

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. Reflecting on Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and this week's Presidential Inauguration, **Jen Wewers** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee".

Ken Davis, January program chair, introduced our speaker, Dr. Greg Mosier, President of Kansas City Kansas Community College. Dr. Mosier became President of Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC) in 2018, bringing with him almost 30 years of experience in the field of higher education in community college and university settings, as well as work in the private sector.

Dr. Mosier focused his remarks on the proposed Downtown KCKCC Campus. Originally founded in 1923, KCKCC's first campus was located at 8th and Minnesota in Downtown KCK. With the proposed new downtown campus, KCKCC will be returning to its original roots in the downtown area.

KCKCC's main campus is located at 7250 State Avenue, with the KCKCC Tech Center located nearby at 6565 State Avenue and a satellite campus in Leavenworth, Kansas. Presently, as the third largest community college in Kansas, KCKCC boasts an annual enrollment of approximately 9000 students and offers more than 80 degree and certificate programs.

Information from a study commissioned by KCKCC reveals that, in addition to KCKCC's payroll of \$38.4 million for its 774 employees, through its alumni, KCKCC has a financial impact that supports 1989 additional jobs with an economic impact of \$144.7 million. The total financial impact of KCKCC is \$182.3 million, supporting 2811 jobs in the community, representing 1 in 50 jobs in Wyandotte County. Based upon this data, Dr. Mosier reports that \$1 invested by KCKCC results in \$5.80 in added state revenue and social savings.

The need for a new Downtown Campus becomes clear when looking at the economic and educational needs within Wyandotte County. Dr. Mosier presented a breakdown by zip code of the Wyandotte County population with respect to poverty and lack of employable English skills. Although the overall poverty level in Wyandotte County is 18.4%, in certain zip codes in the eastern part of the county the poverty levels are as high as 54% for those under 18 years of age.

Wyandotte County currently has the 3rd highest wages of all Kansas Counties, but only 29% of the Wyandotte County workforce resides within the county, which means that 71% of the county-created wage income leaves Wyandotte County. By providing increased educational and vocational opportunities in the eastern half of the county, KCKCC hopes to increase the portion of the Wyandotte County workforce living within Wyandotte County to 50%, which would translate to more than \$331 million in annual wage gains to Wyandotte Countians.

The vision for the new Downtown KCKCC Campus is to provide hope, end generational poverty, improve the quality of life, and increase the socioeconomic mobility of our residents living in and around downtown Kansas City, Kansas. To undertake this project, KCKCC is partnering with The University of Kansas, the YMCA, Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, USD 500, and High Aspirations in the project. The campus will include educational space for KCKCC and KU, a new YMCA facility, and office and clinical space for Wyandot Behavioral Health Network and High Aspirations.

The Downtown KCKCC Campus will be located along State Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street. KCKCC is launching its fundraising campaign soon and plans to break ground on the new campus in Fall of 2023. The new campus should then be open in Fall of 2024.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Dr. Keith Jantz**, retired physician, who will share information about COVID-19 vaccines development. **Ken Davis** is the program chair for January.

Health Report: **Mauri Turner** (George Turner's wife) had surgery last November and was hospitalized post-surgery due to complications. Since then, she has been struggling with her recuperation. We wish Mauri and George all the best as she continues her recovery!

Greg Shondell and **Sis Woods** are now out of quarantine and experiencing no lingering effects from their COVID-19 diagnoses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



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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