

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. **Melissa Sieben** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing “R-O-T-A-R-Y.”

We were joined by **Clif Hostetler**, Karen’s husband, and **Hallie Rogers** and **Matt Zayas**, both from the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**.

Karen Hostetler introduced **Dr. Richard Stein**, President of the Davis Sunset Rotary Club, and his wife **Peggy Stein**, who is also a member of that club. Richard and Peggy, longtime friends of Karen and Clif Hostetler, were joined by **Dr. Koen Van Rompay**, also a member of the Davis Sunset Rotary Club, who spoke about their club’s involvement in an international clean water project in Rumbiye village in Kenya.

Dr. Van Rompay grew up in Belgium where he attended veterinary school and then moved to California and obtained his PhD at the University of California Davis. His research focuses on infectious diseases, and that research was instrumental in the development of tenofovir, a widely used HIV treatment drug. Recently, he has devoted more time to research on COVID-19 vaccines and treatment therapies.

After attending an AIDS conference in India in the late 90’s, Dr. Van Rompay was moved by the living conditions and the needs of the local people and started Sahaya International, a nonprofit organization which is totally volunteer-based. Sahaya, which means “help” in Sanskrit, currently supports programs in India, Vietnam, Kenya, Uganda, and the Phillipines.

The Davis Sunset Rotary Club has partnered with Sahaya International in the of clean water project for Rumbiye village. Phase 1 of the project involved the preliminary engineering work and the digging of a new well borehole, 75 meters deep. Work began in 2020, with the first water

being pumped from the well on May 25, 2020, exactly one year prior to Dr. Van Rompay’s visit to our club.

Phase 2 of the project focuses on community water distribution and sanitation. The goal is to install solar panels to power a pump which will pump the well water to a 60 cubic meter storage tank located on top of a hill in the village. Pipelines will then be installed to deliver the water to three metered water kiosks where villagers may obtain water for a fee. Water will also be piped, at no cost, to the local school and to two livestock troughs. The estimated cost of Phase 2 is \$70,000, with \$14,000 being raised by the Davis Sunset Rotary Club, and \$28,000 requested from the California Rotary District for their club and \$28,000 requested from a Rotary Global Grant. They plan to begin Phase 2 as soon as fundraising is complete.

Sahaya’s motto is “An act of kindness inspires, be a drop that creates a ripple.” The documentary *Sahaya Going Beyond* may be viewed on the “About Us” page on the organization’s website: www.sahaya.org.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Beth Felski**, the Appointments Project Director for United WE, who works with community partners and civic leaders to advance women’s economic and civic leadership. **Karole Bradford** is the program chair for the day.

Many thanks to **Karen Hostetler** for a great month of May programs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Condolences to Terry Robinson on the recent death of his father, James M. Robinson, Sr. Mr. Robinson’s full obituary may be found at [Obituary for James Monroe Robinson Sr. | Thatcher’s Funeral Home, Inc. \(thatcherfuneralhome.com\)](http://obituaryforjamesmonroerobinsonsr.thatcherfuneralhome.com). THE KANSAS CITY STAR also featured a tribute to Mr. Robinson in last Sunday’s newspaper: [James Robinson, Buffalo Soldier and activist, dies at 98 | The Kansas City Star](http://www.kansascitystar.com).

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **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**, in partnership with the Blue Valley North High School Interact Club, is hosting a **Rotaract Bingo Bash** on **Thursday, June 17, 2021**, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, at The Legendary Rooftop at The Legends. Funds raised from this event will be used to install a new bench at Fischer Park (located in the Rosedale neighborhood), with the balance being donated to Outreach International. The evening’s activities include a catered dinner from Taco Naco KC, drinks, Bingo, a silent auction, and more! Tickets may be purchased at:

<https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-bash>.



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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