

# 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, and **Dan Duncan** provided the invocation. Once again, we were joined by **Fernanda Tomé**, President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, and **Melody Burns**, a VISTA member in the UG's Department of Planning and Urban Design.

**Todd Jordan**, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Michele Surber**, Regional Executive Director of Caritas Clinics - Kansas. A Rotarian from the Lee's Summit Rotary Club #6040, Ms. Surber expressed her delight on being able to visit with and present to our Club. Ms. Surber has been with Caritas Clinics since April of 2021, shadowing the prior Executive Director for a couple of months prior to formally assuming the leadership role in June. Prior to joining Caritas Clinics, Ms. Surber served as Regional Director of Operations at Telecare Corporation in Alameda, California and as an administrator for the Ventura County Health Care Agency.

Caritas Clinics operates the Duchesne Clinic in Kansas City, Kansas, as well as the St. Vincent Clinic in Leavenworth and the Marian Dental Clinic in Topeka. As Executive Director of these three facilities, Ms. Surber's goal is to provide pointed or targeted care to individuals in need in the clinics' service areas. She emphasized the importance of focusing on programs designed to address the specific needs of the community rather than providing a standard "one size fits all" health care program.

Future plans for the clinics include adding services in behavioral health care, expanding the patient base to include children, adding dental services at Duchesne and St. Vincent, and enhancing outreach efforts.

While continuing to work with Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, the clinics plan to begin providing enhanced behavioral health care services in addition to the primary health care services which have been the core of the clinics' ministry for years. Also, the addition of Marian Dental Clinic to the Caritas Clinics operations will allow for dental services to be provided at both Duchesne Clinic and St. Vincent Clinic, initially through use of a mobile dental unit.

In an effort to locate funding for the expanded services, Caritas Clinics will be applying for two HRSA grants later this month. One grant application seeks funding to enhance efforts and programs for employee resiliency and the second grant application requests funds for expanded training and residency programs within the clinics.

At present, the health care providers at Duchesne and St. Vincent clinics see in the range of 1200-1300 patients each year. Regrettably, an estimated 9,000-10,000 individuals in Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties lack health care insurance, suggesting that many more persons in our area need access to non-emergency health care services. With this statistic in mind, plans are also underway to conduct renovations at both Duchesne and St. Vincent to expand patient care spaces to allow for increased patient load as well as to include dental operatories at both buildings.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - We will hold a Club Assembly. Come prepared to discuss ideas and goals for our Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club! A summary of the ideas raised at the July 6<sup>th</sup> Club Assembly is included below. **Jen Wewers** and **Todd Jordan** are the program chairs for the day.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Rotary Clubs of Eastern Kansas - District 5710 and the Kansas Leadership Center** have partnered to create a series of videos to provide COVID-19 information on safe and helpful vaccinations. Watch the **KCK Rotary Facebook page** for these video posts each Wednesday!

This year's **Pledge Letter and Pledge Response Form** have been sent to all members. Please consider your commitment to KCK Rotary for this year and return your completed form to Rosemary Podrebarac.

**No Club meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.**

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City holds its membership meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, and last week Terry Robinson and Terry Woodbury joined Rotaract members at their meeting.

Thanks Terry and Terry for visiting with the members of the Rotaract Club we sponsor!



- Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Consider joining the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City at an upcoming meeting.

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.

The 2021 District 5710 Rotary Conference will be held October 21-23, 2021, in Manhattan, Kansas. The conference theme is “Fourth and Inches” as we are in the fourth decade of our fight to eradicate the polio virus, and we are inches away from our goal. Rotarians may attend the Conference both in person and virtually. Early bird discounts are available through September 15, 2021. For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5710DC2021>.

## July 6, 2021 Club Assembly: Ideas

### Discussion Topic #1 - Club service

- Challenge for older members - energy level and age. Participation might be limited but can still attend and give financially
- Many members willing to continue serving in current roles and/or willing to assist as needed
- Self-inspection: need to continue investigating how Club will participate in community
- Need to develop elevator pitch about who we are and what we do - frame the messaging for our club
- Interested in finding a nonprofit group we can support and align with
- Need for honest conversation about what we need to be going forward
- Prayer for those in difficult jobs in service to the community
- Continue bringing in powerful speakers
- Follow-up with our youth who we support with scholarships
- Need to be clear about our purpose and be purpose driven
- Need to stick neck out beyond current comfort levels
- Define purpose
- Connect activities to purpose, broader goals and messaging - why we do what we do - to be able to explain value of Club membership
- Make sure everyone can participate in some way; need various forms of service to accommodate all members
- Target specific neighborhoods or groups

### Discussion Topic #2 - What will keep you active in Rotary this year

- Essential to get together in person
- Look at our club purpose
- What do 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; do not exclude them; make them feel valued
- Importance of international service tying into global message; but still retain focus on local community
- Have “refresher course” on both our traditional KCK Rotary Club and other Rotary Club projects and ideas



## *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. 110<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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) ----- American Legion, 410 E. Dennis Ave.  
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135<sup>th</sup> St.  
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15 pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119<sup>th</sup> & 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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. 92<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

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

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