club.

Jen Wewers, program chair, introduced our speaker Melissa Rivero, a lawyer from New York who recently published her first novel, *The Affairs of the Falcóns*. Her novel won the New American Voices Award and was nominated for the PEN/Hemingway Debut Novel Prize, the Aspen Words Literary Prize, and the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize.

Ms. Rivero was born in Lima, Peru and raised in Brooklyn. After graduating from college (NYU) and Brooklyn Law School, she began practicing law with a New York law firm. She began work on her novel in 2011 while still working at the firm. Ms. Rivero explained that she does not write in a linear way as the first scene she wrote occurs approximately three fourths of the way into the novel. She eventually left the firm to concentrate on her writing while working as an attorney part time.

By securing a writing fellowship, Ms. Rivero was able to work with a freelance editor to assist with finishing her manuscript. She finished her novel in 2017 and sold it to a publisher in 2018. *The Affairs of the Falcóns* was then published and released in 2019.

The intensity of the marketing and public relations work after release of the novel was a surprise for the new author. Ms. Rivero joked that her marketing work is almost a full time job.

Currently working on her second novel, Ms. Rivero writes for a minimum of 30 minutes each day, and she describes writing as a form of self love or self care. She encourages other writers to carve out the time and space needed to express themselves creatively.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Matt Kleinmann, who will be sharing information about Dotte Mobile Grocer.

Karole Bradford, Todd Jordan and Jen Wewers are teaming up as program chairs for the month of August, with **Todd Jordan** serving as program chair next week.

Missouri River 340 Reminder - If you are interested in volunteering at the Missouri River 340 next Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in the wee small hours of the morning, please contact **Ken Davis** for details.

Resignation - **Bill Porter** has announced his resignation from our club because he and Marty are moving to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Bill promises to visit us when he travels back to Kansas City. We will miss you!

Sad News - Former KCK Rotary Club President Richard "Dick" Bond died on July 23, 2020. Dick served as President of our Rotary Club in 1973-1974.

Roster Book - We are in the process of finalizing the updates to member information for the Club's Roster Book, which will be released in digital form this year. If you have any additional updates to include in the Roster Book, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac** at rpodrebarac1@kc.rr.com. Additionally, we are planning to upload member roster photos to ClubRunner.

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.

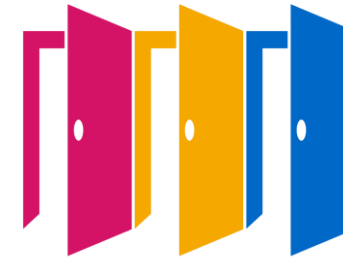
Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, it is in the temperate latitudes at an elevation of 726 feet above sea level. The average rainfall is 35 inches. The average mean temperature ranges from 30° F in January to 80° F in July. The lowest recorded temperature was -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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