

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. **John Bukaty** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led the group in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y" in recognition of Rotary's Polio Plus success in eradicating wild polio virus on the African continent.

Jay Dunlap, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, Denise Ogilvie, Chief Mission Officer of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. Ms. Ogilvie has been with Catholic Charities for approximately five years, having previously served as Vice President of Community Engagement.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (CCNEK) was formed in 1956 and serves a 21 county area in northeast Kansas. CCNEK recently moved its local headquarters from Central Avenue to 600 Minnesota Avenue. This downtown KCK office offers the largest breadth of services of all CCNEK locales, including a Family Support Center, Refugee & Migrant Services, Asset Development programs, Workforce Development services, an Immigration Legal Clinic, and the Foster Grandparents program. Due to the pandemic, the food pantry planned for the 600 Minnesota location is not open to the public yet.

Ms. Ogilvie advised that Wyandotte County has the highest poverty level in Kansas, with 18.4% of the nearly 185,000 Wyandotte County residents living below the poverty level, which, for a family of four, means an annual income of \$26,200.

In furtherance of its goal of assisting individuals to build a path to self-sufficiency, CCNEK employs three pillars or areas of service: Stabilization, Strengthening, and Respect Life Services.

A unique program in CCNEK's Stabilization area of services is the Kansas Loan Pool Project (KLPP). This program assists individuals to refinance high interest payday and title loans with new, low interest loans. Individuals who qualify for this program must have stable income and the ability to make monthly loan repayments. Each participant who qualifies for a loan from the KLPP enrolls in a series of financial education classes to assist with long-term financial planning and budgeting.

Ms. Ogilvie mentioned that the Foster Grandparents program is another program which CCNEK only operates in Wyandotte County. Approximately 100 senior volunteers participate in the program in which they assist special needs and at-risk children and youth in Wyandotte County schools.

CCNEK also runs Shalom House, which is a 24 bed transitional housing site for men located in Kansas City, Kansas. More than an overnight shelter, Shalom House assists the residents to find employment and permanent housing while they live at Shalom House. Most men reside at Shalom House for 3-4 months.

The pandemic has also had an impact on CCNEK. Ms. Ogilvie reported that, since March of this year, CCNEK has served 1565 individuals with food distribution, provided 70,336 lunches to children, provided housing and direct financial support to 788 families, and assisted 357 individuals with financial literacy classes. Also, COVID-19 has affected CCNEK's volunteers. Prior to the pandemic, approximately 1800 people volunteered at CCNEK programs each month. In August, CCNEK hosted only 600 volunteers.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Monsignor Stuart Swetland, President of Donnelly College, who will share updates about Donnelly College, including its move into its new building. **Jay Dunlap** is our program chair for the month of September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Scott alerted members to watch for the **Club's annual fundraising pledge letter** which will be sent to members soon.

The Board voted to participate again this year in the **Hispanic Development Fund's Cambio para Cambio campaign** to raise money for scholarships. This year's campaign kicks off on September 15th, with more details to follow.



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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