

The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club



Kansas City, KS

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LAST TUESDAY AT ROTARY - Vice President **Karole Bradford** opened the meeting, while President **Jen Wewers** recuperated from her recent surgery. **Ken Davis** led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Karen Hostetler** provided a thoughtful invocation based upon the topic of today's Club Assembly, asking for wisdom and for responsible stewardship of our Club finances. **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing "Hey, Look Me Over."

After several announcements, **Karole Bradford** kicked off the monthly Club Assembly by introducing our Treasurer, **Greg Shondell**, who provided an overview of the Club's finances as well as the finances of our Foundation, The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation. A summary of the 2020-2021 Club and Foundation finances was included in the July 30, 2021, edition of The War Whoop (available on the Club's website).

With respect to the Club's finances, the account balance as of June 30, 2021, was approximately \$27,000. In most years, the largest Club expense is for catering costs, but during the current period of Zoom meetings, the Club's largest expenses are for District and Rotary International dues as well as for the website hosting expense and the Zoom license. At the end of the first quarter of this Rotary year, the Club's balance has dropped to approximately \$25,000, due mostly to the timing of the payment of the District and RI dues expense and the renewal of the Zoom license.

The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation, which is recognized as a 501(c)(3) entity by the IRS, is a separate legal entity from the KCK Rotary Club. As of June 30, 2021, the

Foundation had a total balance, including all accounts, of almost \$45,000. Of that amount, \$7,500 was already committed to fund the scholarships which we awarded in May to seven KCK high school seniors.

Donations to the Foundation from members have been in the \$5,000 - \$7,000 range annually over the last few years. Of that giving, generally \$2,000 - \$2,500 is earmarked for Rotary International and Polio Plus as members request. The healthy balance of the local Foundation is largely due to a generous gift from former KCK Rotary member **Connie Moritz**, in whose honor and memory our scholarships are named.

The largest annual financial commitment from our Foundation is for the scholarship program which the Club has supported for many years. During the pandemic, the Foundation also provided donations to local food pantries and to Shepherd's Center for donations to local senior citizens at Christmas.

Incorporated in 2004, the Foundation's specific stated purposes include:

- To promote and protect the ideals of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation;
- To provide scholarship assistance to students from the Kansas City, Kansas area pursuing post-secondary education;
- To assist and to provide relief to the underprivileged or less fortunate;
- To promote the social welfare of the residents of the City of Kansas City, Kansas and surrounding areas;

Please keep The KCK Rotary Presidents' Foundation in mind when considering your charitable giving.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker next Tuesday will be **Randy Lopez**, President of the Kansas City Kansas School District Board of Education and Vice President of Community Programs for the Wyandotte Health Foundation. **Terry Woodbury** is the program chair for the month.

Many thanks to **Todd Jordan** for putting together a great month of programs in September!!

MEMBER NEWS:

Scott Kaufmann's daughter **Lily** recently performed at an outdoor concert in Times Square for Playbill's Curtain Up Celebration, marking the re-opening of Broadway. To see and hear Lily sing "Don't Rain on My Parade" from Funny Girl, please follow this link: <https://vimeo.com/609825476>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Hispanic Development Fund Cambio para Cambio scholarship fundraising campaign began on September 15th and will run through October 15th. The Club is providing a dollar for dollar match of the first \$2,500 of member contributions. To support scholarships for KCK youth, please visit the KCK Rotary fundraising page:

<https://hdfkc.networkforgood.com/projects/138980-rotary-club-of-kansas-city-ks-s-fundraiser>.

Don't forget the **2021 District 5710 Rotary Conference**, "Fourth and Inches," which is scheduled for October 21-23, 2021, in Manhattan, Kansas. Rotarians may attend the Conference either in person or virtually. For more information and to register for the conference, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/5710DC2021>.

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.

Sincere thanks to those Club members and Rotaract members who spent last Saturday morning cleaning and weeding at Kaw Point Park! **Ken Davis** and his wife **Cheryl** were joined by **George Turner**



and by **Fernanda Tomé** and **Hallie Rogers** of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City. Reflecting on the items of trash they discovered, George and Ken shared some interesting insights with the Club concerning the most popular beverages for Kaw Point visitors.

Mark your calendars to join in the fun at **Kaw Point Park** next month on **Saturday, October 23, 2021**, at 9 am!

George Turner displaying the hard-earned trophies from the group's efforts!



Two members of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, **Hallie Rogers**, and **Fernanda Tomé**, Treasurer and President, respectively, joined in the clean-up efforts.



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. 110th, 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. 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) ----- American Legion, 410 E. Dennis Ave.
Kansas City South, Missouri (Noon) ----- RC's Restaurant, 330 E. 135th St.
Johnson County-Sunset (5:15 pm) ----- Hilton Garden Inn Olathe, 119th & 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. 14th 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. 92nd, 5th Floor

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

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