

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - For our first in-person meeting in over a year, **President Jen Wewers** rang the bell to open the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Fred Zimmerman** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to members with August birthdays: **Todd Jordan**, **Scott Kaufmann**, and **Dave Tyler**. The Club then sang a verse of "God Bless America."

Todd Jordan, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Vern Henricks**, **District Governor for Rotary District 5710**, who made his official DG visit to the Club. DG Henricks has spent 40 years in the development profession and currently serves as the President and CEO of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. His past Rotary experience includes service as Past President of the Manhattan Rotary Club, his home Rotary Club. During his presentation, DG Henrick shared his Rotary story of how he met with local Rotary Clubs and members of the local Rotaract Club while visiting a project in Haiti.

His visit to our Club is DG Henricks' tenth Rotary Club visit, and he has ten more scheduled during August. Reminding members of this year's RI Motto "**Serve to Change Lives**," he presented members with a coin bearing this year's motto.

The Rotary International President's goals for this year are to 1) Increase our impact; 2) Expand our reach; 3) Enhance participant engagement; and 4) Increase our ability to adapt. Keeping these goals in mind, DG Henricks has a straightforward objective for the year: "To Educate and Inspire." He wants Clubs and the membership to focus on what we are as Rotarians and on how we can make a difference and encouraged us all to focus on the positive and to serve selflessly.

For this Rotary year, DG Henricks wishes for all Clubs to learn more about Rotary, to complete projects that impact one or more of Rotary's seven areas of focus, to focus on projects that have wide impact, and to enter Club goals in Rotary Club Central

Three important initiatives for this year include the origination of a Rotary District 5710 podcast series, a weekly spotlight on various clubs throughout the District, and the District Conference to be held in Manhattan, Kansas in October.

Inspiring Club members for this Rotary year, DG Henricks reminded us of his personal mission statement: "**Make a difference in someone else's life every day.**"

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be recently appointed **KCK Police Chief Karl Oakman**, who will introduce himself to the Club and provide his vision for policing in Kansas City, Kansas. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At its meeting this week, the Board made the difficult decision to return to Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future based upon the increase in positive COVID-19 cases, the presence and high transmissibility of the Delta variant, and the return to indoor mask mandates in Wyandotte County. The Board will monitor the COVID-19 situation and make the decision to return to in-person meetings when we can do so safely.

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!

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. 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.

With the beginning 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.



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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