

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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. **Fred Zimmerman** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Hey, Look Me Over".

**Jay Dunlap** then introduced our speaker, **Denise Ogilvie**, Chief Mission Officer for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas (CCNEK), who returned to speak to the Club about Catholic Charities' work with the homeless and with refugees within the KCK community. Members may recall that CCNEK relocated its offices to 600 Minnesota in Downtown KCK about a year and a half ago. From that office, the busiest office for CCNEK, Catholic Charities offers the entire array of the services provided by the organization.

Catholic Charities participates in the metro area Continuum of Care, a group that works together to address the issue of homelessness within the metro. Stressing the homeless crisis in KCK, Ms. Ogilvie shared that Wyandotte County hosts 20% of the metro's homeless population but only has approximately 6% of the shelter beds in the metro.

Since 2008, Shalom House had been operated by Catholic Charities as a shelter for homeless men. Last March, CCNEK closed Shalom House due to the major repairs required for that building, and the organization is in the process of moving its homeless programming to the former Sanctuary of Hope property, located at 26<sup>th</sup> and Ridge. The Archdiocese closed Sanctuary of Hope last October, making the property available to CCNEK, and CCNEK has plans to renovate the property to create a 60-bed transitional housing program for homeless men. Most of the men who will participate in the program at the Sanctuary of Hope property are what Ms. Ogilvie described as situationally homeless - those who are homeless as a result of divorce, a lost job, or a drug or alcohol or minor criminal issue - rather than chronically homeless.

Having just received UG approval for the planned renovation, CCNEK is embarking on a \$2 million renovation of the former Sanctuary of Hope property with the goal of being open by June 2022. The men who will be living at the shelter are anticipated to stay for 6 - 12 months in a transitional housing program, during which they will receive healthcare, drug and alcohol counseling, literacy and nutritional programming, and employment assistance, with a goal of moving into permanent housing. In addition to the homeless shelter, CCNEK is also moving the New Roots Farm to the Sanctuary of Hope property, as the UG requested the farm move from its current Juniper Gardens location.

Ms. Ogilvie also shared about CCNEK's work with refugee resettlement. The US State Department contracts with seven entities nationwide to handle refugee resettlement, and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops is the largest resettlement agency in the United States. Since 1975, CCNEK has been a resettlement agency in Kansas.

With respect to the crisis in Afghanistan, people fleeing that country were not classified as refugees by the UN. Rather, Afghans were being relocated and resettled under a humanitarian effort and were considered humanitarian parolees. To date, CCNEK has received 200 Afghan refugees, who have resettled in Lawrence and Manhattan, as well as in Wyandotte County. Also, CCNEK continues to receive refugees from other countries and to provide services to refugees who move to Kansas City after originally being received in other cities. In 2021, almost 300 refugees approached CCNEK for services after being received in another US city and relocating to Kansas City.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Henry Wash**, Founder and Executive Director of High Aspirations, an after-school program for African American male students to support them socially, spiritually, and academically. **Jay Dunlap** is the program chair for the month.

**HEALTH REPORT:** It was great to see **Jay Dunlap** and **Scott Martens** at Tuesday's meeting, after their recent COVID illnesses. Hope that everyone is staying healthy and well!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

With much sadness, we report that **Donna Severance** and **Frank Simonich** have submitted their resignations from our Club. We will miss you both!

January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and you are invited to listen to the **End Sex and Labor Trafficking SWARM Global Grant team report**. The team will share what they have learned about trafficking activity, as well as their plan of action. The meeting will be held by Zoom on **Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 12:00 Noon**. You may register by clicking on this link: [Swarm Registration Link](#).



## *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.

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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.

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