

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - Program Chair **Karole Bradford** opened the meeting, **Ken Davis** led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Jay Dunlap** provided the invocation.

John Freshnock, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Brandon Gawel**, Kaw District Director, Heart of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Gawel has been in the Kaw District of the Heart of America Council since December 2020. Growing up in scouting in his hometown in Delaware, Mr. Gawel began his career in scouting immediately after his graduation from college. Prior to moving to the Kansas City area in 2019, he worked for the Boy Scouts in Florida.

Opening his presentation, Mr. Gawel provided an overview of recent changes in Boy Scouts. Recently, the Boy Scouts have opened both Cub Scouting (for children ages 5-10) and Scouts BSA (formerly known as the Boy Scouts - and for youth ages 11-17) to girls as well as boys. No changes occurred for the Exploring (a career development program) and Venturing programs, because both had previously been operated as co-ed programs for youth ages 14-20.

The Kaw District of Heart of America Council, covering Wyandotte County, Leavenworth County, and northeast Johnson County, includes 42 Cub Scout packs (with 872 members), 54 Scout troops (with 1319 members), and 7 Venture Crews (with 43 members). Other Districts, including the Three Trails District in Kansas City, Missouri, are also located within the Kansas City metro region.

Despite the pandemic, Boy Scouts continued their tradition of offering camping experiences to area scouts. COVID-19 allowed the Scouts to put their motto of "Be Prepared" into practice. The H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation was one of only ten open camps last summer. With more than 4400 youth attending summer camps at Bartle, the Scouts followed health and safety protocols and managed to complete summer camps with no reported COVID cases.

The pandemic did move some scouting activities online, with scouts being able to utilize an online platform to obtain merit badges and attend virtual camps. In fact, during the pandemic, scouts from the Kaw District earned more than 2000 merit badges online.

During 2020, the Kaw District celebrated 53 Eagle Scouts, and the KC Metro area recognized over 560 Eagle Scouts. In the metro area, those Eagle Scouts provided more than 130,000 service hours to better the community.

Camp Naish in Bonner Springs will be a busy place again this summer with the launch of a new camping experience (Wolf Camp) for 2nd graders. For 2021, 530 second graders and their parents have enrolled in Wolf Camp (2 days, 1 night), more than 1000 third graders and their parents have enrolled in Bear Camp (3 days, 2 nights), and more than 2100 fourth and fifth graders have signed up for Webelo Camp (4 days, 3 nights). The Kaw District also has more than 200 children signed up for a day camping experience, with this year's dinosaur themed camp.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Keely Schneider**, Executive Director of Workforce Partnership, who will be sharing news about Workforce Partnership and the wonderful programs it manages. **Karole Bradford** is the program chair for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, June 12th**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves! Contact **Ken Davis** if you have any questions.

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 for a new bench at Fischer Park and to support Outreach International. The evening's activities include a catered dinner from Taco Naco KC, drinks, Bingo, a silent auction, and more! At the June Board meeting, the KCK Rotary Club Board voted to become a Platinum sponsor of the Bingo Bash event, which will allow Club members to purchase tickets at a discount. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-bash>. Please use the coupon code **RotoB4** to obtain your discount.

The new **KCK Rotary Club Directory** will be released later in the summer. We are in the process of updating and correcting members' information. If you have made any changes in your contact information since the last directory or if you wish to change your photo, please forward your updated information or photo to Rosemary Podrebarac.



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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