

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. **Dan Duncan** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led the group in singing “Happy Birthday” to members with September birthdays: Bill Epperheimer, Bruce Schlosser, and Rosemary Podrebarac.

Jay Dunlap, program chair for the month, introduced our speakers, Rob Reiman and Mary Jane Meirose, from The Giving Grove. Rob Reiman is the co-founder and CEO of The Giving Grove, and Mary Jane Meirose serves as the Community Engagement Coordinator.

The Giving Grove, founded in 2012 in response to the issue of food insecurity, encourages the planting of neighborhood urban orchards in areas with the least access to healthy food.

Mary Jane Meirose shared that more than 300,000 people in the Kansas City Metro area are food insecure. Following FDA guidance, The Giving Grove defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough healthy food to have a healthy and active lifestyle. Founders of The Giving Grove envision urban micro orchards as a long term solution to the food insecurity challenge.

The Giving Grove does more than plant trees, with its goals of providing healthy calories, strengthening communities, and improving urban environments. Following and encouraging organic practices, The Giving Grove teaches that organic urban orchards improve soil biology, enhance air quality, and help manage water

runoff, all while creating a food system that will last for generations.

In order to begin a Giving Grove orchard, the neighborhood where the orchard is to be located needs to agree to maintain the orchard. The Giving Grove then provides the education and coaching support. Each urban orchard also requires that at least two individuals from the neighborhood commit to maintaining the trees.

Currently, 188 urban orchard projects have been created by The Giving Grove in the Kansas City metro area. Thirty-nine of these urban orchards are located in Wyandotte County. Residents have noticed that, after the orchard is planted, the orchard area attracts less litter than before the planting. The little orchards also provide a gathering spot for the community, and one near 19th Street and Central in KCK was even the site of a wedding. These instances prove The Giving Grove’s motto of “Little Orchards, Big Impact.”

An urban orchard generally consists of approximately 15 fruit trees. After becoming established, each orchard produces 300-400 peck baskets of fruit each year, representing almost \$10,000 in produce value provided to neighborhood residents at no cost. Most of the orchards are harvested by neighborhood members on a “you pick” basis.

For more information about The Giving Grove, please visit its website www.givinggrove.org or contact Mary Jane Meirose at maryjane@kccg.org.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Denise Oglivie of Catholic Charities, who will discuss Catholic Charities move to a new home base in downtown KCK and its activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Jay Dunlap** will be the program chair for the month of September.

Thanks to **Karole Bradford**, **Todd Jordan**, and **Jen Wewers** for serving as program chairs for the month of August!

Board of Directors - President **Scott** advised members that the Club has a couple of openings on the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact **President Scott** or **Past President John Freshnock**.



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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