

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



Kansas City, KS

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Merry Christmas!!

Happy Holidays!!

LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY -President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. In honor of the Winter Solstice, **Karole Bradford** shared the poem, THE SHORTEST DAY by Susan Cooper, as the invocation. Providing some additional holiday spirit, **Terry Woodbury** then led members in singing a chorus of "Joy to the World."

Officer Elections - The Club then held elections for officers for the next Rotary year, which begins on July 1, 2022. **Scott Martens** presented the following slate of officers for 2022-2023:

President - Karole Bradford
Vice President - Todd Jordan
Treasurer - Greg Shondell
Secretary - Rosemary Podrebarac
Past President - Jen Wewers

Ken Davis made a motion to approve and elect the slate of officers as presented, and **George Turner** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Jen introduced Amy Loch, the Director of the Wyandotte County Historical Museum, who has been with the Museum since 2019 and who visited our Club a couple of years ago. Ms. Loch graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with an undergraduate degree in History and an MA in Public History. Prior to moving to Wyandotte County, Ms. Loch worked at the Stillwater History Museum and served as the Director of the Logan County Historical

Society in Guthrie, both in Oklahoma. She also served as the Curator of the Old Cowtown Museum in Wichita, Kansas, and the Registrar at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in Maryland.

Although the pandemic greatly impacted the Wyandotte County Historical Museum's ability to remain open to the public, the Museum approached the pandemic as an opportunity and focused on increasing its online presence. You can keep up with the Museum by following its daily Facebook posts.

Once the Museum was able to open for in-person visitors, it hosted several exhibits in 2021, including a review of the 1951 Flood and a display on Fast Pitch Softball. Looking ahead in 2022, the Museum is planning exhibits on the 150th Anniversary of Rosedale and the 100th Anniversary of Fairfax.

Come visit the Wyandotte County Museum in 2022!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - We will not hold a KCK Rotary Club meeting next Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Hope everyone has a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with family and friends!

Thanks to **Melissa Sieben** for a great month of December programs!

HEALTH REPORT:

Melissa Sieben recently had surgery. Wishing Melissa a speedy recovery!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Skidgel announced a service project for the Club. Please save your **empty egg cartons** (one dozen egg size) and bring them with you to Rotary meetings. The Lenexa Rotary Club is assisting a local food pantry that needs egg cartons to fill for its clients. Dave has offered to collect and deliver the cartons.

As you consider your year-end giving, don't forget about our own foundation, **The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation**. If you wish to make a contribution to the Foundation, please contact Greg Shondell or Rosemary Podrebarac.

At its December Board meeting, the **Board voted to return to billing quarterly for lunches**. The lunch billing charges will be discounted at first and then increased in stages as we navigate our return to in-person meetings and investigate lunch options. The January billing statements sent to members will include a quarterly luncheon charge of \$65, which will be increased later in 2022 as we determine the costs of the meeting space and future catering costs.



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.

2021-2022 Board of Directors

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