

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary  
Club



Kansas City, KS

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**LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY** - Vice President **Jen Wewers** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Focusing on the tenets and work of Rotary, **Hank Chamberlain** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing “Yankee Doodle Dandy” in honor of Flag Day. We also welcomed **Melody Burns**, from the UG Planning and Zoning Department, as our guest.

**Karole Bradford**, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Keeley Schneider**, Executive Director of Workforce Partnership. Prior to her work with Workforce Partnership, Ms. Schneider worked with The Civic Council of Greater Kansas as its Associate Director. Describing herself as a recovering attorney, Ms. Schneider explained that she uses her own life to explain to job seekers that it is okay to change your mind about your career direction.

Workforce Partnership is the local entity which carries out the work required in each state by Federal laws, currently including the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which was enacted in July of 2014. The State of Kansas has five different workforce regions, and the Workforce Partnership covers all of Kansas Region 3, which includes Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth counties. Ms. Schneider shared that Region 3 is the smallest in geographic area within the state and yet has the largest population of all the Kansas regions.

Workforce Partnership was formed as a separate 501(c)(3) entity in July of 2007, after the State of Kansas ceased administering the workforce initiatives. Workforce Partnership has a two-tiered Board structure, with the chief elected officials board consisting of 3 elected officials from Wyandotte County, 3 elected officials from Johnson County, and 1 elected official from Leavenworth County. Presently, the Wyandotte County officials serving on the Workforce Partnership elected officials board are Mayor David Alvey, Commissioner Harold Johnson, and Commissioner Jane Philbrook. The chief elected officials board then

appoints local residents to serve on the Board of Directors of Workforce Partnership.

Workforce Partnership works with both those seeking employment and employers seeking employees.

Job seeker services are provided in two tiers: Basic and Individualized. Basic Services are available to everyone regardless of income or residency and include skills assessments, resumé development, job search resources, workshops, labor market information, and referrals to other programs and services. Individualized Services are available to individuals whose income is at or below 200% of federal poverty and who reside within the counties served by Workforce Partnership or have been laid off from an employer within that same area. Those job seekers qualifying for Individualized Services are eligible to receive more in-depth career counseling, an individualized employment plan, pre-vocational services such as interviewing assistance, some training opportunities, and other supportive services for transportation and child care.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Alex Perez**, Coordinator of Programs at the Hispanic Development Fund, who will be sharing exciting news about the work of HDF and how the scholarship money which our Club has raised is sending local kids to college. **Karole Bradford** is the program chair for the day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Based on discussions at a recent planning meeting, the Board is hoping to **return to in person meetings in August**. We are still in search of a new meeting location and investigating catering options.

Come join the fun of a **Fifth Tuesday Social Event** to be held on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** at Greg Shondell’s home. Please send your rsvp to Rosemary Podrebarac so that we can arrangements for food.

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves! Also, Kaw Point Park will be the launch location for the **Missouri American Water MR 340 on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. The sponsors need volunteers to direct traffic that morning from 5 am - 8:30 am. Please contact **Ken Davis** if you have any questions.

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.

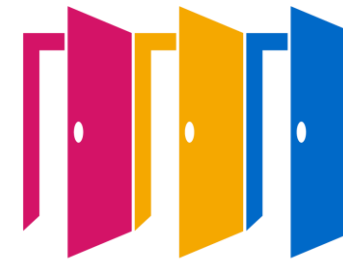
Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, it is in the temperate latitudes at an elevation of 726 feet above sea level. The average rainfall is 35 inches. The average mean temperature ranges from 30° F in January to 80° F in July. The lowest recorded temperature was -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.

# ***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. 65<sup>th</sup>

#### WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133<sup>rd</sup>  
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, 119<sup>th</sup> & 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 92<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Please see the Secretary for the world directory of all Rotary Club's meeting times, days, and places.

### **2020-2021 Board of Directors**

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