

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. **Jay Dunlap** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led the group in singing "Home on the Range".

President **Scott** thanked the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** for last Saturday's clean-up efforts at Fisher Park in the Rosedale neighborhood near the KU Medical Center.

Health Report - **Karole Bradford** informed members that **Jen Wewers** is back home from the hospital and recuperating from COVID-19.

Todd Jordan, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Bruce Newby**, Wyandotte County Election Commissioner. A West Point graduate, Mr. Newby had a career in engineering prior to being appointed as Wyandotte County Election Commissioner in 2006. As one of four Election Commissioners in the state of Kansas, Mr. Newby applied for the position and is up for reappointment by the Kansas Secretary of State every four years. He explained that he is not a politician. Rather, his job is to run the elections in Wyandotte County.

Mr. Newby shared some interesting facts about the recent August 4th primary election. Out of 87,156 registered voters in Wyandotte County, 77,357 are active voters, meaning that they have voted in at least one election in the past four years. In Wyandotte County, 23,781 people voted in the August 4th primary, representing a 30.7% voter turnout.

Mail in ballots were more popular in the recent primary. 11,616 voters requested ballots by mail, and 9,071 of those requested ballots were timely returned to the election office. This 78% return rate is significantly higher than past return rates of less than 50%, and mail in ballots accounted for approximately 38% of the total votes cast in the primary.

In the August 4th primary, 2121 citizens, representing 9% of all votes cast, voted early in person at one of the Wyandotte County sites. 12,589 citizens, representing 53% of all votes cast, voted on election day at a polling place.

Mr. Newby is also expecting a good voter turnout for this November's general election because it is a presidential election year. In order to vote in the November election, a person must register to vote by October 13, 2020. If a Wyandotte County resident wishes to vote by mail in the November election, the mail in ballot application must be submitted to the Election Office by October 27, 2020. Mr. Newby encouraged residents wishing to vote by mail to submit their applications early so that ballots may be mailed to them early enough to allow time for an individual to vote and return the ballot by mail. Mail in ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 3rd, and received by the Election Office by Friday, November 6th.

Early voting is also available to Wyandotte County residents at three locations: the Election Office (850 State Avenue), Eisenhower Recreation Center, and Argentine Recreation Center.

The Election Office is in need of poll workers to staff 30 polling places for the November 3rd General Election. Poll workers in Wyandotte County must be Wyandotte County residents who either are registered voters or are between 16 and 18 years of age. The application to serve as a poll worker is available on the Election Office website: www.wycokck.org/Election.aspx.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Keith Jantz, MD**, who will answer questions about COVID-19. **Karole Bradford** will be handling program chair duties next week, with **Karole Bradford, Todd Jordan and Jen Wewers** finishing up as program chairs for the month of August.

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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