

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. Karen Hostetler provided a prayer for service agencies as the invocation. Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to a bunch of members with November birthdays: David Bluford, John Bukaty, Ken Davis, Jay Dunlap, Karen Hostetler, Chris McCord, and Terry Woodbury. Once again, we were joined by Fernanda Tomé, President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City.

Opening a month of November programs centered on the idea of Gratitude, Rick Behrens, program chair for November, set the tone for the month with a quote from Henri J.M. Nouwen: "The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy." Rick then introduced our speaker, Rakmi Shaiza, Founder of Stitching Change, an organization which works with refugee women in Kansas City, Kansas.

Ms. Shaiza grew up in Ukhrul, a mountain town in Northeast India near Burma (present day Myanmar). After receiving a scholarship to obtain her Master of Divinity at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Ms. Shaiza left her homeland in August of 2000, at age 26, to travel thousands of miles to KCK. Based upon a travel agency's recommendations, Ms. Shaiza traveled by air Los Angeles, because they didn't realize that KCI was located so near to Kansas City, Kansas. She then undertook a 36-hour bus ride from LA to KCK - the bus trip that her travel agent had estimated to last around 2 hours!

After obtaining her degree at Central Baptist Theological Seminary and working at Bethel Neighborhood Center, Ms. Shaiza left Bethel to begin Stitching Change in 2014. The mission of Stitching Change is to bring women together to work collaboratively, market their products, and provide them with supplementary income. Stitching

Change also works to repurpose surplus and scrap fabrics into beautiful, handcrafted products, keeping scrap textiles out of the landfill and preventing pollution.

In addition to teaching women sewing skills, Stitching Change provides tax and finance classes so that the participants can learn about operating their own businesses. They have also recently begun teaching digital literacy classes for the participants who are not very familiar with computers and technology.

Stitching Change now has space at The Stables, a co-working and studio space, located at 1303 Central Avenue, in KCK. Stitching Change will be hosting a Holiday Market at The Stables on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 1 until 4 pm.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker next Tuesday will be Edgar Palacios, President and CEO of LatinX Education Collaborative, an organization that works to increase and retain the number of quality LatinX education professionals in elementary and secondary education. Rick Behrens is the program chair for the month.

Monthly program chair opportunities are still available. Contact Todd Jordan to volunteer to plan a month of programs!

Next week's meeting will be held at Memorial Hall!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At this week's November Board meeting, the Board approved a donation of fifty \$20 gift cards to Wyandotte Angels for **Thanksgiving baskets for Harmon High School families**. Thanks to Dan Duncan for bringing this idea to the Club!

Join members of the **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** in **Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army** on Friday, **November 5, 2021**, from 3 pm to 7 pm, or on Saturday, **November 6, 2021**, from 11 am to 2 pm. They will be ringing bells at the JC Penney's at The Legends, 1843 Village West Parkway. Please register online at <https://www.registertoring.com/Group-opportunities.aspx>, using the Group Code rotaractwkc.

Karole Bradford announced the kick-off of the **2021 Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas Nut Sale**. Order your nuts and other snacks by Friday, **December 3, 2021**. The order form may be found at www.sckck.org/2021FarmsteadNuts.pdf.

Don't forget: The last clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** for this year will be held on **Saturday, November 20th**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves and join in the fun!



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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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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