

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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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 **Bob Kimball**, **Terry Woodbury** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in signing "Auld Lang Syne." Beverly Russell, Director of Sales with the Hilton Garden Inn in KCK, joined us for the meeting.

Terry Robinson, program chair for the month of April, welcomed and introduced **Karen French**, long-time Kansas City, Kansas resident, educator, and author. Ms. French, a 1970 graduate of Sumner Academy and classmate of Terry Robinson, obtained her undergraduate degree from Pittsburg State University and also holds a Master's Degree from Baker University and a PhD from Walden University.

Recently, Ms. French has been running a Summer Youth Arts Camp for First Baptist Church. The extensive research which she conducted for this summer camp led to Ms. French's decision to undertake writing a book on the subject of the Quindaro Township. In January of this year, Ms. French completed her book **QUINDARO TOWNSHIP 1855-1943 - ALL TOGETHER NOW**. The book is currently with her publisher and should be released later this year.

Utilizing a storytelling approach, Ms. French's book reviews and relives the 88 year history of Quindaro from its founding as a free river port in 1855. She intertwines her factual and historical passages with the stories of her several storytellers. As she described, her storytellers are works of creative non-fiction. Although the specific person did not exist, she shaped these characters based upon her research and study of the relevant time period.

The story is set forth in four chapters: the birth of Quindaro, the buildings, the evolution of and education in Quindaro, and the demise of the Quindaro Township. During her presentation, Ms. French shared many interesting facts about Quindaro, including:

- Quindaro was founded by escaped slaves and abolitionists
- more than 100 structures, including homes, hotels, stores, and schools, were built during the first year of Quindaro's existence
- Western University was founded at Quindaro, and Langston Hughes' grandfather was once President of Western University

Both in her talk and in her book, Ms. French emphasizes the role of collaboration in the creation of Quindaro. She intentionally included "All Together Now" in the book title to stress the point. Working together, without regard to differences, is what allowed Quindaro to be born and flourish.

Terry Robinson will advise members when Ms. French's book has been published and will provide information on how to obtain a copy of the book.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Next week, our Club will honor educators from local Wyandotte County High Schools as we present our annual **KCK Rotary Club Educator of the Year awards**. **Karen Hostetler** is the program chair for May.

Many thanks to **Terry Robinson** for a wonderful month of April programs!

Heartfelt Condolences to the family of **Bob Kimball**, long time member and former President of the KCK Rotary Club, who died on April 24, 2021. Bob was a dedicated Rotarian, having joined our Club in 1961. He served as President of our Club in 1971-1972, twenty-five years after his father has served in the same role. Rest in peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Alvey's State of the UG is set for **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**, and will be a hybrid event, with in person attendance at Memorial Hall and virtual attendees signing in to the webinar. We need some Rotary volunteers to greet guests and help them locate seats at Memorial Hall. If you are able to volunteer, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac**.

Thanks to all those who participated in the clean-up and landscaping activities last Saturday at **Kaw Point Park**. Additional volunteer days at Kaw Point Park are scheduled once a month (on a Saturday) through November of this year. Contact **Ken Davis** to volunteer.

Stay tuned for a new date for the **clean-up of Heathwood Park**, the Club's adopted clean-up spot through the UG's Adopt-a-Spot program. The Club will be cleaning up at Heathwood Park at least twice this year.



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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