

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. Pat Crilly provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "God Bless America." Melody Burns, a VISTA member in the UG's Department of Planning and Urban Design, also joined us again this week.

For this week's meeting, President Jen and Todd Jordan provided an overview of the goals for the day's Club Assembly. To start the discussion, Jen provided an overview of last year's Club activities and accomplishments and summarized the three main themes that arose from our last Club Assembly: 1) defining the KCK Rotary Club's purpose, 2) focusing on service opportunities, and 3) creating concise and consistent messaging and communications about the Club and its activities.

Todd then dove deeper into a discussion of the Club's activities and how those activities relate to the mission of Rotary International and of our Club and how we believe our Club provides value both to the community and to individuals who may be interested in joining our ranks.

Members then divided into three small breakout group discussions and tackled these questions:

- What service experiences have you liked the most in your time as a club member?
- What have you liked the least?
- What do we want to continue to do?

- Any ideas for changing or enhancing what we do?
- What service opportunities can we undertake so that all members can participate regardless of physical ability?

Thanks to Jen, Todd, and Karole Bradford for leading the three small breakout group discussions. After the breakout session, members rejoined the main meeting and reported summaries of their discussions to the entire group.

Some of the interesting points that arose from these discussions include:

- Jim Knight commented that back when our Club had over 100 members, the only service project the Club pursued some years was bell ringing for the Salvation Army. So, we now tackle many more service projects with fewer club members!
- Several years ago, fundraising was mostly accomplished through activities such as pizza sales or plant sales, with the Club then requesting and reviewing applications from non-profits for grants.
- Consider additional public-facing activities such as working at County Fair, Grinter Fest, etc. to make the public more aware of Rotary.
- Some past activities that members enjoyed included daffodil planting, neighborhood clean-up, Bell ringing for Salvation Army, and Greater KC Day.
- In prior years, the Club held some purely social events, such as an outing to The New Theater Restaurant, to engage spouses/significant others as well as members.
- Suggestion was made to align our fundraising and funding around a specific issue or cause, so that the focus would lead to better publicity and hopefully a bigger impact.
- Fellowship is still an important aspect of being a KCK Rotary Club member.

Several members volunteered to serve on an Ad Hoc committee, which will be led by Todd Jordan, to discuss a framework for service for our Rotary Club. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Todd.

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

REMINDER: No Club meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Many thanks to **Todd Jordan** for a great month of programs in August!

A huge thank you to the courageous Rotarians and Rotaract members who braved the heat to assist with the clean-up at **Kaw Point Park** last Saturday!



Pictured in the top photo: Jen Wewers, Matt Zayas, Fernanda Tomé, Ken Davis, Cheryl Carpenter (Ken's wife), and Melody Burns.

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, September 25th**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves!

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.

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!

The **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** is participating in a **Blood Drive** on **Saturday, September 18th**, at the **Kansas City Community Blood Center**, 4040 Main, Kansas City, Missouri.

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 either in person or virtually. Early bird discounts are available through September 15, 2021. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5710DC2021>.

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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