

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. **Melissa Sieben** provided the invocation centered on the theme of peace, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Hey, Look Me Over". We were also joined by **Becky Berger**, the new County Treasurer, and **Jonathan Carter**, the Public Information Officer for the DA's Office.

Mark Dupree then introduced our speaker, **Candice Alcaraz**, Assistant District Attorney in the Wyandotte County DA's Office, who began her tenure at the DA's office in 2016, a few months before DA Dupree's term began. Ms. Alcaraz is a Washburn law graduate, a graduate of Leadership 2000, and a member of the Kiwanis Club West in KCK.

Ms. Alcaraz then described the lifetime of a case in the DA's office. Most criminal cases begin with the charging document and then proceed to a preliminary hearing at which the judge determines if there is sufficient cause to proceed with the case. If the judge allows the case to proceed, the next step is a pretrial conference. Speedy trial rules require a case to go to trial within 150 days if the defendant is in custody, or 180 days if the defendant is out on bail. That time can be extended by agreement of the parties, and Ms. Alcaraz mentioned that the discovery process often takes much more time - unlike the process that is portrayed on television!

After discovery, the case moves to trial, and if the defendant is found guilty, sentencing follows. Although a defendant only has 14 days after sentencing to file an appeal, the appeals process itself can last for years.

In addition to the standard criminal case process, Wyandotte County has several specialty courts, including the Drug Court, Veterans Court, and Mental Health Court. For cases in these specialty courts, defendants are afforded the opportunity to address charges against them through treatment and a diversion process. In diversion, if the agreed treatment or action plan is undertaken in lieu of a trial or plea and is completed successfully, the charges against the defendant are dismissed, resulting in no criminal record. In Drug Court, the treatment program is typically an 18-month program with education, random drug testing, and assistance with job placement. For Mental Health Court cases, the treatment program usually lasts around 12 months. Diversion is also available for some traffic cases, and those diversion programs can mostly be completed in 90 days.

Ms. Alcaraz was pleased with the recent announcement of a plan for creation of a Public Defenders' Office in Wyandotte County. She opined that a dedicated public defender would help criminal cases move more quickly and efficiently through the court system.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker will be **Eric Thompson**, an officer with KC Scholars, who will be speaking about the work and impact of the scholarships awarded by KC Scholars Program. **Mark Dupree** is the program chair for the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Check your inbox for a separate email concerning an opportunity to volunteer to **evaluate scholarship applications for HDF!**

Rotary District 5710 is holding its **Gathering for Good**, a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation (of Rotary International), on Saturday, **March 26, 2022**. The in-person event will be held at Prairie Band Casino, but Rotarians may also attend the event virtually. In addition to dinner, the evening includes entertainment and a silent and live auction. Register [Gathering For Good 2022 \(constantcontact.com\)](http://GatheringForGood2022.constantcontact.com).

Don't forget to save your empty egg cartons (1 dozen egg size) and bring them to Rotary. **Dave Skidgel** has volunteered to collect the egg cartons and deliver them to a local food pantry so that they may be filled with fresh eggs for their clients.



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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