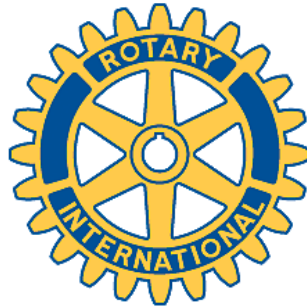


# The War-Whoop

Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin

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**LAST WEEK AT ROTARY** – KCK Rotary member **Kathleen VonAchen**, Chief Financial Officer for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, presented the long term financial outlook for the Unified Government. The UG receives more than \$200 million in annual income, including approximately \$170 million in tax revenues. Real property taxes (\$61 million) and sales taxes (\$49 million) make up the bulk of the UG's tax receipts.

Although the budget forecast indicates deficits for the next 3-4 years, the long term budget forecast shows budget surpluses in later years. These budget surpluses will be used to build the UG's reserve fund. In the near term, the UG expects substantial one-time costs for payments to eligible retirees. Also, the current 3/8<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax for public safety and infrastructure will expire in April 2020 unless renewed by the voters. Losing the 3/8<sup>th</sup> cent public safety sales tax would negatively impact the budget by an estimated \$9.6 million.

President **Ashley Adorante** opened the meeting, and **George Turner** gave the invocation. **Scott Kaufmann** led the singing, and **Bill Epperheimer** introduced the visitors.

President **Ashley** introduced **Ted Garcia** to the club for the second time and presented him with his "Object of Rotary" plaque. Ted's Rotary classification is Law – Immigration.

**Paul Harris Drawing - Ken Davis** won the right to draw for the joker last Tuesday. **Ken** did not draw the joker, and we will begin with **\$173.00** for next week's drawing.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - **Mr. Carlton Philpot** will be presenting information on the Buffalo Soldiers Monument at Fort Leavenworth and particularly about a new monument to the 6888th Postal Battalion the first African American female unit deployed overseas.

**John Freshnock** will be the program chairman for the day and for the month.

**Wedding Bells** – Congratulations to Donna Severance and Frank Simonich who were married last Saturday at Village Presbyterian Church! Many Rotarians were among the friends who joined the happy couple to celebrate.

**PETS** – PETS Training will take place March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> in Wichita, Kansas. Although attendance of incoming Presidents is, all Board members are also welcome to attend.

**District Conference** – Don't forget that the District Conference will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup> in Overland Park. Visit the District website for more information or register at <https://rotary5710conference.eventbrite.com>.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)** – RYLA is scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup> at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

**Around District 5710** – The Shawnee Rotary Club is hosting its Third Annual "Taste of Shawnee" on Sunday, April 8, 2017 at Old Shawnee Town. Also, on Saturday, May 6, 2017, the Olathe Rotary Club will hold its Days of Wine & Rotary at the Ball Conference Center in Olathe.

**Congratulations** to the Rotary Club of Emporia as it celebrates its Centennial on May 31, 2017.



## 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 the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, it 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 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 (11:45am) ----- Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.  
Overland Park (11:30am) ----- Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd.

### TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00am) ----- Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65<sup>th</sup>  
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119<sup>th</sup> & I-35

### WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133<sup>rd</sup>  
Leavenworth (Noon) ----- Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade  
KCI, Missouri (Noon) ----- KCI Expo Center, 11730 N. Ambassador Dr.  
Shawnee Mission (Noon) ----- Sylvester Powell Center, Martway & Lamar  
Olathe (Noon) ----- Mahaffie/Heritage Center, 1200 E. Kansas City Road  
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- EBT, 1310 Carondelet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

### THURSDAY

South Platte, Missouri (7:00am) ----- Trezo Mare, 4105 Mulberry Drive, KCMO  
Johnson County (7:15am) ----- Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12601 W. 95<sup>th</sup>, Lenexa  
Leawood (7:15am) ----- Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Rd  
Village West (7:15am) ----- Dave & Buster's, 1843 Village West Pkwy., KCK  
Gardner (7:30am) ----- Senior Citizen Bldg., 128 E. Park  
Olathe Santa Fe Trail (7:30am) --- Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Campus Ctr.  
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- The Gallery, 61 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, KCMO

### FRIDAY

Desoto (7:00am) ----- Desoto United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road  
Shawnee (7:15am) ----- Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive  
Plaza, Missouri (7:15am) ----- Intercontinental Hotel, 401 Ward Parkway  
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Library, 2251 Howell Street  
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Woodard Center  
Lenexa (Noon) ----- Lakeview Village, Northpointe Bldg., 91st & Park St.

Meeting make ups can be made 14 days before or after the missed meeting.  
Please see the Secretary for the world directory of all Rotary Club's meeting times, days and places.

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