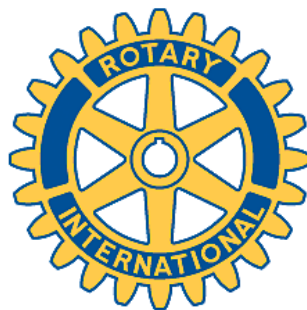


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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY – Carlton Philpott, from Fort Leavenworth, gave a presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers Monument at Fort Leavenworth and on a planned new monument to the 6888th Postal Battalion, the first African American female unit deployed overseas. Mr. Philpott has a fondness for Rotary as he has been a speaker at the Rotary Youth Conference for the past 25 years.

The Buffalo Soldiers Monument, dedicated in 1992 by General Colin L. Powell, commemorates the significant contributions of African American Soldiers and units in the US Army.

The new monument that is now planned for Fort Leavenworth is a tribute to the WAC's 6888th Central Postal Battalion (The Six Triple Eight). The 6888th was the first African American all-female battalion. In January 1945, the 6888th was deployed to Birmingham, England, with the six month assignment of sorting and directing the delivery of millions of pieces of mail intended for the troops in Europe. Upon arrival in England, the Six Triple Eight confronted three airplane hangars full of mail, some of which had been delayed in delivery for two years. The women worked in three eight hour shifts each day and cleared the backlog in three months – half the time of their assignment. With their success in England, the Six Triple Eight was then sent to Rouen, France, and later to Paris, in order to tackle the mail backlog at those locations. After the war ended in 1945, the 6888th returned home to Fort Dix.

Member **John Freshnock** is assisting with the design of the monument to the 6888th to be constructed at Fort Leavenworth.

Of Note - Did you know that **Terry Robinson's** father was a member of the Buffalo Soldiers?

President **Ashley Adorante** opened the meeting, and **Merle Parks** gave the invocation. **Scott Kaufmann** led the singing, and **Bruce Schlosser** introduced the visitors.

President **Ashley** introduced **Ted Garcia** to the club for the third and final time and presented him with his "ABC's of Rotary" book and a flash drive with the Club's 100 Year Anniversary history. Ted's Rotary classification is Law – Immigration. Welcome to KCK Rotary!

Paul Harris Drawing - Dave Skidgel won the right to draw for the joker last Tuesday. **Dave** did not draw the joker, and we will begin with **\$183.00** for next week's drawing.

Meeting Location and Luncheon - President Ashley opened a discussion with the Club regarding the Board's research concerning our meeting location and luncheon costs. The current options are (1) to keep our meetings at the Reardon Center and increase the meal charge for members by \$50 per quarter or (2) to change our meeting location and caterer and agree to the use of disposable plates, cups, and utensils for our luncheons. Club members participated in a spirited discussion of the choices presented. The Club decided to table the issue and undertake additional research concerning specific options. After the meeting several Club members offered suggestions for alternative locations. If you have any suggestions or opinions concerning our luncheon cost and location, please forward those to the Board.

Kansas City Day – Dan Duncan reminded members that Kansas City Day will be held on April 10, 2017. He encouraged all members who have not volunteered for a corner to contact him or one of the corner captains to join in the Kansas City Day Paper Sales.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY – John Freshnock will be the program chairman for the day and for the month.

Incoming President – Be sure to welcome back Vice President **Fred Zimmerman** from his trip to Wichita, Kansas, where he attended PETS Training.



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.

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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. 65th
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & I-35

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133rd
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, 2nd Floor

THURSDAY

South Platte, Missouri (7:00am) ----- Trezo Mare, 4105 Mulberry Drive, KCMO
Johnson County (7:15am) ----- Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12601 W. 95th, 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. 14th 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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