

# 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 as President Scott Martens was delayed. Scott Kaufmann led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pat Crilly provided the invocation. Scott Kaufmann then led club members in singing "Smile, and the World Smiles with You" to brighten everyone's day. We also welcomed guests, former - and soon to be returning - Club member Terry Woodbury and Matt Zayas, President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City.

Phil Gibbs, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, Greg Kindle, who has been President of the Wyandotte Economic Development Council since 2011. Working to attract and keep businesses in Wyandotte County and KCK, Wyandotte Economic Development Council (WYEDC) focuses on four key areas: Business Attraction, Business Retention and Expansion, Marketing and Promotion, and Workforce Solutions.

During his presentation, Mr. Kindle highlighted several new development projects in the county, including the Urban Outfitters facility (\$403 million investment) and the Turner Logistics Center (\$32 million investment) which were the subject of earlier October programs. Old Dominion Freight Line is relocating its facility from Edwardsville to Bonner Springs, building a 155,000 square foot facility near K-7 and Speaker Road and adding approximately 50 employees to its payroll. This ODFL facility will be the largest in the country.

Homefield is the new development to be located on the former Schlitterbahn water park site, representing a \$330 million investment in the community. The developer plans to keep the lazy river and add adventure activities, including a Youth baseball/softball complex and synthetic surf training fields.

Bonner Crossing is located directly west of the Kansas Speedway and will include a 14,000 seat covered amphitheater in addition to residential and retail space. The total project cost is approximately \$500 million.

Redevelopment of the former Woodlands racetrack is also underway. The first phase of this project, representing \$110 million in investment and requiring no government incentives, is a building for a new Amazon facility that will house large items that are difficult to manage with Amazon's computerized racking systems. This Amazon building should be complete by March and fully operational by August 2021. Additionally, KCKCC is constructing its first on campus student housing, consisting of approximately 200 housing units on the southwest portion of its campus.

Mr. Kindle also mentioned several KCK Downtown projects recently completed, including the KU Strawberry Hill campus, the MERC grocery, the relocated Catholic Charities offices, and the UG Juvenile Justice Center. Renovation of the former YMCA into residential units (Y Lofts) is also in process. During 2020, WYEDC has been involved in bringing \$849 million in investment and more than 3,000 new jobs into Wyandotte County.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be Jason Young, Senior Vice President with American Funds, who will discuss the elections and their impact on investing. Scott Kaufmann is our program chair for the month of November.

Many thanks to Phil Gibbs for arranging a great month of October programs!

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL:

The following individual has been proposed for membership:

**Terry Woodbury**

Classification - Business and Community Consultant

Please notify the Secretary in writing of any objections to his membership within seven (7) days.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. 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** was a success! Thanks to everyone who donated in support of efforts to eradicate Polio. Special thanks to the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City for all their work and for co-sponsoring the event with our Club.

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. 65<sup>th</sup>

#### WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133<sup>rd</sup>  
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, 119<sup>th</sup> & 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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, Woodward Center  
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Lakeview Village, Southridge Bldg., 14001 W. 92<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Please see the Secretary for the world directory of all Rotary Club's meeting times, days, and places.

### **2020-2021 Board of Directors**

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