

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary  
Club



Kansas City, KS

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**LAST WEEK AT ROTARY** - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Bukaty** provided the invocation and **Scott Kaufmann** then led club members in singing "Happy Birthday" to members with November birthdays: David Bluford, John Bukaty, Karen Hostetler, Ken Davis, Jay Dunlap, and Chris McCord. In honor of Election Day, the Club also sang "America the Beautiful." We also welcomed several guests, including former - and now returning - Club member **Terry Woodbury** and **Scott Kaufmann's** brother-in-law.

**Scott Kaufmann**, program chair for the month, introduced our speaker, **Jason Young**, Senior Vice President with American Funds, who has been with the company for approximately 18 years.

Mr. Young focused his presentation on the effect elections and other national and world events have on the stock market. In the past 22 presidential election cycles, beginning in the 1930's, the stock market has noted no difference in returns related to which political party is in the White House. He then directed attention to three specific presidential elections which occurred during periods of crisis in the United States.

During the 1936 Presidential election, when Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated Alf Landon, the country was mired in the Great Depression, and the Dust Bowl wreaked havoc in Midwest farmlands. Despite a 40% market decline in 1937 and the entry of the US into World War II, during the period from 1937 to 1947, the stock market produced an average annual return of 10.7%.

During the 1972 Presidential election, the country was still engaged in the Viet Nam War, and the oil crisis and gasoline rationing made major headlines. Despite Watergate and Nixon's resignation as

President in the following years, the stock market produced an average annual return of 8.7% during the period 1972-1982.

Mr. Young then turned to our current day situation. With coronavirus changing the face of the workplace and the political hostility associated with this election, Mr. Young described today's climate as being not so much different from other periods in history as it is personal to us today. He likened the current challenges to a tidal wave, with some sinking and becoming economic casualties and others being able to surf the wave and adapt to the situation. In fact, the pandemic has actually presented opportunities for growth in many areas, such as technology and pharmaceutical research.

Utilizing these examples, Mr. Young emphasized his message that, regardless of the current difficulties, the economy will go on.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Leo Prieto**, who is a broadcaster with Tico Sports. **Scott Kaufmann** is our program chair for the month of November.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

**Bill Epperheimer** submitted his resignation from the Club, which the Board has accepted with regrets. We will miss you, Bill!

The Board also formally approved the membership application submitted by **Terry Woodbury**. Welcome aboard, Terry!

Over half of our Club members have perfect attendance for the month of October!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. If you have not yet done so, please complete and return your pledge forms as soon as possible. Thanks!

The **Rotary District 5710 Conference** is set for this Saturday, November 7, 2020. The conference has reached its in-person capacity limit, but you may still register to attend the conference via Zoom for free. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the District Conference via Zoom!

Thanks to **Jen Wewers** for submitting an article about our Club's Zoom meetings to the District. The article appeared in the November District 5710 Newsletter which Club members received this past Monday.



## *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 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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## **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

### **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>

#### 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) ----- Granite City Pub, 8461 NW Prairie View Rd.  
Shawnee Mission (Noon) ----- Sylvester Powell Community Ctr, 6200 Martway, Mission  
Olathe (Noon) ----- Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S. Strang Line Road  
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- Margarita's, 13401 Holmes Rd.  
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119<sup>th</sup> & I-35  
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:15pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

#### THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS  
Leawood (7:15am) ----- Hallbrook Country Club, 11200 Overbrook Rd  
Village West (7:15am) ----- Providence MC/Cafeteria Conference Rm, 8929 Parallel, KCK  
Gardner (7:30am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park  
Santa Fe Trail (7:30am) ----- Mid-Am Nazarene U, 2030 E. College Way, Olathe  
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 (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive  
Plaza, Missouri (7:15am) ----- Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.  
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- 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

Please see the Secretary for the world directory of all Rotary Club's meeting times, days, and places.

### **2020-2021 Board of Directors**

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