

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. Pat Crilly provided the invocation, an Irish Blessing in belated honor of St. Patrick's Day, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "God Bless America."

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - A KCK Rotary double-header!

At Noon, we will gather at Memorial Hall as we host high school seniors from Wyandotte County High Schools who are competing for a KCK Rotary President's Foundation Scholarship. Then, at 5 pm, we will hold our first **Fifth Tuesday** gathering of the year at **The Mockingbird Lounge**, 204 Orchard Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Weather permitting, we will be meeting on the deck. Please rsvp so that we can make certain to have enough food available.

Many thanks to Hank Chamberlain for a great month of March programs!

Heartfelt Condolences to Dave Tyler on the recent death of his father Donald Tyler, also a Rotarian. A Celebration of Life for Donald Tyler is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 2 pm at Lake Quivira Country Club. Mr. Tyler's obituary may be found at [Obituary for Donald A. Tyler | Johnson County Funeral Chapel & Memorial Gardens \(johnsoncountyfuneralchapel.com\)](http://www.johnsoncountyfuneralchapel.com/obituary-for-donald-a-tyler).
Rest in peace.

Hank Chamberlain, March program chair, explained that our scheduled speaker was unable to attend today but that our own

Jay Dunlap agreed to give a presentation on the history of communications revolution and the media.

Harkening back to his college teaching days, Jay shared an overview of his research that resulted in his 2007 book *Raising Kids in the Media Age*.

Centuries ago, knowledge was mainly communicated orally. Respected elders likely gathered students in a public outdoor space to share their knowledge through spoken word - an oral method of education and communication.

A major revolution in communication occurred when the Egyptians developed papyrus, and the Greeks developed their alphabet. With a written alphabet and the ability to commit language to paper, messages could be written down and shared and sent more easily. Writing on paper allowed for books to be replicated and shared, although the process was laborious. With these limitations, books were mainly available only to a select group of aristocrats or wealthy individuals.

Then, in 1444 in Germany, Gutenberg perfected the mechanical printing press, and famously printing the Bible. For the first time in human history, a book became accessible to more than just a select few. With the printing press allowing for mass production of printed pages, books were then available to a much wider audience. This dissemination of printed books led to more people becoming literate. The expansion of literacy also led to a wider spread of power, diminishing the concentration of power from only the wealthy. The printing press and mass-produced books also provided the necessary foundation for the Reformation and the Enlightenment.



Additional technological developments during the Industrial Revolution allowed for increase in the speed of the transfer of goods, people, and information.

Jay shared a quote from Marshall McLuhan from 1960 in which he explained that the electronic media, such as newspapers, television, and radio, created a revolution and marked the first time that a central nervous system exists outside the human body. Marshall McLuhan also declared, "The medium is the message." Jay explained that the medium of communication has a powerful impact on how the message is received as well as given.

Several years ago, the term "Digital Divide" was used to highlight the inequity in the access to information with the arrival of the digital world. Access to information was limited to those who had sufficient money to purchase computers and equipment to reach the internet.

Today, almost everyone has a laptop or smart phone which allows access to the internet, and so the digital divide has ceased to exist. Now, many are facing a "reverse digital divide," as people recommend limiting screen time for kids so that they can have the experience of being with friends and family and develop strong personal relationships. Unfortunately, in some families, a parent or role model is unable to be at home to monitor screen time and encourage kids to spend time in-person with others.

Moving forward, the difficult task is to find a balance of embracing the blessings of technology without losing the good of and the need for human interaction.

Looking Ahead - On March 29, 2022, and April 5, 2022, KCK Rotary will welcome Wyandotte County high school seniors who will be making presentations in hopes of receiving a KCK Rotary Presidents' Foundation scholarship. We are in need of members willing to serve as judges on one or both of those dates. Please let Karole or Rosemary know if you would be willing to serve as a judge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Club has donated a basket for the auction at **Rotary District 5710's Gathering for Good** fundraiser, scheduled for March 26, 2022. Proceeds from the auction are directed to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Many thanks to **Dan Duncan** for leading the basket donation project and to **Jen Wewers, Karole Bradford, Greg Shondell, George Turner, Pat Crilly, and Rosemary Podrebarac** for donations of items for the basket.



Volunteer Day! The Club has scheduled a volunteer project at **Cross-Lines Community Outreach** on **Thursday, April 14, 2022**, at 2 pm. We will be working in the food pantry that day. Please contact **David Bluford** or **Rosemary Podrebarac** to volunteer.

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

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



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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