

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President Jen Wewers opened the first meeting of the new Rotary year and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick Behrens then provided the invocation.

For this week's meeting, President Jen guided Club members through a discussion of issues of concern to the Club. In opening the meeting, Jen provided a brief review of her background, life experiences, and connection to Wyandotte County. She then presented Club members with questions about Rotary service and what keeps each person involved in Rotary and asked that they discuss the same in small breakout rooms. After each of the two small breakout sessions, members rejoined the main meeting and reported summaries of their discussions to the entire group.

Many great ideas and comments arose from these discussions, including:

- Many Club members are willing to continue serving in current roles and/or willing to assist as needed
- Essential to get together in person
- Continue bringing in powerful speakers
- Make sure everyone can participate in some way; need various forms of service to accommodate all members
- Look at and consider our club's purpose; determine what we want as a group
- Need to increase and retain membership; increase sense of belonging to keep members; invite younger people to become members; tap into wisdom of Rotary Elders; make everyone feel valued

- Importance of international service tying into global message; but still retain focus on local community

If you have any ideas to share concerning goals and ideas for the KCK Rotary Club, please contact any Board member.

President Jen shared the toast we received from the **Pwllheli Rotary Club from North Wales, UK**. Their greeting and some photos of their club appear below.



Attendance Update - A review of the attendance records for 2020-2021 revealed that **David Bluford** and **Karen Hostetler** should also have been listed in last week's WAR WHOOP under the category of only four misses during the year (or only one miss per quarter on average). Congratulations and apologies to David and Karen!

With the kick-off of another Rotary year, just a reminder that you may **make up meetings** missed this Rotary year until the close of the Rotary year on June 30, 2022. If you have attended another Rotary Club's meeting or a Rotary webinar, please advise **Rosemary Podrebarac** to obtain your make-up credit.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - **Dr. Greg Mosier**, President of the Kansas City Kansas Community College, will be our speaker next week to share the latest developments concerning the new KCKCC Downtown Campus project. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Return to in-person meetings! At the Board meeting held on July 7, 2021, the Board discussed meeting locations and arrangements for returning to in-person meetings. We plan to hold an in-person meeting on **August 3, 2021**, at Memorial Hall. District Governor Vern Henricks will visit our Club that day. More details will follow.

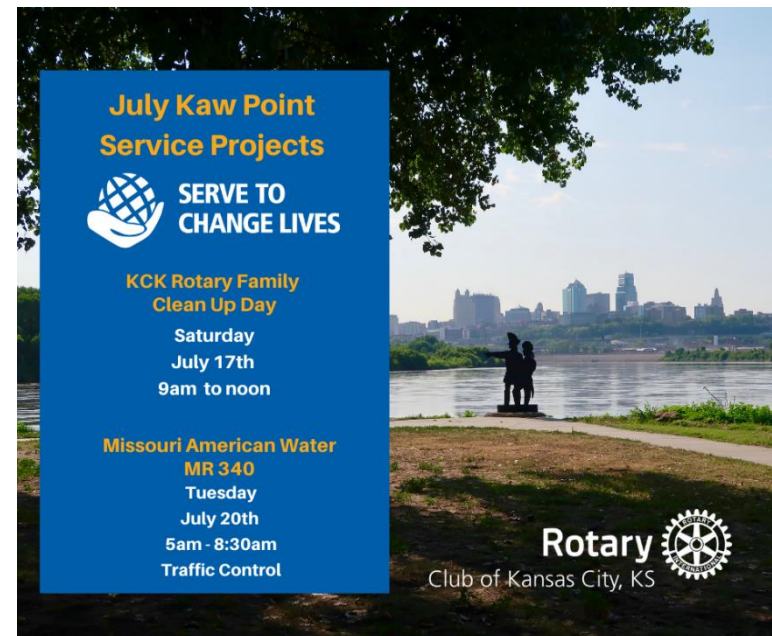
The new **KCK Rotary Club Directory** will be released later in the summer. We are in the process of updating and correcting members' information. If you have made any changes in your contact information since the last directory or if you wish to change your photo, please forward your updated information or photo to Rosemary Podrebarac by **July 10, 2021**.

Please review and complete the **District 5710 Polio Survivors Survey**, highlighted in the May District Newsletter, and return by July 16, 2021. The survey and the article are available at this link: [District 5710 Survey for Polio Survivors and Caregivers](#)

The Club's regular meeting will be replaced by a **Service Project at Cross-Lines Community Outreach** on **July 27, 2021**. Members will meet at Cross-Lines to pack commodities boxes from Noon to 2 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, July 17th**, 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 20th**. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic that morning from 5 am - 8:30 am. Please contact **Ken Davis** if you have any questions.



Although the Rotary year just started, it is time to begin the process to select the **District Governor Nominee - Designate to serve as District Governor in 2024-2025!** If anyone is interested in exploring this position, please advise the Board of Directors. In order to be considered as a candidate for District Governor Nominee, the individual must be recommended by resolution of their home Rotary Club submitted to the District by November 1, 2021.



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 of the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, Kansas City, Kansas 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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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

WHERE NEARBY TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE

MONDAY

Bonner Springs (11:45 am) ----- Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.
Overland Park (Noon) ----- Overland Park Chamber, 9001 W. 110th, Bldg #150

TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00 am) ----- Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65th
Western Johnson County (5:30 pm) ----- Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Rd., Lenexa

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15 am) ----- 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) ----- American Legion, 410 E. Dennis Ave.
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135th St.
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15 pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & I-35
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:30 pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15 am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS
Leawood (7:15 am) ----- Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Dr.
Village West (7:30 am) ----- Providence MC/Cafeteria Conference Rm, 8929 Parallel, KCK
Gardner (7:30 am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park
Santa Fe Trail (7:30 am) ----- Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- The Gallery, 61 E. 14th Street, KCMO

FRIDAY

Desoto (7:00 am) ----- Desoto United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road
Shawnee (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive
Plaza, Missouri (7:15 am) ----- Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Parks & Rec., 1201 Clark Fergusson Dr.
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Distance Learning Ctr.
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Lakeview Village, Southridge Bldg., 14001 W. 92nd, 5th Floor

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

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