

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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Happy Veteran's Day to all our veterans!

LAST WEEK AT ROTARY - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jen Wewers** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "You're a Grand Ol' Flag."

President **Scott** welcomed back our returning member **Terry Woodbury**. With our Zoom meetings, Terry won't be sitting at the head table for three weeks, but please do take a moment to welcome Terry back to our Club. It was also great to see **Hank Chamberlain** and **Daniel Silva** at Tuesday's meeting!

Scott Kaufmann, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, **Leo Prieto**, a broadcaster with Tico Sports and the current Executive Director of the Linwood YMCA. Mr. Prieto is now a resident of downtown KCK, having moved into his home near 5th Street and Armstrong in September. He mentioned that his home is located very close to the Reardon Center and he misses joining us for lunches!

Mr. Prieto still handles some broadcasts for Tico Sports, having broadcast the Kansas City Chiefs game against the Los Angeles Chargers from Mexico City last fall. He was also able to attend the Super Bowl this past February, covering many media events prior to the actual game.

Mr. Prieto also told members that the Linwood YMCA is open for many activities, with some modifications in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the pandemic arrived in March, the

Linwood Y shut down most operations for roughly two months, only providing child care services for essential workers and handling some food distributions during that time.

The Linwood Y has reopened using a four phase approach. They are presently in the fourth phase, with both the gym and pool open, group exercise classes taking place, and many activities for youth also scheduled. Just recently, the Linwood Y began allowing events to be held in its community room and basketball games to be held on its court. The Linwood Y is cleaning regularly and following all CDC guidelines.

The pandemic has caused a significant decrease in memberships at the Linwood Y, with its current membership level at only 60-70% of last year's membership numbers. Earlier in the pandemic, the membership level dropped to around 40% of the prior year's level.

Mr. Prieto mentioned that the new Downtown YMCA, located in the former Lyric Theater building near 11th and Central in Kansas City, Missouri, should be open in January or February of 2021. He knows that there is great interest in replacing the Downtown KCK YMCA but advises that no concrete plans to do so are presently in place.

Regarding the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, Mr. Prieto commented that some good has come from the pandemic in that the pandemic allowed people to slow down a bit and learn to appreciate life and be more grateful.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Martin Cervantes**, with Wyandotte Angels, who will discuss his work in getting food to those in need. **Scott Kaufmann** is our program chair for the month of November.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Phil Gibbs announced that the Club is once again participating in **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army**. This year our shift is on Saturday, December 5th, at Nebraska Furniture Mart. We are bell ringing from 11 am - 3 pm that day.

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. If you have not yet done so, please complete and return your pledge forms as soon as possible. Thanks!



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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