

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. **Rick Behrens** provided an invocation in honor of the Advent season, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "Jingle Bells".

Hallie Rogers, Vice President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, joined us for the meeting.

Dan Duncan, December program chair, introduced our speaker, **Tom Burroughs**, who serves as Unified Government Commissioner at Large for District 2 and Kansas State House Representative for District 33.

Mr. Burroughs joined us from Topeka where he has been in meetings as a member of the Kansas Economic Recovery Committee. The upcoming legislative session promises to be eventful. During our meeting, Mr. Burroughs highlighted several major issues that he believes will likely be the focus of the legislature's activity.

With the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State's budget will be a leading priority. Although both sales taxes and use taxes are exceeding projections, Mr. Burroughs reminded members that these tax projections had been lowered after the onset of the coronavirus.

Also, with the delivery of the 2020 Census results, the Kansas Legislature will be faced with the task of redistricting to draw new senate and house seat districts. Mr. Burroughs predicts that Wyandotte County will not lose any of its current 7 Kansas House seats nor any of the current Kansas Senate seats, one fully within Wyandotte County, one shared between Wyandotte and Johnson Counties, and one shared between Wyandotte and Leavenworth Counties. He cautioned that Wyandotte County representatives will

also need to remain vigilant with respect to the redrawing of the boundaries of the US Third Congressional District.

Other leading issues for the 2021 Legislative Session include Medicaid Expansion, Broadband expansion in rural areas of Kansas, and the Judicial selection and appointment process.

With current KDHE and CDC guidelines regarding the pandemic, Mr. Burroughs commented that the plan for the upcoming legislative session has not been finalized. When in the House Chamber, members will not be able to maintain social distancing. So, the Legislature may convene during the second week of January and then adjourn until mid-February or later. Although Members of the legislature may attend committee meetings virtually, they must be present in person to cast a vote.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Chester Owens**, former KCK City Councilman. **Dan Duncan** is the program chair for December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Welcome to the new Board members and Officers elected at our meeting last Tuesday! **David Bluford**, **Jay Dunlap**, and **Mark Dupree** will serve three-year terms as Board members beginning on July 1, 2021. These officers will also take office on July 1, 2021: **President - Jen Wewers; Vice President - Karole Bradford; Treasurer - Greg Shondell; Secretary - Rosemary Podrebarac; Sergeant-at-Arms - Jim Knight; Immediate Past President - Scott Martens.** **Todd Jordan** will serve as Program Chair next year.

A huge thank you to **Phil Gibbs** who arranged the Club's **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army** last Saturday! Also, many thanks to our intrepid bell ringers: **Greg Shondell, Scott Kaufmann, Scott Martens & his son Max, Jay Dunlap, Melissa Sieben, Hallie Rogers, Matt Zayas, and other Rotaract Club members.**

During the Club meeting, **Karole Bradford** posted a poll for members to direct the Club's charitable giving for the holidays. The poll results are attached. After the Club meeting, the Board met briefly to approve a donation of \$1000 each to **Bethel Neighborhood Center** and to **Cancer Action.**

Previously, the Board approved a donation of \$25 Walmart gift cards for the **Wyandotte Angels** effort to provide holiday baskets for **Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas** to present to thirty-five KCK seniors.



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.

2020-2021 Board of Directors

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