

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary  
Club



Kansas City, KS

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**LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY** - President Jen Wewers opened the meeting and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. For the invocation, Terry Woodbury shared a sung prayer in honor of Rosh Hashanah. Scott Kaufmann then led members in singing “Viva La Rotary” and in singing “Happy Birthday” to Rotarians with September birthdays: Bruce Schlosser (a milestone birthday!) and Rosemary Podrebarac.

President Jen introduced our speaker and Club member, David Bluford, who gave his classification talk. David explained his work in Financial Literacy, his Rotary classification, and also gave an overview of his background and history.

Just shy of completing his degree at University of California, Berkeley, David began his career in the theater as a stagehand. At that time in the theater business, the journeyman stagehand path was preferred to a college degree, and so David departed UC and followed his love of theater into a career.

He worked for six years with the San Francisco Opera and for ten years with the American Conservatory Theater. During this time, he became self-taught in bookkeeping and accounting as he simultaneously worked in the theater and helped keep the books for a start-up production company.

A humorous moment in David’s time at the American Conservatory Theater occurred while he was simultaneously working as a theatrical lighting technician for a performance while reviewing the books for the production company. When he received the cue to change the lighting, David was hitting the button, and when

the lighting did not change, he realized he had mistakenly been hitting the buttons on his calculator!

During his time in the theater business, David became more engaged in financial pursuits as the treasurer of the Theatrical Stage Employees Union Local No. 16 in San Francisco. He also served on the union’s pension trust fund and the health and welfare trust fund and became an assistant business agent for the Union.

Throughout this stage of his career, David began to invest in real estate, beginning with apartment rentals and then later moving to some commercial property investments. He also launched an entrepreneurial pursuit by purchasing lighting equipment and renting the equipment to production companies. After selling some real estate holdings, David invested more in the stock market, primarily in biotech and computer hardware and software companies.

After leaving the Bay Area, David and his wife lived in the Portland, Oregon area for approximately seven years. While in Portland, David learned of Financial Beginnings, a financial literacy group, and began teaching financial literacy at the maximum security juvenile offender facility in Oregon. Financial Beginnings has a goal of empowering young people to take control of their financial futures.

When he and his wife moved to Kansas City around five years ago, he continued his financial literacy work. David describes financial literacy as a knowledge base that enables an individual to manage his or her money. In teaching financial literacy, David covers a broad range of topics, including financial budgeting, banking credit and debt management, credit scores, investing, risk management, and fraud detection.

Most of his students are junior high age and most are girls who he teaches through his work with the Girl Scouts. David teaches both locally and nationally via Zoom in his role with the Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri. He also teaches in the Rosedale Future Professionals program and at Johnson County high schools in the juvenile detention program and is planning to begin working with Junior Achievement when it launches its new program BizTown in the Rosedale area.

Always listening and learning from experts, David shared his best financial advice, which is to invest in companies and people that you believe in and to be patient and not panic during market fluctuations.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be Sheriff Don Ash, who will soon be retiring from the Sheriff's office. Please join us to honor Sheriff Ash for his many years of service to the community. Todd Jordan is the program chair for the month.

#### MEMBER NEWS:



Bill Porter recently sent well wishes to Club members - along with news that he and Marti welcomed their first grandchild, Liliana Sophia Porter! Liliana was born on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, at University of North Carolina Hospital, where her mom is a doctor in the OB-Gyn Department.

Congratulations to the proud Grandparents!

**Heartfelt Condolences** to the family of **Bill Mullarky**, long time active member and former President of the KCK Rotary Club, as well as a prior District Governor for what is now District 5710. Although Bill originally entered Rotary in another club, he joined the KCK Rotary Club in 1977, served as President of our Club in 1984-1985, and as District Governor in 1987-1988. A dedicated Rotarian, Bill shared his knowledge and love of Rotary in many "Mullarky Minutes" delivered at weekly Club meetings.

A Memorial Service for Bill is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 10:30 am at Village Presbyterian Church. His obituary may be found at [William "Bill" Mullarky Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(amosfamily.com\)](https://www.amosfamily.com/obituary/William-Bill-Mullarky). *Rest in peace.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves!

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City is participating in a **Blood Drive on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the Kansas City Community Blood Center, 4040 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. To join the group donating blood that day, please visit [Blood Drive | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/blooddrivekc).

This year's **Pledge Letter and Pledge Response Form** have been sent to all members. Please consider your commitment to KCK Rotary for this year and return your completed form to Rosemary Podrebarac.

The **2021 District 5710 Rotary Conference** will be held October 21-23, 2021, in Manhattan, Kansas. The conference theme is "Fourth and Inches" as we are in the fourth decade of our fight to eradicate the polio virus, and we are inches away from our goal. Rotarians may attend the Conference either in person or virtually. **Early bird discounts are available through September 15, 2021.** For more information and to register for the conference, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5710DC2021>.

All members are invited to attend **District 5710's End Human Trafficking Committee** meeting on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 4 pm.** Please join via Zoom using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3026681456?pwd=S0dSRk5pN2YwdlAzMldYdW5PUzJTZz09>  
Meeting ID: 302 668 1456, Passcode: 597564



## *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 of the nationally recognized Kansas Speedway.

Near the geographical and population centers of the contiguous United States, Kansas City, Kansas 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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## **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

### **WHERE NEARBY TO MAKE UP ATTENDANCE**

#### MONDAY

Bonner Springs (11:45 am) ----- Twister Bar & Grill, 13100 Kansas Ave.  
Overland Park (Noon) ----- Overland Park Chamber, 9001 W. 110<sup>th</sup>, Bldg #150

#### TUESDAY

Gladstone (7:00 am) ----- Fairview Christian Church, 1800 N.E. 65th  
Western Johnson County (5:30 pm) ----- Blue Moose, 10064 Woodland Rd., Lenexa

#### WEDNESDAY

Overland Park South (7:15 am) ----- 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) ----- American Legion, 410 E. Dennis Ave.  
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135<sup>th</sup> St.  
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15 pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119<sup>th</sup> & I-35  
Waldo-Brookside, Missouri (5:30 pm) ----- Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway

#### THURSDAY

Johnson County (7:15 am) ----- Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder St., OPKS  
Leawood (7:15 am) ----- Hereford House, 5001 Town Center Dr.  
Village West (7:30 am) ----- Providence MC/Cafeteria Conference Rm, 8929 Parallel, KCK  
Gardner (7:30 am) ----- Gardner Community Ctr., 128 E. Park  
Santa Fe Trail (7:30 am) ----- 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 (7:00 am) ----- Desoto United Methodist Church, 8760 Kill Creek Road  
Shawnee (7:15 am) ----- Shawnee Town Hall, 11600 Johnson Drive  
Plaza, Missouri (7:15 am) ----- Grand Street Cafe, 4740 Grand Ave.  
North Kansas City, Missouri (Noon) ----- NKC Parks & Rec., 1201 Clark Fergusson Dr.  
Parkville, Missouri (Noon) ----- Park University Underground, Distance Learning Ctr.  
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 meeting times, days, and places.

### **2021-2022 Board of Directors**

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