

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - Welcoming everyone back to in-person meetings, **President Jen Wewers** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dan Duncan** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in honor of Veterans Day. Club members in attendance who are veterans included John Bukaty, Pat Crilly, Dan Duncan, Dave Skidgel, and George Turner. Thanks to them and all our veterans for their service!

Continuing a month of programs centered on the idea of Gratitude, **Rick Behrens**, program chair for November, introduced our speaker, **Edgar Palacios**, President and CEO of Latinx Education Collaborative, an organization which works to increase and retain the number of quality Latinx education professionals teaching in grades Kindergarten through 12.

As he spoke about how he is reminded to live with gratitude, Mr. Palacios opened his talk by showing a photo of his three children. The unexpected arrival of his youngest daughter one year ago brought him what he described as "the beauty of surprise." Mr. Palacios then shared some of his own life story. His parents came to the US in 1981 after fleeing from Nicaragua, and he was born in Miami. His parents became US citizens in 2002.

After living in Miami, the family moved to Spokane, Washington before moving to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Mr. Palacios remarked that living as a young child in Miami and attending high school in Cape Girardeau were very different experiences partially due to the big difference in the concentration of Latinx population in those two cities.

Several years ago, Mr. Palacios was touring schools in other parts of the country and noticed that in some schools he observed student populations that were almost entirely Latinx, with no Latinx teachers on those school staffs. Nationwide, in grades K-12, an estimated 25 percent of the students are Latinx, while Latinx students make up a little over 50% of the student population in the KCK School District. In stark contrast, less than 8% of teachers nationwide and in the greater Kansas City area are of Latinx descent. This dichotomy between the make-up of the student population and those who teach the students drew Mr. Palacios to his current role.

Latinx Education Cooperative works to increase the number of Latinx educators so that students are exposed to diverse teaching staffs. To attract and retain these educators, Latinx Education Cooperative works to create and implement retention and recruitment strategies which local school districts may utilize. In his current role, Mr. Palacios has been learning how to fundraise and how to convey the importance of the Cooperative's work.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker next Tuesday will be **Dr. Anna Stubblefield**, Superintendent of Unified School District No. 500. **Rick Behrens** is the program chair for the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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!

You still have a couple of weeks to participate in 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.

The Club recently received a check from the District in the amount of \$1708 to be used for next year's scholarship awards. Thanks to Greg Shondell for keeping us in line with the District's grants requirements.

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. As of today, 50% of Club members have returned their forms. If you have not yet done so, please complete and return your pledge forms as soon as possible. Thank you!



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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