

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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Happy Thanksgiving!

LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jay Dunlap** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing “America the Beautiful” in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the third time, **President Scott** introduced our newest returning member **Terry Woodbury**. Welcome back Terry!

Scott Kaufmann, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, **Kathy Koehler**, head of the Koehler Bortnick team at Reece Nichols Real Estate. The Koehler Bortnick team is the largest real estate agency in the Kansas City area and the twelfth largest in the country. Ms. Koehler, who goes by KK, leads a team of 60 real estate agents. In 2019, the Koehler Bortnick team closed more than 780 transactions resulting in \$340 million in sales volume.

Ms. Koehler mentioned that she was thankful to talk to our Rotary group because, in preparing for her talk, she researched to learn more about Rotary and read about Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio. KK recounted the story of losing her best friend to polio when they were both nine years old, and so Rotary’s work toward polio eradication really hit close to home for her.

KK focused her talk on the topics of mindfulness and gratitude. So as to avoid negativity, she follows the advice “What I cannot control, I release.” At her company’s mandatory Monday meeting this week, one of her agents spoke about gratitude. At the end of each day, she writes down three things for which she is thankful. She also posts notes on her mirror with goals and new things she wants to try

throughout the year. Additionally, KK touted the importance of sending thank you notes to friends and family to express your gratitude.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Melissa Bynum**, Commissioner, Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas, and Executive Director of Shepherd’s Center of Kansas City, Kansas. **Dan Duncan** is the program chair for December.

Thanks to **Scott Kaufmann** for providing a great month of programs for 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. Please let Phil or the Secretary know if you are available to fill one of these open slots:

Noon - 1 pm: 1 Slot Available
2 pm - 3 pm: 2 Slots Available

Matt Zayas, President of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**, thanked our Club for the support provided to the Rotaract Club and outlined the Rotaract Club’s plan to participate in the **Salvation Army’s Angel Tree** program to provide Christmas gifts to children. If anyone is interested in contributing to support the Angel Tree project, please send monetary donations to Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, 1310 North 129th Terrace, Apt. 107, Kansas City, Kansas 66109, or to Justine Spease’s (Rotaract Treasurer) Venmo account (contact the Secretary for information). The Rotaract Club is planning to purchase the Angel Tree gifts on Monday, December 7th, and needs to receive any contributions prior to that date.

Scott Kaufmann mentioned that **Martin Cervantes** with Wyandotte Angels is looking for donated storage space to store clothing and non-perishable food items. Presently, all items donated to Wyandotte Angels are stored at Martin’s house, which is now full.

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!

Zoom Meeting information will again be sent to all members on Monday prior to our weekly meeting.



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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