

# 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. **Terry Woodbury** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing “R-O-T-A-R-Y.”

For the second time, **President Scott** introduced our newest returning member **Terry Woodbury**, and Terry shared a little of his background with Club members.

**Scott Kaufmann**, program chair for the month, introduced our speakers, **Martin and Jalynda Poncin Cervantes**, founders of Wyandotte Angels, a local grass roots organization designed to address critical needs in our community.

Mr. Cervantes is a volunteer coordinator with the KCK School District. He grew up in Los Angeles and was a gang member for 12 years before deciding to leave that life. When he learned he was going to be a father, he made the decision to turn his life around, and he walked away from the gang. Eighteen years ago, when his son was 8 years old, Martin, then a single parent, and his son moved to KCK. His son is now a police officer in KCK. Jalynda grew up in a small town in central Kansas and has lived in KCK for the past 33 years, all the while being employed as a pretrial coordinator in the court system in Wyandotte County.

Through Wyandotte Angels, Martin and Jalynda seek to link donations of food, clothing, and other necessities to those in need. They receive requests for assistance through their Facebook page and then ask community members for help in meeting the needs. Wyandotte Angels accept donations of food, clothing, personal hygiene products, and some furniture. Presently, the entire operation is based in Martin

and Jalynda’s home, where they sort and store clothing and other donations.

Some recent efforts of the Wyandotte Angels include providing food for distribution to individuals in need; providing a rolling bag to a woman who had to walk to the food pantry and carry her items back home; giving a suitcase to a young woman heading off to college; and assembling and handing out Blessing Bags, filled with personal hygiene items, to those in need. For the holidays, Wyandotte Angels are partnering with Shepherd’s Center to provide gift baskets to senior citizens in KCK.

Wyandotte Angels group has been recognized for their amazing work in the community and was a recent recipient of the Fox 4 Pay It Forward award.

Click the following link if you want to join the Wyandotte Angels Facebook Group or learn more about their activities:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/298361168037631/>  
The Wyandotte Angels Facebook page also contains a link to the group’s Amazon wish list.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Kathy Koehler**, head of the Koehler Bortnick team at Reece Nichols Real Estate, who will discuss her career in sales, including her rise from selling Kirby vacuum cleaners door to door at age 16 to heading one of the largest real estate teams in KC.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, at Nebraska Furniture Mart. We are bell ringing from 11 am - 3 pm that day. Please let Phil or the Secretary know if you are able to fill one of these open slots:

Noon - 1 pm: **1 Slot Available**

2 pm - 3 pm: **2 Slots Available**

**Jen Wewers** asked Club members about their comfort level for in-person community service projects and requested ideas for service projects. Expect to receive a survey in the near future concerning possible service projects for the Club.

The Club’s **Pinot for Polio** event raised \$2,354.58 to support Rotary International’s efforts to eradicate polio!

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



## *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. 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, Woodard 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.

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