

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. **John Bukaty** provided the invocation (a prayer by St. Ignatius of Loyola), and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing “When the Saints Go Marching In” in honor of Mardi Gras.

Todd Jordan, February program chair, introduced our speaker, **Geoff Jolley**, Executive Director of LISC Greater Kansas City, who joined that organization in 2019. Prior to joining LISC Greater Kansas City, Mr. Jolley worked as District Director for Congressman Emmanuel Cleaver, while serving as a firefighter with the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department.

LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) was founded in 1979, and the Kansas City branch launched in 1981. LISC Greater Kansas City is one of 36 local LISC offices located throughout the United States. LISC is certified by the US Treasury Department as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and is the oldest and largest CDFI in the country.

LISC Greater Kansas City focuses its efforts on low and moderate census tracts with a goal of promoting financial inclusion for all. Most of LISC Greater Kansas City’s work involves locating financial resources for programs and developments. In KCK, LISC Greater Kansas City assisted with the New Market Tax Credits used to build the Children’s Campus of Kansas City (located at 5th & Minnesota) and supported the construction of the MERC grocery store by purchasing tax credits issued to finance that development, and the organization continues to work with developers such as CHWC regarding the issuance and sale of low-income housing tax credits. Locating possible financing for the reconstruction of the Reardon

Convention Center is one of LISC Greater Kansas City’s current efforts in KCK.

Currently, LISC Greater Kansas City works in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and Jackson County, Missouri, but is considering expanding its efforts to Johnson County, Kansas.

During 2020, most of LISC Greater Kansas City’s work centered on programs rather than lending. LISC has partnered with United Way of Greater Kansas City to establish Financial Opportunity Centers to lift low-income families out of poverty. The program helps people stabilize their finances and improve their lives by focusing on employment placement and career improvement as well as by providing financial literacy education and coaching.

If you have any further questions about LISC Greater Kansas City, you may contact Mr. Jolley at gjolley@lisc.org.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Rob Santel**, Director of Client Services for Cross-Lines Community Outreach, who will share information about the cold weather shelter opened in KCK this winter. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City is joining with the KCK Chamber and others to sponsor **Brains & Brews**, a Trivia Night, scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 7 pm. Tickets may be purchased for \$25, with net proceeds benefitting Royale Cohesive Networks’ E-Ship Rising KCK cohort (a 12 week entrepreneurial program for youth in Wyandotte County). For more information and to register please visit the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brains-and-brews-virtual-trivia-tickets-138459890259?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&fbclid=IwAR0-FHZNsNIRyUKRWu875wgkFku_-T0QvhD3OhZ-7FmPMjM0sc0h822J3EU

District-wide meeting - On Wednesday, February 24th, at Noon, the Olathe Rotary Club is inviting the entire District to join their meeting when Jennifer Jones, Rotary President-elect nominee, will be the speaker. Ms. Jones has been nominated to become the first female RI President who will serve during the 2022-2023 year. Click this link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88104389967>) to join the February 24th meeting.



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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