

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 the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing “Hey, Look Me Over”.

Ken Davis, January program chair, announced the Club’s recognition of the UG Department of Public Health and introduced **Juliann Van Liew**, Director of the UG Department of Public Health, and **Dr. Allen Greiner**, Chief Medical Officer for the UG Department of Public Health.

In the morning prior to our meeting, **Todd Jordan** presented a plaque to Ms. Van Liew (photo below). The plaque inscription reads:

The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Kansas
recognizes the

Unified Government
Public Health Department
for

Exemplary, Life-Saving Public Service
during the coronavirus global pandemic

January 12, 2021

Additionally, the Club provided cards for delivery to each Health Department employee thanking each of them for their work and including a coupon for a cupcake from the Kansas City Cupcake Company (a copy of the coupon appears below).

Both Ms. Van Liew and Dr. Greiner expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the recognition of the Health Department during this difficult time.

Ms. Van Liew and Dr. Greiner then provided an overview of the Health Department’s actions since March 17, 2020, when Wyandotte County detected its first COVID-19 patient. During the past 10 months, the Department has added 40 employees, including 25 contact tracers.

Within two weeks of the first Wyandotte County COVID case being discovered, the Department had launched its testing program - the first community in the KC Metro area to do so. Also, the UG opened a large testing and vaccination facility for the Health Department, located at the former K-Mart store on State Avenue.

Since the pandemic hit, the Health Department has also instituted a program of door delivery of food and cleaning supplies to those who are unable to leave the home due to quarantine and other issues. Additionally, a network of community partners has formed the Health Equity Task Force to provide guidance and support to the Health Department in connection with messaging about COVID-19.

Dr. Greiner described the arrival of the vaccines as finally allowing health care professionals to “be on offense.” The Health Department hopes to have all Phase 1 vaccinations in Wyandotte County complete by the end of this week, thanks in large part to the additional 1200 doses of vaccine received from KDHE and 500 doses of vaccine received from KU this week. To date, the UG Health Department has administered 2700 vaccines. Everyone who is vaccinated will receive a vaccination card stating which vaccine, and when and where that vaccine, was administered. Vaccination information is also being entered into an electronic record in Kansas, which electronic record is accessible to health care providers.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Dr. Greg Mosier**, President of Kansas City Kansas Community College, who will share information about the state of KCKCC. **Ken Davis** is the program chair for January.

Health Report: Greg Shondell and Sis Woods have tested positive for COVID-19 but luckily are not experiencing many symptoms and are approaching the end of their quarantine. **Scott Martens'** mother is also fighting the coronavirus. Wishing all a speedy and complete recovery!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Salvation Army sent a thank you to **Phil Gibbs** for the Club's bell ringing in December, at which our Club collected \$341.28 on behalf of the Salvation Army.

Contribution acknowledgment letters for 2020 contributions to The KCK Rotary Presidents' Foundation have been mailed to members. If you are expecting a letter and do not receive it, please contact Greg Shondell.

The next **Rotary District-Wide Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at Noon. The speaker for the meeting is Peter Kyle, Rotary International Director for Zones 33 and 34, who will be discussing how Rotary came to play a significant role around the world in the peace building process. The link for the Zoom meeting that day is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042312391> (Meeting ID: 850 4231 2391).

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!



Unified Government Public Health Department
Plaque Presentation - January 12, 2021
Juliann Van Liew and Todd Jordan





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. 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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