

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. In honor of **St. Patrick's Day**, Pat Crilly provided an Irish Blessing as the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann then led club members in singing "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean."

Continuing a month of programs in honor of Women's History Month, Mark Dupree, March program chair, introduced our speaker, Teneca Clark, Regional General Manager of Production for Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company, who joked that she legally makes Coke every day.

Ms. Clark explained that Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company is the local Coca-Cola bottler for Kansas and Missouri as well as for parts of Nebraska, Illinois, and Oklahoma. In her GM role at the plant, Ms. Clark serves more than 250,000 customers and impacts over 150 employee families. In her presentation, she described her organization chart as an upside down pyramid, with the customers at the top of the chart.

After obtaining her undergraduate degree in microbiology, Ms. Clark planned to attend optometry school until she realized that a job in optometry was not her dream. Instead of enrolling in optometry school, Ms. Clark became a pig farmer and then worked as a box sealer in the beef industry. Her science background soon led to a job as a lab technician. Her work in the lab then led to roles in Quality Assurance, Food Safety, and Research and Development. In a previous job, she also worked on the development of cucumber melon lotion for Oil of Olay.

With this broad work experience, Ms. Clark has worked in or is very familiar with most roles in the production process. She moved from her position as the Director of Quality Assurance at Heartland to fill the role of interim plant manager three years ago. After two promotions, she now serves as GM and regional Vice President.

Mentioning that she works in a male-dominated field, Ms. Clark acknowledged the many role models whom she credits with leading her toward a career in science. Her stated goal is to "change the default." For young people to pursue careers in STEM related fields, they need to see people who look like them in those roles. Gradually, more women and people of color are pursuing STEM related careers and filling leadership roles. When she googles the term "plant manager," Ms. Clark now finds some photos of women who fill positions similar to her own.

When opening the floor for questions, as a pre-emptive action, Ms. Clark advised that she does not know the secret formula for Coca-Cola - a closely guarded corporate asset. Although the formula is well safeguarded, Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Plant is open to community tours, and she invited the Club to arrange a tour.

HEALTH REPORT: Bob Kimball is in the hospital recovering from a recent surgery. Best wishes to Bob for a speedy recovery!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be Robin C. Henry, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of History at Wichita State University. Mark Dupree is the program chair for March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our **March Fifth Tuesday** meeting, on March 30, 2021, will be a **Virtual Bingo** party at 5 pm. Please send your RSVP to Rosemary Podrebarac. The Zoom link and bingo cards will be sent prior to the event.

If you or someone you know has a business in Wyandotte County, please consider joining the currently forming Wyandotte County Business Network International ([BNI](#)) chapter. For more details, feel free to reach out to Christa Richardson, at (816) 859-7512 or crichardson@countryclubbank.com.

On Thursday, March 11th, the Leawood Rotary Club hosted Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman president of any Rotary Club in the world (Rotary Club of Duarte - 1987) and opened its meeting to all members of District 5710. If you missed the presentation, here is the link to the [recording](#).

District 5710's Gathering for Good, a fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation, is scheduled for March 20, 2021, at 5:30 pm, at the Prairie Band Casino. Information on ticket and table purchase may be found on the District's website. Rotarians may also attend the event virtually for free.



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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