

# 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. John Bukaty provided the invocation, which was a reminder to all on being thankful, very appropriate for World Gratitude Day! Scott Kaufmann then led members in singing "God Bless America."

Todd Jordan introduced our speaker, Mang Sonna, the Executive Director of Bethel Neighborhood Center, located on 7<sup>th</sup> Street just south of Central Avenue. Mr. Sonna has served as Executive Director of Bethel Neighborhood Center since 2009 and has been thoroughly involved in the recent renovations at the Center.

Bethel Neighborhood Center was established in 1911, at first serving mostly immigrants from Eastern Europe. Today, the Center serves immigrants from all around the world. The recent renovations at Bethel Neighborhood Center, totaling approximately \$3 million, were completed in late 2019, with the certificate of occupancy being issued in January 2020, just before the global pandemic hit the Kansas City area. Thankfully, with so many people in need during that time, Bethel was able to keep their doors open during the peak of the pandemic.

Bethel runs several programs from the Center, including homework help and social skills development for youth, a food pantry, a program for Seniors, a community garden, and a newly launched sewing class.

Through its food pantry, Bethel provided assistance to approximately 23,000 individuals during 2020. And, with the work of the students in its sewing class, Bethel donated more than 1,000 cloth face masks last year.

The Center will again be hosting a Christmas Shop this year to support families in need during the holidays. Last year, Bethel provided 70 families with holiday gifts and food, and the need is expected to be great this year too.

Mr. Sonna was very grateful for the donations made by the Club in 2020 to Bethel Neighborhood Center. With those donations, the Center was able to support its food pantry ministry and provide Christmas gifts for a family.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Next Tuesday's meeting will be our monthly Club Assembly. Our Treasurer, **Greg Shondell**, will talk about this year's budget, as well as our operations and foundation accounts. **Todd Jordan** is the program chair for the month.

As we consider programs for future Club Assemblies, we will also want you to be thinking about other topics of interest to you related to how our club conducts business. Additionally, we hope to use these Club Assemblies as a chance to hear classification talks from our members so that we can get to know each other a bit better.

## HEALTH REPORT:

Several members have had some health issues recently, including:

- **Donna Severance** fell and broke her right foot a few weeks ago and is currently wearing a boot while she heals.
- **John Bukaty** recently had a right shoulder replacement and has some weeks of physical therapy ahead of him.
- Also, **Greg Shondell** had back surgery last Saturday and is now on the mend.
- Finally, our **President Jen** had surgery on Friday but is planning on being right back with us next Tuesday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Hispanic Development Fund Cambio para Cambio** scholarship fundraising campaign began on September 15<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Club is providing a dollar for dollar match of the first \$2,500 of member contributions. To 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>.

Don't forget the **2021 District 5710 Rotary Conference**, "Fourth and Inches," which is scheduled for October 21-23, 2021, in Manhattan, Kansas. 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>.



## *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.

### **2021-2022 Board of Directors**

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