

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jay Dunlap provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "Viva Le Rotary."

We also welcomed **Fernanda Tomeé**, newly elected President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City. Congratulations to Fernanda!

Todd Jordan, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Kyle Haugen**, member and former president of the Rotary Club of Prior Lake, Minnesota, and the 2017-2018 District Governor from Rotary District 5960. Mr. Haugen also serves as the current Region 36 Rotary Public Image Coordinator. During his visit, he shared information and updates about Rotary's work to end polio worldwide as well as his own personal experiences with Rotary's Polio vaccination efforts. Mr. Haugen's entire family is very involved in Rotary, with his father, mother, brother and uncle all Rotarians also.

Rotary began its work to eradicate polio in 1979 with a Rotary grant to immunize children with the polio vaccine. By 1985, a global effort was born in the form of a partnership involving Rotary International, the CDC, Unicef, and others, with Rotary being described as "the glue that holds the project together." The effort known as Polio Plus earned its name because the program had multiple goals of preventing disease, improving health care, creating jobs, and providing clean water. Since its inception, the Polio Plus program has provided the infrastructure for combatting diseases such as the ebola virus and the COVID-19 virus during the recent pandemic.

The goal of a world free of polio is growing ever closer. In 2020, the number of wild polio virus cases worldwide was less than 150, with all the cases being in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Thus far in 2021, only

two wild polio virus cases have been reported, with one in each of those countries.

To assist Rotary in finishing the job to End Polio Now, Mr. Haugen encouraged all Rotarians to Promote (educate the public about polio and vaccination efforts), Travel (participate in an immunization trip), and Give (donate to Rotary's Polio Plus program).

Highlighting KCK Rotary's long running affiliation with the fight against polio, **Bill Strumillo** shared that, in 1965, the KCK Rotary Club was involved in Wyandotte County's efforts to provide the polio vaccine to all local children.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - The Club's regular meeting will be replaced by a Service Project at **Cross-Lines Community Outreach**. 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, August 21st**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves! Below is a photo of the crew that worked at Kaw Point Park on July 17, 2021, including our own **Ken Davis** (pictured on the far left) and his wife **Cheryl** (who took the photo). Consider joining this great effort next month!





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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