

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, and **Todd Jordan** provided the invocation, emphasizing the theme of service.

Karen Hostetler, program chair for the month of May, welcomed our honored guests and presided over the KCK Rotary Club's Educator of the Year Awards. Educators from Wyandotte County high schools were introduced by their respective principals who provided background on each honoree and the reasons behind that individual's selection as Educator of the Year. We recognized the following wonderful educators:

Hillary Klein	J.C. Harmon High School
Michael Boyda	F.L. Schlagle High School
Katie Johnson	Sumner Academy
Jasmine Lowe	Wyandotte High School
Shawna Stevenson	Bonner Springs High School
Bret Klankey	Turner High School
Carol Grubbs	Piper High School
Maria Belaustegui	Bishop Ward High School

We were also joined by the following high school principals:

Yolanda Thompson	F.L. Schlagle High School
Rick Malone	Sumner Academy
Mary Stewart	Wyandotte High School
Rick Moulin	Bonner Springs High School
Dr. Alan Penrose	Turner High School
John Nguyen	Piper High School
Michelle Olson	Bishop Ward High School

The principals shared some wonderful stories of this group of inspirational educators. The group of educators includes both younger teachers and those with multiple decades in education. One of the

teachers is also a repeat recipient of our Club's award, having been recognized previously in 2007!

Several of the teachers have sent messages expressing their gratitude. In particular, one teacher asked that we share this message with all Club members:

To the members of the Kansas City Rotary Club, thank you for acknowledging each year the value and importance of the educators of Wyandotte County's high schools. It certainly has been a year like none other in so many ways. My colleagues in the field of education stepped up and stood strong to maintain not just a semblance of school, but we did not lose a beat in adapting our classrooms and times with our students for their educational development. I watched as teachers maxed out their creativity and went the extra mile to help students reach their potential whether in the classroom or virtually. With this year coming to a close, I believe we have grown professionally and will only be better for it. As the mission of the Rotary Club is to serve, I am blessed to be a part of a high calling in the field of education to serve tomorrow's leaders, our students.

In connection with the program, the Club sent each honoree a Certificate and an e-gift card. Many thanks to these dedicated education professionals!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be our own member, **Ken Davis**, who will share his bird watching knowledge in his talk, "Wings over Wyandotte." **Karen Hostetler** is the program chair for May.

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 participating via 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**.

This **Saturday, May 8th**, from 10 am - 1 pm, members have another opportunity to join the Friends of Kaw Point Park and Friends of the Kaw in clean-up and landscaping activities at **Kaw Point Park**. Contact **Ken Davis** to volunteer.

The new date for **clean-up of Heathwood Park**, the Club's adopted clean-up spot through the UG's Adopt-a-Spot program, is set for **Monday, May 17th**, at 5 pm. More details to follow.



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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