

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 a prayer for families as the invocation. Scott Kaufmann then led the group in singing "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory."

Next, President Jen formally introduced Njeri Mwangi for the second time and presented Njeri with her "Object of Rotary" plaque.

Margaret Steele, program chair for June, introduced our speakers, Barbara Fitzgerald and Mark Naster, from Hillcrest Transitional Housing. Mr. Naster shared that Hillcrest Transitional Housing has been working to solve homelessness since 1976. When working with clients, Hillcrest provides housing for people who go through the Hillcrest program which has the goal of teaching self-sufficiency. The program assists clients with procuring jobs by providing training and internship opportunities.

Ms. Fitzgerald, the Director of Development for Hillcrest, explained that Hillcrest provides transitional housing but does not serve as an emergency shelter. In 21 properties located throughout the Kansas City metro area, Hillcrest operates a 90 day program to move individuals from homelessness to permanent housing as well as a youth program. Hillcrest also provides rapid rehousing assistance through a HUD program which allows Hillcrest to pay up to 6 months rent in order to get individuals back on their feet and prevent them from being homeless.

During 2021, Hillcrest provided services to 1386 individuals, consisting of more than 570 households, with more than 430

children benefitting from these services. For that period, 152 households were moved from homelessness to self-sufficiency through Hillcrest's work. Looking ahead, Hillcrest is hosting its annual gala on August 31, 2022. As a good steward, Hillcrest utilizes approximately 85% of funds donated to it for programming service.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - 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 a cocktail hour with appetizers, and will include the installation of next year's 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:

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.

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.

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.](#)



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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