

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - President **Scott Martens** opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jen Wewers** provided the invocation, an adapted version of the Prayer of St. Francis, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing "Home on the Range."

Karole Bradford, program chair for the day, introduced our speaker, **Alejandra "Alex" Pérez**, Coordinator of Programs at the Hispanic Development Fund. A first-generation college graduate who became a US citizen in 2015, Ms. Pérez commented that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to open our meeting reminded her of how grateful she is for her citizenship here. Prior to her work at HDF, Ms. Pérez served as an Academic Advisor at various colleges and universities in the Kansas City area.

The seeds for the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund (HDF) were planted in 1983 when the Hall Family Foundation approached leaders of Kansas City's Hispanic community. The Hall Family Foundation offered funding and the concept of a new philanthropic avenue which would allow Kansas City Hispanic leaders to control philanthropic resources for their own community. In 2006, HDF became a regional affiliate of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

Since 1984, HDF has invested more than \$8 million in more than 4500 Latino alumni. Scholarships are available to individuals from high schools in the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area who graduated or obtained a GED and who have been accepted at or are enrolled in a college or university, working toward an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or graduate degree. Recently, HDF has expanded to make its scholarship opportunities available to those attending trade school or seeking various certifications.

For 2021, HDF has awarded 405 scholarships representing more than \$788,150 in scholarship funds, including the matching funds offered by

participating colleges and universities. Some noteworthy statistics for the 2021 HDF Scholars include:

- 79% of these recipients are first-generation college students
- 65% of these recipients are Kansas residents, while 35% are Missouri residents
- 174 of the recipients are high school students, 203 are college students, and 28 are graduate students
- 16% of the recipients are DREAMers
- The recipients will attend 64 different educational institutions, 23 of which are matching institutions, providing funding to match the HDF scholarship amounts
- The recipients are graduates of 33 different Kansas City area high schools and have an average GPA of 3.5

In addition to the HDF Scholarship program, HDF operates a Family College Prep Program which provides support to both students and their families in navigating the college application process. The program, in place at several area high schools including Bishop Ward, assists by offering FAFSA workshops, college tours and college access events, and language services. This year, 26 Bishop Ward High School students received HDF scholarships, the most recipients of any area high school.

From the funds which our KCK Rotary Club raised, in 2020, seven local high school students (from Harmon, Schlagle and Wyandotte High Schools) received \$14,500 in scholarship support, when including the funds from matching institutions. Also, as a donor to the Cambio Para Cambio Campaign, the KCK Rotary Club was recognized as a sponsor and donor during the 2021 HDF Scholarship Ceremony.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Join us at 5 pm for a **Fifth Tuesday Social Event** at the home of Greg Shondell and Sis Woods. So that we may make arrangements for food, please rsvp to Rosemary Podrebarac by Noon on Monday, June 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The new **KCK Rotary Club Directory** will be released later in the summer. We are in the process of updating and correcting members' information. If you have made any changes in your contact information since the last directory or if you wish to change your photo, please forward your updated information or photo to Rosemary Podrebarac by **July 10, 2021**.

Please review and complete the **District 5710 Polio Survivors Survey**, highlighted in the May District Newsletter, and return by July 16, 2021. The survey and the article are available at this link: [District 5710 Survey for Polio Survivors and Caregivers](#)



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. 65th

WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15am) ----- Deer Creek Country Club, 7000 W. 133rd
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, 119th & 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. 14th 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. 92nd, 5th Floor

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

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