

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. **Melissa Sieben** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led the group in song.

We also welcomed several guests: former Club member **Terry Woodbury** and members of **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**, **Claudia O'Connell**, **Hallie Rogers**, **Justine Spease**, and **Matt Zayas**.

Phil Gibbs, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, **Dr. Jessica Dain**, Superintendent of the Piper School District, who is in her first year as Superintendent of the District. Dr. Dain received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Emporia State University and her doctorate from St. Louis University. Previously, Dr. Dain has taught and served as an administrator in several Kansas City area school districts, including De Soto, Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley, and Olathe.

Dr. Dain spoke mainly about the challenges that all school districts are facing in light of the pandemic. Being located in Wyandotte County, the Piper School District is in compliance with all Wyandotte County Health Department guidelines concerning building capacity, mask wearing, and testing. The Wyandotte County school districts are taking different approaches to education delivery this fall, and the Piper School District has selected a hybrid model called the "4 by 1 Model."

Piper opened this school year on September 9th. Piper pre-Kindergarten and Elementary students attend school in person 4 days a week, with online activities on Fridays. Secondary students (grades 6th - 12th) attend in-person at least one day per week, staying in one classroom with the teachers moving among classrooms.

Approximately 2600 students are enrolled in the Piper School District this year. Presently, 69% of the students are attending school under the hybrid model, while 31% of the students are attending school totally remotely.

So far this semester, Piper has encountered two COVID-19 cases among its staff and 17 COVID-19 cases among its students, including some cases among sibling groups and three cases involving students who tested positive while quarantined due to other family members.

Dr. Dain invited members to participate in upcoming Zoom sessions with Piper stakeholders concerning the Portrait of a Graduate, identifying skills required for persons in the workplace.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Greg Kindle**, President of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council, who will speak about exciting developments in Wyandotte County. **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!

Pinot for Polio 2020 Fundraiser -Join the fun on Saturday, October 24th, at 7 pm, when our Club and the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City host a virtual wine-tasting event! The evening includes wine education from a certified sommelier, followed by a virtual auction and raffle. To purchase tickets for the event, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinot-for-polio-2020-tickets-124129634077>

The fun will continue with an after party beginning at 8 pm after the wine seminar. The auction is now open, and many great items are available for bidding. Please visit the link below to place your bids! <https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/pinotforpolio>

The **District's Pints for Polio** virtual Zoom event has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020.

The **Rotary District 5710 Conference** is scheduled for November 7, 2020. The conference has reached its in-person capacity limit, but you may still register to attend the conference via Zoom for free. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the District Conference via Zoom!



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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