

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. **John Bukaty** provided the invocation, and in the absence of our intrepid song leader **Scott Kaufmann**, **Scott Martens** led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to **Jim Knight**. Happy Birthday also to **Phil Gibbs** and **Karla Nichols**, who have May Birthdays! We were also joined last week by **Beverly Russell**, Director of Sales at the Hilton Garden Inn in KCK. Plus, Margaret Steele's dog **Gigi** made a guest appearance!

Karen Hostetler, program chair for the month of May, welcomed our own **Ken Davis**, who shared his stories and advice about bird watching. Ken's fascination with nature and bird watching began back in 1953 when he was a very young boy living in Brazil with his parents. When the family moved back to the United States and lived in Illinois, Ken continued to notice the native birds which frequented his new surroundings. Avid bird watching began in earnest while Ken was living in Chicago after finishing college.

Paleontologists have learned that birds are actually direct descendants of the dinosaurs. Currently, approximately 10,000 species of birds have been discovered worldwide, with 1120 known species in the United States and 478 known species in Kansas. Ken mentioned that only 115 of those bird species are found in all Kansas counties, with many more of those species being located only in portions of Kansas.

Ken shared some valuable birding resources - both books and websites - and explained that identifying birds can be accomplished by noting many different characteristics, including the bird's size, shape, color, bill shape, calls, and behaviors.

Great bird watching opportunities close to Kansas City include road trips to the Kearney, Nebraska area to view the Sandhill Cranes on their migration, generally during late March, and to the Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge (formerly Squaw Creek) to view the Snow Geese, which generally arrive just before Thanksgiving. Also, the State of Kansas boasts the Quivira Wildlife Refuge, located west of Hutchinson, which is a salt water marsh, and the Cheyenne Bottoms, located near Great Bend, which is the largest wetland in the interior of the United States. Closer to home, great bird watching opportunities abound at Wyandotte Lake Park as well as your own backyard.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our Club will host Mayor David Alvey who will be giving his State of the Unified Government address. Join us to learn about what is occurring in Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County. **Karen Hostetler** is the program chair for May.

You will need to rsvp for this hybrid event, which will be transmitted through YouTube (rather than Zoom). Please RSVP at the following link to join virtually or in person.
<http://bit.ly/stateofthegovernment>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On **Monday, May 17th**, at 5 pm, Club members will gather to **clean-up Heathwood Park**, the Club's adopted clean-up spot through the UG's Adopt-a-Spot program. Heathwood Park is located at 1021 Parallel Parkway and covers almost 12.5 acres. Wear comfortable hiking or walking shoes and bring your gloves and any picking devices. We will meet in the parking lot near 10th Street and Parallel Parkway and clean for 1 hour, around the ball fields, restrooms, and trail. The UG will provide trash bags and will dispose of the filled bags post clean-up. All participants will need to sign a UG required waiver (which will be available at Heathwood Park that evening).

The next clean-up and landscaping day set for **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, June 12th**, from 9 am - Noon. Contact **Ken Davis** to volunteer.

The **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** is hosting a fundraising event on **Thursday, June 17, 2021**. More details will be forthcoming!



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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