

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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Happy Passover!!

Happy Easter!!

LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY -President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan Duncan then provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to members with April birthdays: Ashley Adorante, Scott Martens, and Bud Thurston, followed by a rousing chorus of The University of Kansas Fight Song in honor of the Jayhawks Men's Basketball NCAA Championship!

Scott Kaufmann, program chair for April, mentioned that his theme for the month of programs is freedom. This week, with the idea of artistic freedom, Scott introduced Charlie Podrebarac, local artist and cartoonist. Charlie grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, attending St. John the Baptist grade school. For college, he attended The University of Kansas and was thus able to join in the Fight Song when Scott led the singing.

At KU, Charlie majored in advertising and journalism and launched his art career while working at a magazine, inserting some of his cartoons in the publication. Since 1984, Charlie has produced his cartoon series "Cowtown", which appeared for many years in the now defunct *The Kansas City Star Magazine*, as well as another cartoon series called "Fat Cats". After *The Kansas City Star Magazine* ceased publication in 2015, the owners of Joe's Kansas City restaurant asked Charlie to continue the "Cowtown" cartoons so that they could post on their Facebook page. Indeed, "Cowtown" continues today and is published on the GoComics website. Charlie's

cartoons can be viewed here: [CowTown by Charlie Podrebarac - GoComics](#).

In addition to his cartoons, Charlie spends a great deal of time on artwork for individual clients, greeting cards, calendars, and commissions for various businesses and civic entities and causes. During his presentation, Charlie shared photos of some of his art pieces, including the KC Heart currently displayed on the Plaza, near the Neptune Fountain, for the KC Parade of Hearts. A multiple panel piece by Charlie is on permanent display at Arrowhead Stadium as part of the KC Chiefs arts program highlighting arts and music in Kansas City and the surrounding area. Charlie and his tent of artwork can also be seen at various art fairs, including the Plaza Art Fair (a 30-year participant!) and the Prairie Village Art Show.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speakers will be John Simmons and Marlena Smith who will speak to the Club about efforts in Kansas to decriminalize or legalize marijuana. Scott Kaufmann is the program chair for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Neil Wakefield, President elect of the Village West Rotary, visited our Club this past week to announce the **2022 Greater Kansas City Day**, a fundraiser for Rotary Youth Camp and a replacement for the former newspaper sales. This year, the Monarchs and the Negro League Museum are joining the fundraising efforts. For a donation of \$20, you will receive a Monarchs ball cap, a voucher for two tickets to a Monarchs game, and a sample of Monarchs blend coffee from The Roasterie.

Quarterly billing statements were emailed to members on April 1, 2022. Due to a technical issue, some of you may not be able to open the statement attachment. If this issue affects you, please email Greg Shondell (greg@HeathwoodOil.com) to request an additional copy. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

District 5710 has been awarded 30 **Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) scholarships**. If interested, please visit the website and apply now so you can secure enrollment. [See the application information here](#).

World Immunization Week is April 24-30, 2022 - a great opportunity to advocate for polio eradication and to promote the importance of vaccines.



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. (Rosdale 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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