

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary  
Club



Kansas City, KS

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**LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY** - President Scott Martens welcomed Mayor David Alvey for his Third Annual State of the Government. President Scott opened the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and shared some remarks about the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club and its Foundation prior to introducing Mayor Alvey. Terry Woodbury provided the event's invocation, in which he incorporated portions of the Rotary Four Way Test.

Many thanks to President Scott, Terry Woodbury, and the other Rotarian volunteers who helped with the event: Karole Bradford, John Bukaty, Todd Jordan, Greg Shondell, Melissa Sieben, and Jen Wewers!

Mayor Alvey spoke about many important topics which impacted Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas, over the past year, including the Unified Government's swift response to the COVID-19 pandemic; the outstanding community work in response to the pandemic; the work of the Task Force on Community and Police Relations, formed in response to the George Floyd tragedy; the historic amount of new development investment in the county during 2020; and new efforts with respect to building sustainable neighborhoods and creating more units of safe and affordable housing for Wyandotte County residents.

A copy of the press release outlining Mayor Alvey's presentation is provided with this newsletter.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our program will be presented by members of the Davis Sunset Rotary Club, including Dr. Koen Van Rompay, who will share information about their Club's work on an international water project in Kenya. Karen Hostetler is the program chair for May.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Based upon the judges' ratings of the presentations by local high school students at the Club's April meetings, The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation has made its 2021 scholarship award decisions.

With some higher than expected returns on investments over the past year, and in light of the exceptional challenges that the students faced this past year, the Foundation decided to award some additional second place scholarships for 2021. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce the KCK Rotary Presidents' Foundation scholarship winners for 2021:

### \$1,500 scholarships awarded to:

Jazmin Graham  
Saul Franco Morales  
Elizabeth Thang

Bonner Springs High School  
Wyandotte High School  
Turner High School

### \$750 scholarships awarded to:

Aaron Johnson  
Jennifer Obiesie  
Kenia Ramirez  
Christian Renteria

FL Schlagle High School  
Piper High School  
FL Schlagle High School  
Sumner Academy

**In Person Meetings** - At its May meeting, the KCK Rotary Board of Directors decided to continue with virtual meetings through June 30<sup>th</sup> as we research possible new locations for in-person meetings and catering options.

Thanks to Karole Bradford, David Bluford, Scott Martens, Greg Shondell, and Melissa Sieben, who met this past Monday evening to clean-up Heathwood Park, the Club's adopted clean-up spot through the UG's Adopt-a-Spot program!

The next clean-up and landscaping day set for Kaw Point Park is scheduled on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am - Noon. Contact Ken Davis to volunteer.

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, in partnership with the Blue Valley North High School Interact Club, is hosting a Rotaract Bingo Bash on Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 6:30 pm to 9 pm, at The Legendary Rooftop at The Legends. Funds raised from this event will be used to install a new bench at Fischer Park (located in the Rosedale neighborhood), with the balance being donated to Outreach International. The evening's activities include a catered dinner from Taco Naco KC, drinks, Bingo, a silent auction, and more! Tickets may be purchased at:

<https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-bash>.

On May 27, 2021, at 6 pm, Village West Rotary is hosting a Virtual Rotary Night IN to raise funds in support of Mental Health America of the Heartland. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rotary-night-in-tickets-150054134957>



## *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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