

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, and Karen Hostetler provided the invocation, sharing the words of the hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful.” Scott Kaufmann then led the group in singing “Happy Birthday” to members with birthdays during June: Greg Shondell and new member Njeri Mwangi. In honor of Flag Day, members then sang “America the Beautiful.”

Next, President Jen officially introduced Njeri Mwangi for the first time and presented Njeri with her Rotary pin and badge. At the close of the meeting, President Jen also pressed our newest member into service and requested Njeri to lead members in the Four Way Test.

Margaret Steele, program chair for June, introduced our speaker, Susan Cantrell, a Kansas City, Kansas native, who still resides in Wyandotte County. Before her current job as President of Sterling Sales Strategies, LLC, Ms. Cantrell worked at THE KANSAS CITY STAR and at Visit KC. Presently, Ms. Cantrell is also working on promoting the 100th Anniversary of the Fairfax Industrial District.

Ms. Cantrell’s family has ties to the Fairfax Industrial District as her father worked in the Fairfax district for 35 years during his career with Phillips Petroleum.

Founded in 1922, the Fairfax Industrial District was the first planned industrial district in the United States. Currently, more than 130 companies, employing more than 10,000 people, are located in Fairfax. Ms. Cantrell shared several fun facts about the Fairfax District:

- 75% of Cheez-Its are produced by the Keebler plant in Fairfax
- CertainTeed is the largest fiberglass insulation manufacturing plant in the world
- 95% of the unleaded gas in the KC metro area is supplied by 3 pipeline companies located in Fairfax
- During World War II, B-25 bombers and the Darby Boats used in the Normandy invasion were manufactured in Fairfax
- The Fairfax GM plant is the only one producing the Chevy Malibu
- During World War II, women working in the Fairfax District were some of the original Rosie the Riveters

The Anniversary Celebration for Fairfax will begin in July with a 100th Anniversary exhibit opening at the Wyandotte County Museum on July 5th and running through September. The celebration continues with a luncheon to be held on August 18, 2022, at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, featuring Esther George, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, as the keynote speaker. Another luncheon is set for September 15, 2022, at the Wyandotte County Museum, and the celebration will conclude with the Fairfax Festival on October 6, 2022, at Kaw Point Park.

A copy of Ms. Cantrell’s PowerPoint presentation is attached, and she recommends visiting www.fiakck.org for additional information.

After last week’s meeting, Bill Strumillo, who grew up in Kansas City, Kansas, shared several of his ties to the Fairfax area. For one of Bill’s first summer jobs, he worked for

Cyclone Fence Company in Fairfax, and Bill and Anita's wedding reception was held at the Fairfax Airport Terminal Restaurant!

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - **Barbara Fitzgerald** and **Mark Naster**, from Hillcrest Transitional Housing, will be speaking to us about Hillcrest's work in housing in the Kansas City metro area. **Margaret Steele** is the program chair for the month.

On **Tuesday, June 28, 2022**, the Club will hold its annual **Installation Event**, at **The Mockingbird Lounge**, 204 Orchard Street. The evening, from 5:30 pm until 7 pm, will be cocktail hour with appetizers, at which we thank this year's directors and officers and install next year's directors and officers. Plan to join us to thank Jen for a wonderful year as President and kick off Karole's presidency! Please make reservations with Rosemary by Friday, June 24, 2022.

There will be no luncheon meeting on June 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Neil Wakefield, incoming President of the **Village West Rotary Club**, thanked members for supporting Greater Kansas City Day and invited members to join Village West at its meetings, held on Thursday mornings at 7:30 am.

With the beginning of another Rotary year, we are in the process of updating the **Club's membership roster**. If you have any changes to make to your directory information or if you wish to utilize a different photo, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac**. Please submit any changes or new photos by July 15th.

The next **Kaw Point Park Clean-up** hosted by The Friends of Kaw Point is scheduled for **Saturday, June 18, 2022**.

Volunteer Day! The Club has scheduled a volunteer project at **Cross-Lines Community Outreach** on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022**, from 10 am until 1 pm. We will be working in the

community kitchen that day. Please contact **David Bluford** or **Rosemary Podrebarac** to volunteer.

The **Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City** has rescheduled its second annual **Rotaract BINGO Night** to **Thursday, August 4, 2022**, at the Bonner Springs Community Center. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, with Bingo starting at 7 pm. In addition to Bingo, the evening includes dinner, drinks, and a silent auction. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit this site: <https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-night>. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Redemptorist Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Program Ideas/Program Chairs: Do you have any leads on great programs for our meetings? Please send any suggestions for programs to **Jay Dunlap, Program Chair for 2022-2023**. Jay is also searching for monthly program chairs for next year. Please contact Jay to volunteer.

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

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**.

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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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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