

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary

Club



Kansas City, KS

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Merry Christmas!

Happy Holidays!

LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - Vice President **Jen Wewers** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Karole Bradford** provided the invocation, a poem from *The Shortest Day* by Susan Cooper in recognition of the winter solstice. **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "Winter Wonderland".

Karole Bradford also shared a heartfelt thank you from **Karla Nichols** for the Club's recent contribution to Cancer Action.

Jen Wewers then introduced our recently returning member **Terry Woodbury**, who presented his Classification Talk. Before Terry began his presentation, **Greg Shondell** showed Terry's new member badge which will be available for Terry when we return to in person meetings.

Inspired by Chester Owens' presentation to the Club last week, Terry briefly explained his work and shared several stories from his life. Terry's work involves facilitating community conversations about topics not being discussed to address issues never resolved. He began his consulting business in 2003 and has led and assisted with more than 80 community conversations, in groups both small and large, rebuilding the public square one community at a time. These community conversations are dialogues rather than the monologues that Mr. Owens warned of last week.

Terry grew up on a farm in Western Kansas where he attended a one room schoolhouse. He worked on the farm and, when he was eight

years old, his hog received the Grand Champion award. He attended a church with approximately 25-30 members, and when he graduated high school, he was one of 33 graduating seniors in the entire county. From these early life experiences, Terry learned the lessons "Everyone matters" and "Anyone can lead."

Terry attended Sterling College and played football, leading the nation in passing his senior year. He recounted a game when his good friend and fellow teammate turned to him in the middle of a game and asked, "Why are we doing this?" That question has resonated with Terry since that day.

Reflecting on Rotary, Terry likened the Rotary model to his methods for his work in facilitating community conversations. Rotary began with the idea of club members representing their various occupations, with each member having a unique classification. By meeting together weekly, Rotary can be the place where persons of varying backgrounds and viewpoints come together to have open discussions.

Considering the Rotary Four Way Test, Terry described that succinct recital of four simple questions as a profound benediction. He encouraged everyone to use the life lessons he shared and Rotary's Four Way Test to question and guide life decisions and actions.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our Club will not meet next week (Tuesday, December 29, 2020), allowing everyone to spend more time celebrating and relaxing during the holidays.

Many thanks to **Dan Duncan**, our December Program Chair, for a great month of programs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kansas Leadership Center leadership program seats are available to Rotarians from Rotary District 5710 with tuition paid through a Leadership Transformation Grant from The Kansas Leadership Center. During 2021, these leadership programs are scheduled to be held virtually. The three-part leadership experience begins with "Your Leadership Edge," and is followed by the courses "Lead for Change" and "Equip to Lead." Enrollment for these programs is now open.

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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