

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President **Jen Wewers** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Karen Hostetler** provided the invocation, a Prayer for Perseverance to Preserve the City, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to **Karole Bradford**.

Todd Jordan, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, Dr. Greg Mosier, President of Kansas City Kansas Community College (KCKCC). We welcomed Dr. Mosier back to our Club to hear updates about KCKCC and particularly the KCKCC Downtown Campus project. The pandemic led KCKCC to update its learning spaces to allow for social distancing in the classrooms and other campus spaces. KCKCC is also in the process of building a new student housing building, to house 260 students, and a new 200 seat outdoor amphitheater slated to open in summer of 2022.

The Vision of the KCKCC Downtown Campus Project continues to be to "Provide hope, end generational poverty, improve the quality of life, and increase the socioeconomic mobility of our residents living in and around downtown Kansas City, Kansas."

Since the last time Dr. Mosier spoke to our Club, the KCKCC Downtown Campus project has made great progress and embraced some changes. The original budget for the project was expected to be \$60 million, but the cost estimates have now risen to \$70 million. The partners involved in the project have also changed slightly. KCK Public Schools, Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, Inc., and the YMCA continue as partners, while new partners Swope Health and Community America Credit Union have joined the project. Due to the financial impact of COVID-19, The University of Kansas is now unable to participate in the project in its previously anticipated role, but KU continues to be interested in offering classes at the KCKCC Downtown Campus.

The Downtown Campus Project will occupy most of an entire city block, with the structure providing approximately 129,000 square feet of space

and including underground parking to accommodate 130 cars. KCKCC has also been working with the historic church currently located on the site. Although the church building will be removed, Dr. Mosier hopes to incorporate elements of the church, such as stained glass, church pews, and wood beams, within the new Downtown Campus building in order to honor and preserve the building and the congregation's history.

Fundraising is now underway, with approximately \$31 million currently committed or likely to be received. Construction is anticipated to begin in October of 2022, with a building opening date in June of 2024.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - **Kyle Haugen**, member and former president of the Rotary Club of Prior Lake, Minnesota, and PDG from Rotary District 5960, will join us to speak about Rotary International's campaign to end polio. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**. The sponsors need volunteers to direct traffic that morning from 5 am - 8:30 am. A meeting for traffic control volunteers will be held at 5 pm on Monday, July 19th. Please contact **Ken Davis** if you have any questions.

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. Members interested in doing so may meet at Breit's at 11 am for lunch prior to gathering at Cross-Lines at Noon. **Please RSVP to Rosemary Podrebarac by Friday, July 23, 2021, if you are planning to attend.** Cross-Lines has requested a count of the number of volunteers so as to be prepared for our group.

Congratulations to the new **Board of Directors of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City**: **Fernanda Tomé**, President; **JJ Yardley**, Vice President; **Jessica DeLaPaz**, Secretary; **Hallie Rogers**, Treasurer; **Justine Spease**, Social Media Manager; and **Matt Zayas**, Past President.

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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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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