

The War-Whoop
Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin
Club Meets Every Tuesday at Noon at the Hilton Garden Inn
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LAST WEEK AT ROTARY – Brennan Crawford, CEO of CHWC, Inc., shared information on that organization's work in our community. Mr. Crawford has been with CHWC since 2014, being named its CEO in November of 2016. CHWC is a chartered member of NeighborWorks America, a national network of more than 240 community development corporations working to strengthen communities across America.

With the motto of "Rooftops are not enough," Mr. Crawford explained that CHWC takes a comprehensive approach to revitalizing and stabilizing KCK neighborhoods, through both new home construction and renovating existing housing stock, homebuyer education and counseling programs, and various initiatives to build and enhance the sense of community.

CHWC's recent housing efforts have been concentrated in the Waterway Park, Bethany, and Riverview neighborhoods. In addition to housing, CHWC has launched Splitlog Farm and Orchard, which not only promotes community health but also offers KCK residents a hands-on way to engage with others in their community. CHWC also operates EPIC Arts Clay Studio and A Cup on the Hill, the coffee shop at 730 Minnesota Avenue. Mr. Crawford invited all to drop by A Cup on the Hill any Friday morning to join in the weekly community coffee from 8 am – 10 am.

Recognizing the importance of non-profits in the UG's development plans, **Mayor Mark Holland** advised the Club that an estimated 85-90% of the recent new housing located east of I-635 in Kansas City,

Kansas, has been constructed by non-profit entities, and most of that new housing has been completed by CHWC.

President **Ashley Adorante** opened the meeting, and **Karole Bradford** gave the invocation. **Scott Kaufmann** led the singing, and **John Bukaty** introduced the visitors.

Paul Harris Drawing - Frank Simonich won the right to draw for the joker last Tuesday. **Frank** did not draw the joker, and we will begin with **\$195.00** for next week's drawing.

Greater Kansas City Day – 30th Anniversary - Dan Duncan again reminded members that Greater Kansas City Day is set for Monday, April 10, 2017, prior to the Royals Home Opener. We are still in need of three additional volunteers to sell newspapers that morning. If you have not volunteered for a corner, please contact Dan or one of the corner captains to join in the Greater Kansas City Day Paper Sales.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY – A club business meeting will be held next Tuesday. The topic of discussion will be our future meeting location and luncheon arrangement. At present, the Club is faced with a decision to either (1) remain at the Reardon Convention Center with an accompanying meal cost increase of \$50 per quarter or (2) change our meeting location and caterer and agree to the use of disposable plates, cups, and utensils for our luncheons. Members of the Board have been investigating possible alternative meeting sites and caterers, with the preference of remaining near the Downtown KCK area.

Please come to the meeting prepared to listen to and discuss our current options and offer viable alternatives. If you are unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, please send your opinion or any suggestions to President Ashley Adorante, Secretary Jim Knight, Treasurer Greg Shondell or Rosemary Podrebarac.

Condolences to Chris McCord on the death of his mother last week.

Our Roaming Rotarian

Johnson County Sunset Club -----**Dave Skidgel**



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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