

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** then led the group in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Jay Dunlap, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, Duane Joseph, CEO of MaranathaEd, an ACT/SAT test preparation service. Mr. Joseph attended college and played college basketball at the University of Washington before joining the Navy. Immediately prior to founding MaranathaEd approximately eight years ago, Mr. Joseph worked at the Kauffman Foundation as a Kauffman Scholar Academic Coach. He also previously taught mathematics in high schools in Florida and Kansas City.

Mr. Joseph began his work at Bishop Ward High School approximately six years ago, when his ACT prep program was an after-school program. Today, his ACT prep program is offered during the school day as an elective class.

The acronym SKP summarizes MaranathaEd's approach to test preparation: Strategy, Knowledge, Practice. The Strategy component involves instructing students how to take tests and approach multiple choice questions and provides guidance about managing the tests. The Knowledge component focuses on the specific areas of information covered by the tests. The Practice component affords students opportunities to take the test in a practice setting. Mr. Joseph emphasized that strategy is the primary emphasis of test preparation.

In preparing the students for the tests, Mr. Joseph often breaks down the test into smaller sections. For instance, the English

section of the ACT contains 75 questions to be answered in 45 minutes. To make the test more manageable and to introduce it to the students, he presents students with five separate sets of questions, with each set to be answered in nine minutes.

Citing the discriminatory nature of the ACT and SAT tests, the State of California is planning to discontinue standardized testing with the next three years. Although California has announced that it will no longer use the ACT and SAT tests for admissions purposes, California will be developing its own admissions test. When that test is released, MaranathaEd will review that test and be prepared to teach students how to prepare for it also. Mr. Joseph also advised that the ACT has been working to modify its exam to move away from questions which could be discriminatory in nature.

During the current pandemic, many colleges and universities are not requiring ACT or SAT test scores as a component of admissions applications. Mr. Joseph explained that ACT and SAT testing remains critically important because ACT and SAT scores open up many scholarship opportunities for applicants.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Next Tuesday is the Fifth Tuesday of September, and we will hold our **Fifth Tuesday event** 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.

Many thanks to **Jay Dunlap**, our September Program Chair, for scheduling some wonderful programs for our weekly meetings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Karole Bradford reminded members of the Club's participation in the **Hispanic Development Fund's Cambio para Cambio campaign**. 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 the link below by October 15, 2020:

<https://hdfkc.networkforgood.com/projects/109337-rotary-club-of-kansas-city-ks-s-fundraiser>.

Congratulations to the Bishop Ward High School varsity football team for being named the Hy-Vee Team of the Week last week!



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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