

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Karen Hostetler** provided a lovely Advent invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "Home on the Range". Club members also sang "Happy Birthday" to members present with December birthdays: **Rick Behrens**, **Pat Crilly**, **John Freshnock**, and **Dave Skidgel**. **Janell Neal** and **Margaret Steele** are celebrating their birthdays in December too.

Matt Zayas and **Hallie Rogers** of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** also joined us for the meeting.

Dan Duncan, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, **Melissa Bynum**, who serves as the Unified Government's First District Commissioner-at-Large while working as the Executive Director of the Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas, an interfaith multicultural non-profit that promotes and supports successful aging.

Ms. Bynum described 2020 as the year "the world turned upside down." In her role as Executive Director of Shepherd's Center, she explained how Shepherd's Center's activities and program delivery have changed dramatically. With the arrival of the pandemic, in mid-March Shepherd's Center made the decision to cancel all activities until June. Since that time, they have worked to find new and safe ways to provide services to older adults in KCK.

With no farmer's markets available this past spring, many farmers with the New Roots for Refugees program had no outlet for their produce. So, Shepherd's Center and Cultivate Kansas City partnered to provide and deliver fresh produce to senior citizens.

Although the Minor Home Repair program was temporarily halted due to COVID-19, the program began again by providing only exterior repairs. In the summer, they returned to provision of interior repairs, while following all masking and social distancing guidelines. The Minor Home Repair program typically provides approximately 100 repairs each year and is on track to meet or break the century mark this year. The Next Chapter program (led by Rotary member Karen Hostetler) re-launched in May with Zoom meetings. Several authors have presented talks for Next Chapter in recent years.

A favorite Shepherd's Center fundraising project is its annual nut sale. If you would like to participate, the link to the order form follows: <http://www.sckck.org/2020FarmsteadNuts.pdf>

For Christmas, Wyandotte Angels are partnering with Shepherd's Center to provide baskets of gifts and other needed items to 35 KCK senior citizens. Our Rotary Club is supporting this project by providing Walmart gift cards to include in each basket.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Tom Burroughs**, UG Commissioner-at-Large for District 2 and Kansas State House Representative for District 33. **Dan Duncan** is the program chair for December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President **Scott Martens** presented a new Paul Harris Award to **John Freshnock**. Congratulations John!

Phil Gibbs announced that the Club is once again participating in **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army** on Saturday, December 5th, at Nebraska Furniture Mart. We are bell ringing from 11 am - 3 pm that day, and members of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** are filling additional slots from 3 pm - 5 pm.

Matt Zayas, President of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**, announced that the Rotaract Club is participating in a day of service on Saturday, December 5th, beginning with members donating blood and followed by bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Also, the Rotaract Club is participating in the **Salvation Army's Angel Tree** program to provide Christmas gifts to children. If anyone is interested in contributing 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.



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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