

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Karen Hostetler provided the invocation, a prayer for peace, which was delivered by President Jen, to accommodate Zoom considerations. Scott Kaufmann then led Club members in singing “R-O-T-A-R-Y”.

Mark Dupree introduced our speaker, Moses Wyatt, Jr., Founder/CEO of The Jegna Klub, and a Behavior Intervention Specialist at Grant Elementary School. A current KCK resident who was born and raised in Wyandotte County, Mr. Wyatt has also recently been appointed as the Youth Advocate Liaison to Mayor Garner’s office. Mr. Wyatt’s career in education began with his desire to coach, and he has coached school and amateur sports - both basketball and football - for 24 years. Over the years, Coach Wyatt has realized that his passion includes coaching youth in life as well as in sports.

The Jegna Klub is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed to help build youth for the future. Coach Wyatt adopts the philosophy voiced by Franklin D. Roosevelt that “[w]e cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” Presenting youth with positive role models allows young people to envision a future that may extend beyond their own family, neighborhood, and personal experience. If young people don’t see successful adults, they have a difficult path to becoming successful adults. Citing a recent survey of grade school students, Coach Wyatt reported that 97% of those students responded that they believed they would be in the exact same place as their parents, some of whom were unemployed or incarcerated.

The Jegna Klub works to break this cycle by providing youth with hope and opportunity. The five basic pillars of The Jegna Klub are:

- Relationship building and networking
- Character development
- Social skills
- Financial literacy
- Career exploration

Coach Wyatt emphasized that relationship building is the first pillar because he views it as the key to a productive future. Everyone needs people around them to serve as a support network. The focus on character development and social skills provides young people with practical life skills to add to their book knowledge to help them thrive in the work world.



Serving as the Youth Advocate Liaison to the Mayor’s office affords Coach Wyatt the opportunity to expand on his current work and advise Mayor Garner on ideas for getting and keeping young people engaged in their community, giving a voice to the youth in our community.

Coach Wyatt truly shows his passion and clearly lives true to his guiding principle of leaving a place better than he found it.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Information about our speaker for next week is not yet available. Hank Chamberlain is the program chair for the month.

Many thanks to Mark Dupree for a great month of February programs!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tax season is here! If you did not receive your contribution acknowledgment letter for 2021 contributions to the KCK Rotary Presidents' Foundation, please contact **Greg Shondell**.

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. To register, visit [Gathering For Good 2022 \(constantcontact.com\)](https://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.

Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility! If you need a membership application, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac**.

During February, we were joined by several other inspirational speakers. Here is a look back at February -



Candice Alcaraz, Assistant District Attorney in the Wyandotte County DA's Office, walked Club members through the life of a case in the District Attorney's Office.



Eric Thompson, an officer with the KC Scholars Program, spoke to the Club about the many scholarships offered by this Kauffman Foundation founded program.



Dr. Evelyn Hill, Director of Equity and Justice at Avenue of Life, shared valuable information about the many services offered at Avenue of Life and its collaborative efforts with many partners in the community.

Just a reminder that you may **make up meetings** missed this Rotary year until the close of the Rotary year on June 30, 2022. If you have attended another Rotary Club's meeting or a Rotary webinar, please advise **Rosemary Podrebarac** to obtain your make-up credit.



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.

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