

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - Vice President Karole Bradford opened the meeting. Pat Crilly led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then provided the invocation, followed by some brief remarks and thoughts about Bill Mullarky. Several members also shared their memories of Bill. In an appropriate tribute, **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Todd Jordan introduced our speaker and honoree, **Sheriff Donald "Don" Ash**, who is not running for re-election as Wyandotte County sheriff this fall.

On Monday prior to our meeting, Todd presented Sheriff Ash with recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow and with a plaque from our Rotary Club (photo below). Sheriff Ash was particularly honored with being named a Paul Harris Fellow.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Kansas

**recognizes
Sheriff Donald "Don" Ash**

**on the occasion of his retirement,
with appreciation and thanks
from a grateful community for
many years of dedicated service**

September 14, 2021



**Presentation to Sheriff Don Ash - September 14, 2021
Todd Jordan and Sheriff Don Ash**

Sheriff Ash has been a Wyandotte County resident for his entire life, graduating from Washington High School in the Class of 1971. He began his career in law enforcement as a Police Cadet for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department in February 1972, serving in many different roles including Patrol officer, member of the tactical unit, Media Relations Officer, D.A.R.E. Program Coordinator and Supervisor, and Division Commander for various units, and finally retiring from the KCKPD in December 2006.

In 2009, Sheriff Ash was first elected for his first term as Sheriff of Wyandotte County, Kansas. He was re-elected in 2013 and again in 2017, making him the first person to be elected to three terms as Wyandotte County Sheriff. With his decision not to seek re-election in 2020, Sheriff Ash will be leaving the office after more than 12 years of service.

During his tenure in the Sheriff's Office, the Department has reviewed and overhauled all processes, policies, and procedures. In 2009, the Sheriff's Office relied mainly on paper records with no electronic records management program. Since then, the Department has increased its use and implementation of technology and became the first law enforcement agency in Wyandotte County to deploy both car and body cameras for its officers. The Department also has many cameras in the detention facility to monitor activity there.

When Sheriff Ash took office, the Sheriff's Department was operating the jail under a judicial Consent Decree. Through the efforts of the Sheriff's Department and the reconstituted Jail Committee, the Department has now been released from the Consent Decree and is operating more efficiently and effectively in the administration of justice in the county. In 2009, on average Wyandotte County was housing between 250 - 260 prisoners per day in other detention facilities, mostly in Missouri, at a cost of approximately \$4.8 million annually. Today, with the hiring of additional personnel and reconfiguring sleeping arrangements, the cost for adult prisoners housed outside of Wyandotte County has been reduced to around \$150,000 per year.

A recently completed project of the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department is the addition to the Juvenile Justice Center, located on Armstrong between 7th and 8th Streets, which includes a new juvenile detention facility as well as offices for juvenile services support personnel. By implementing restorative justice and trauma-informed care principles, the juvenile jail population has decreased from an average of 45 juveniles per day in 2009 to a daily population averaging just under 20 juveniles per day today. With the decrease in the local juvenile jail population, Sheriff Ash arranged to contract with Leavenworth and Atchison Counties to house their juvenile offenders, which will allow the new juvenile detention center to produce some income for Wyandotte County.

In addition to the new juvenile detention facility, proceeds from the same bond issue allowed for the installation of new elevators and completion of renovations and mechanical systems upgrades in the adult jail.

With this conclusion of his many years of dedicated public service, we wish Sheriff Ash all the best in his retirement!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Mang Sonna**, the Executive Director of Bethel Neighborhood Center, who will share with us the latest news about Bethel. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for the month.

MEMBER NEWS:

Former Club member **DuMont Reed** died on September 12, 2021. DuMont joined the KCK Rotary Club in 1968 and served as Club President in 1981-1982. His memorial service will be held on Monday, September 20th, at 11 am at Village Presbyterian Church. *Rest in peace.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Hispanic Development Fund Cambio para Cambio scholarship fundraising campaign began on September 15th and will run through October 15th. To donate and support scholarships for KCK youth, please visit the KCK Rotary fundraising page: <https://hdfkc.networkforgood.com/projects/138980-rotary-club-of-kansas-city-ks-s-fundraiser>.

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!

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. If you have not yet done so, please consider your commitment to KCK Rotary for this year and return your pledge form to Rosemary Podrebarac s as soon as possible. Thanks!

Don't forget the **2021 District 5710 Rotary Conference** which is scheduled for 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. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5710DC2021>.

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!



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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