

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY - Program Chair Karole Bradford opened the meeting, and Melissa Sieben led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Karen Hostetler provided the invocation, Prayer of St. Francis. President Scott Martens joined the meeting, and Scott Kaufmann then led the group in singing "Home on the Range."

Phil Gibbs, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, Greg Scovitch with Hillwood Development. Mr. Scovitch has been with Hillwood Development since 2010, having previously worked for Turner Construction on the Kansas Speedway project and for The Cordish Companies on the Kansas City Power & Light District development.

Hillwood, a Ross Perot company founded in 1988, is a real estate development company with a focus on industrial and logistics and distribution projects. Hillwood's local project is the construction of a new Urban Outfitters fulfillment center to be located just west of the Kansas Speedway at 118th Street and State Avenue. The new development is located on excess land originally owned by International Speedway Corporation and planned for an expansion of the Kansas Speedway.

The central location of Kansas City in the continental US and the great road infrastructure near I-70 and I-435 were attributes that made the property attractive to Urban Outfitters. Unlike many distribution facilities, Urban Outfitters will own and operate the planned internet fulfillment and distribution center. This ownership interest allows Urban Outfitters to design the facility to its own specifications and wishes. Mr. Scovitch described the facility as "the nicest warehouse he has ever worked on."

The Urban Outfitters building will be located on 88 acres on the west side of the Kansas Speedway. The initial building will be 895,000 square feet, with an option to expand an additional 300,000 square feet. Urban Outfitters plans to make use of vertical space by building a facility that is 66 feet tall to 75 feet tall in the middle section rather than the more standard 40 foot warehouse height. With the additional space, the distribution facility will have multiple levels of mezzanines with state of the art conveyance systems to access stored products.

The cost of construction of the new facility is approximately \$150 million, with an additional \$250 million in equipment and product handling machinery. Groundbreaking is scheduled for this October, and completion of the building is estimated to occur by end of 2021. After 18 months for installation of material handling equipment and shuttle racking systems, the facility should open in September of 2023. When in operation, the Urban Outfitters distribution center will employ 2000 associates, in two shifts over each 24 hour period.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Several educators from our local high schools will be honored when we host our Education Awards, postponed from this past May. Phil Gibbs is our program chair for the month of October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Club Fundraising Pledge letters have been sent to all club members. We would like to receive a response from every member committing to volunteer efforts even if you are unable to make a pledge at this time. Please complete and return your pledge forms as soon as possible. Thanks!

Polio Plus Fundraiser - Join the fun on Saturday, October 24th, at 7 pm, when our Club and the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City host "Pinot for Polio" - a virtual wine-tasting event! To purchase tickets for the evening, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinot-for-polio-2020-tickets-124129634077>

Karole Bradford reminded members of the Club's participation in the **Hispanic Development Fund's Cambio para Cambio** campaign. Thus far, member contributions total \$1,000 which will be matched with \$1,000 from the Foundation. The campaign closes on **October 15, 2020**. Please visit this link to contribute:

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



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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