

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. **Karole Bradford** provided the invocation, a Jewish blessing of food for Rosh Hashanah. In remembrance of 9-11, **Scott Kaufmann** then led the group in singing "America the Beautiful". We also welcomed back **Jen Wewers**!

Jay Dunlap, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, seventh President of Donnelly College. Msgr. Swetland received his undergraduate degree in physics from the United States Naval Academy and attended Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, studying politics, philosophy, and economics and earning both a BA and MA. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1991. In addition to serving as President of Donnelly College, Msgr. Swetland is Professor of Leadership & Ethics.

Founded in 1949, Donnelly College now offers Bachelor's degrees in Information Systems and Business Leadership and several nursing degrees (CNA, LPN, and RN) in addition to Associate degrees.

Msgr. Swetland explained that Donnelly's work focuses on three values which are the Pillars of its Mission and are central to the college's goal of providing education and formation of its students. Those pillars are Truth, Community, and Excellence. Msgr. Swetland described Donnelly as a transformative college, helping its students to become the best versions of themselves.

Donnelly College was originally located at 12th Street and Barnett in Kansas City, Kansas, and moved to its current location on 18th Street in the 1970's. The buildings occupied by the college are the former Providence Hospital buildings.

The College just completed its first new construction located on its 18th Street campus. Having received its temporary occupancy certificate this month, the New Academic building contains 72,000 square feet of space,

including instructional spaces, office space, and a chapel. Furthering the goal of being a "green campus," solar panels have been installed on the roofs of both the New Academic building and Marian Hall. Pending BPU inspection, the solar panels should begin generating electricity this week.

Donnelly College recently announced its mascot, "Lux" the Donnelly Dragon. The Donnelly Dragon takes its name from the College motto "Lux Vera."

Once again this year, Donnelly College appears in the *US News & World Report* list of best colleges. For 2021 in the Midwest Region, Donnelly College is rated #1 for Ethnic Diversity, #3 for Economic Diversity, and #3 for Least Debt on Graduation. Donnelly has been ranked #1 for Ethnic Diversity for four straight years.

With an eye toward affordability, Donnelly's tuition is less than \$8,000 per year. Many Donnelly graduates leave campus with no debt, and the median federal loan debt for Donnelly graduates is \$9,373, while the national average for college loan debt at graduation is \$29,200.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Duane Joseph, CEO of Maranatha Education, an ACT preparation service. **Jay Dunlap** is our program chair for the month of September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September's Fifth Tuesday event will be held outdoors on September 29th from 5-7 pm at Greg Shondell's house. Social distancing will be observed. Please RSVP to the Secretary by September 28th if you are planning to attend so that we can get an accurate head count.

Jay Dunlap announced that Bishop Ward High School won its varsity football game last Friday - its first win since October 2013! This week, Ward is a nominee for the Hy-Vee Team of the Week. The Hy-Vee Team of the Week will be announced on air during Thursday evening's KCTV5 news at 10 pm.

Karole Bradford announced that the **Hispanic Development Fund's Cambio para Cambio campaign** kicked off today. The Board voted for the Foundation to provide a 1:1 match of member contributions to the HDF Scholarship Fund up to a maximum of \$1,000. To donate to send KCK kids to college, please visit: <https://hdfkc.networkforgood.com/projects/109337-rotary-club-of-kansas-city-ks-s-fundraiser>.

The Club has joined the **Keep WyCo Well** effort, launched by the KCK Chamber, KCK CVB, and Wyandotte EDC, to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Wyandotte County.



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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