

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 a prayer of thanks for the invocation in honor of Thanksgiving this week, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "God Bless America".

Closing out a month of programs focused on gratitude, Rick Behrens, program chair for November, introduced our speaker, T.J. Roberts, Founder and owner of Kinship Café on Strawberry Hill. Rick's introduction was a lively and entertaining question and answer session during which T.J. revealed a bit of his warm personality. When Rick asked T.J. for five words to describe himself and his future, T.J. listed innovative, servanthood, faith, ambition, and charisma.

T.J. then opened his presentation by sharing his life story and experience. He was adopted at the age of 2 years and grew up in Wamego, Kansas on a farm. Beginning his schooling at a small private school, entering the public school system in third grade proved to be startling. After graduating high school, T.J. attended MidAmerica Nazarene and was a member of the football team. When he discovered he would not likely receive any offense playing time at MidAmerica Nazarene, T.J. transferred to Kansas State University and became a walk on to the football team.

At K-State, the fact that T.J. has only seven fingers did not deter the coaching staff, and T.J. played as a running back for the Wildcats. Graduating with a major in social studies, and with minors in business, human relations, marketing, mass communications, and leadership, T.J. describes himself as a people- focused person who does business. During his presentation, he also described himself as

an old soul, having learned many, many lessons in his 30 years on earth.

After graduating from K-State, T.J. began his career in insurance, working first for AAA Insurance and then opening his own Farm Bureau office in Mission, Kansas. He then founded Kinship Café earlier this year and has been working to renovate the space and kick off the business. As with the launch of many small businesses, the beginning for Kinship Café has not been without difficulties. The café lost its funding 28 days into the renovation work and still has received delivery of the espresso machine ordered months ago. With a vision of making a place for everyone in the community, T.J. is ready to take on these challenges.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - For our **Fifth Tuesday meeting**, the club will not be holding a regular noon meeting. Rather, Club members will meet at **Kinship Café, located at 719 North 6th Street in KCK, at 2 pm**. Members will be treated to a sampling of coffees and light appetizers and treats. (Remember: no espresso drinks as their espresso machine has not yet arrived.) Come visit with T.J. Roberts and Club members and see how the Kinship Café space has been transformed! **Rick Behrens** is the program chair for the month, and **President Jen** made the arrangements for the Club to visit Kinship Café.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The last clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** for this year was held last Saturday. **Melody Burns** reported that the group of volunteers collected many bags of trash again this month. Many thanks to **Ken Davis** for leading the Club in assisting with the efforts to keep Kaw Point Park a beautiful spot in KCK and many thanks to Club and Rotaract members who volunteered at Kaw Point over the past several months!

Don't forget to order your nuts and other snack items from the **2021 Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas Nut Sale**. Place your order by Friday, **December 3, 2021**. The order form may be found at www.sckck.org/2021FarmsteadNuts.pdf.

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. As of today, 53% 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!

The **December Board meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st, at Noon, via Zoom.



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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