

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. **Melissa Sieben** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "Give a Helping Hand."

We also welcomed **Matt Zayas**, President of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**. Matt reminded members about the Brains & Brews Trivia Night set for Thursday evening.

Closing out a month of programs focused on housing, **Todd Jordan**, February program chair, introduced our speaker, **Rob Santel**, Director of Client Services for Cross-Lines Community Outreach, located at 7th Street and Shawnee Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas. Cross-Lines has been providing food relief and housing stabilization in Kansas City, Kansas, for almost 60 years.

A little more than a year ago, Cross-Lines joined with the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department and Wyandot Center for Community Behavioral Healthcare to find and map the sites of the homeless camps in KCK. Knowing the places where homeless individuals frequently gather assists Cross-Lines in its efforts to reach out to those individuals and provide food and other support.

With the realization that no emergency homeless shelter would be available in KCK this winter, Cross-Lines began working to locate an acceptable facility and a way to meet this need. Working with the UG, United Way, Care Beyond the Boulevard, and KC Dream Center, Cross-Lines was able to create an emergency cold weather shelter which opened on Christmas Eve of 2020. Due to the reduced number of volunteers available because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cross-Lines needed to search for more funding to open and operate the

shelter. Fortunately, some COVID relief funds were available to meet the start-up and staffing costs for the cold weather overnight shelter.

The cold weather shelter is open overnight only when the temperature is expected to drop below 20 degrees. A recording on a hotline number advises if the shelter will be open each night.

The shelter is generally set up for 20 individuals to stay overnight, but the capacity can be increased to house up to 30 individuals if needed. Last week, the shelter did reach its maximum capacity of 30 individuals.

So as to protect everyone during the pandemic and to provide privacy, each person or couple sleeps in an individual tent within the shelter. The facility also has a separate room for female guests to provide additional security for the women.

During the recent cold snap, Cross-Lines worked with the UG Transit Department to shuttle the overnight guests between the overnight shelter and the former St. Thomas the Apostle Church building, which Cross-Lines has set up as a warming center open during the day. For the past two weeks, Cross-Lines has been able to provide a warm and safe environment around the clock for persons who may otherwise have been left outside during the freezing temperatures.

Cross-Lines would like to expand the availability of the shelter so as to be open if the temperatures were 25 degrees and below or 32 degrees and below rather than the current 20 degrees and below policy. The current policy of opening for 20 degree and below nights is a decision based mostly on funding. Additional funding will be needed in order to expand the nights the cold weather shelter will be open. Cross-Lines and its partners are beginning work to determine a long term solution to support an overnight cold weather shelter.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Dia Wall**, a news anchor for KSHB Channel 41 in Kansas City, who will kick off a month of speakers for Women's History Month. **Mark Dupree** is the program chair for March.

Many thanks to **Todd Jordan** for a great month of programs in February!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to everyone who joined in the **Brains & Brews** trivia night!



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

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