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**LAST WEEK AT ROTARY - Nida Dada** from the Crescent Peace Society spoke to the Club about the work of Crescent Peace Society and shared information about Muslimism. The Crescent Peace Society (CPS) was formed by four Kansas City families in 1996, in an effort to introduce Islam to the community and educate the public about the Muslims that are part of our community. CPS is a Kansas City area interfaith organization seeking to enhance the understanding of Muslim cultures through educational and cultural activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences among people of diverse cultures. Nida spoke about the "Meet a Muslim" events and various charitable works, including some scholarships for college bound students, sponsored by CPS.

Nida also shared the five pillars of Islam which are:

- 1. Belief or Creed There is one god who is the supreme being, and you return to him after death.
- 2. Prayer The goal is to pray five times daily.
- Charity Those who are financially able are to give 2.5% of their accumulated wealth to charity each year
- 4. Fasting Ramadan is a month of fasting, from sunrise to sunset. Nida explained that the concept of fasting applies to abstaining from both food and bad habits.
- 5. Pilgrimage to Mecca

Nida indicated that belief in god and the practice of prayer are mandatory. The concept of Charity begins with family and extended family and then expands to neighbors and the community. Although a pillar of the religion, making the Pilgrimage to Mecca at some point during their lifetime is not feasible for all Muslims. Hospitality is also very important in the Muslim culture, and Nida explained that Islam emphasizes the supreme kindness of women with the saying "a mother is the doorway to heaven."

There are 7 formal mosques in the Kansas City area. One of these mosques, located in Leavenworth, is 100% Shia. The other mosques are mixed, but most members at those mosques are Sunni.

Jen Wewers served as program chair for the day.

President John Freshnock opened the meeting, Todd Jordan gave the invocation, Bruce Schlosser introduced our visitors, and Scott Kaufmann led the singing.

**Ken Davis** announced that the Missouri 340 has been rescheduled for September 10, 2019. In the past, Rotarians have volunteered at the event, and volunteers will be needed again this year.

**Karole Bradford** announced that the Board approved the Club's participation in the HDF Scholarship Campaign "Cambio para Cambio." The Board has agreed to match member donations to the fund up to \$1,000. In addition, an HDF donor will match all donations received during the fall campaign, which means that your \$1 donation will become \$4 available for college scholarships for Wyandotte County students. The official kick-off for our Club will be at our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Paul Harris Drawing - Todd Jordan** won the right to draw for the joker last Tuesday. **Todd** did not draw the joker, and we will begin with **\$145.00** for next week's drawing.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY –** Anne Muccino, local author, will join us next week to talk about her writing. **Jen Wewers** will serve as program chair again next week.



## 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

	Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.
	Doubletree Hotel, 10100 College Blvd.
TUESDAY	
Gladstone (7:00am)	Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65 <sup>th</sup>
WEDNESDAY	
	Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133rd
	- Riverfront Community Center, 123 S. Esplanade
	Granite City Pub, 8461 NW Prairie View Rd.
Shawnee Mission (Noon) Sylvest	er Powell Community Ctr, 6200 Martway, Mission
	Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S. Strang Line Road
	Margarita's, 13401 Holmes Rd.
	Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & I-35
	Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway
THURSDAY	
	Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS
	Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Rd
	Famous Dave's, 1320 Village West Pkwy., KCK
	Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park
Santa Fe Trail (7:30am) Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Campus Ctr., Olathe	
Kansas City, Missouri (Noon)	The Gallery, 61 E. 14th Street, KCMO
FRIDAY	
	to United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road
	Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive
	Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.
	NKC Library, 2251 Howell Street
Parkville, Missouri (Noon)	Park University Underground, Woodard Center
Lenexa (Noon) Lakeview Village, Southridge Bldg., 14001 W. 92 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor	
Meeting make ups can be made 14 days before or after the missed meeting.	
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