

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. Focusing on the theme of transformation inspired by the recent Passover and Easter holidays, **Terry Woodbury** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing “Happy Birthday” to our members with April birthdays: **Ashley Adorante**, **Scott Martens**, and **Bud Thurston**. The Club also sang “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” in honor of our speaker and the beginning of the baseball season for the Royals and the Monarchs.

Terry Robinson, program chair for the month of April, introduced our speaker, **Suzi Hallas**, Manager of Special Events & Community Engagement for the Kansas City Monarchs Baseball Organization. Ms. Hallas shared that she has a fondness for Rotary as her husband is a long-time member of the Leawood Rotary Club.

In 2019, Mark Brandmeyer purchased the former T-Bones Baseball team and set about transforming the team branding and the former T-Bones stadium. Since that time, Mr. Brandmeyer and his team have entered into a new stadium lease with the Unified Government, have undertaken renovations to the stadium, and have entered into a partnership with the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

The Kansas City Monarchs Baseball Club, the former T-Bones Baseball team, announced its new name in January 2021. In reverence to and honor of the past, the new Kansas City Monarchs are emphasizing the long history of baseball in the KC area with their motto of “A Reign Reborn.”

Although not affiliated with a specific team, the Kansas City Monarchs are a partner of Major League Baseball. This partnership allows the Monarchs to utilize the MLB logo and sets up the team as a developmental team for the major leagues.

Ms. Hallas described the renovations going on at the stadium, now known as the Field of Legends. Some of these improvements are ready for this season, but some of the renovations will not be completed until next year. The renovated Field of Legends will include new fan zones, remodeled suites, and enhanced food and beverage services. The Kansas City BBQ Project will showcase a different local BBQ restaurant operation each month at the stadium. The stadium renovations also include the creation of a craft beer garden.

In addition to the Monarchs home games, the Field of Legends will be the site for the home games of the new KC Women’s Soccer team for at least the next two years. During 2021, the Monarchs are expected to play 56 games at the stadium, and the KC Women’s Soccer team is planning to play 14 games. Working around the baseball and soccer schedules, the Monarchs organization is working to schedule concerts and community events at the site.

Soon, the team will also launch the Monarchs Youth Academy, a non-profit with the goal of enriching the lives of Kansas City’s urban youth through baseball and softball. The Academy will encourage youth to develop self-worth, personal integrity, and leadership traits.

Opening Day for the Monarchs is May 18, 2021, which will be the date for Greater Kansas City Day this year. Play ball!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - We will host female students from several area high schools who will present to the Club in connection with our annual Scholarship Competition. **Terry Robinson** is the program chair for April. If you would be willing to serve as a judge for the student speeches, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For **Community Service** opportunities, in honor of Earth Day (April 22nd), the Club is undertaking some area **Clean-up Activities**:

- **Rosedale Clean-up:** We have selected **Saturday, April 17, 2021**, from 9 am -11 am, to clean up a Rosedale neighborhood. Contact **Karole Bradford** to volunteer.
- **UG Adopt-a-Spot:** The Club has adopted Heathwood Park and will be cleaning up the park at least twice this coming year. The first clean-up will be on **Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, 2021**, beginning at 5:30 pm. Contact **Melissa Sieben** to volunteer.
- **Kaw Point Park Clean-up:** Clean-up and planting days are scheduled at Kaw Point Park one Saturday each month. The next Kaw Point Park Clean-up day will be **Saturday, April 24, 2021**, from 9 am -Noon. Contact **Ken Davis** to volunteer.



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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