

# 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. **Hank Chamberlain** provided a lovely invocation reflecting on Rotary principles, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing "Happy Birthday" to members with October birthdays: **President Jen, Mark Dupree, Donna Severance, George Turner, and Fred Zimmerman**. We also sang "America the Beautiful" in honor of Fr. Emil Kapuan, who died in a prisoner of war camp during the Korean War and whose remains were recently identified and returned to his native Kansas for burial.

We were also joined by visitors, **Saul Franco Morales**, one of the recipients of a 2021 scholarship from The Kansas City Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation who will be speaking to the Club in a couple of weeks, and **Melody Burns**.

**Terry Woodbury**, program chair for October, explained that the October programs are centered on a theme of "The Future of Wyandotte County" and then turned to **Rick Behrens** who introduced our speaker **Randy Lopez**, President of the Kansas City Kansas School District Board of Education and Vice President for Community Programs at the Wyandotte Health Foundation. In January 2020, Mr. Lopez, a Sumner Academy graduate, began his first term on the School Board and was elected as its President. Describing Wyandotte County as home, Mr. Lopez shared some of his background and declared that Wyandotte County is "a little slice of heaven" here in the Midwest.

The KCK School District has an enrollment of 22,200 students and employs approximately 4,000 staff members. In the 2020-2021 school year, the student population consisted of 55% Hispanic/Latino students, 24% black students, 10% white students, and 7% Asian students, with 4% identifying as other. Also, nearly 36% of KCK School District students do not come from English-speaking homes.

To create a strong School District, Mr. Lopez emphasized the importance of family, community, and relationship building. He explained that the District has a responsibility to welcome and embrace the diversity of the population which it serves, by supporting each other. In viewing our differences as beautiful rather than scary, people will be more able to understand and appreciate one another. To do so, the District provides trauma sensitive training and trauma awareness, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion training.

With the diverse population of students and the diversity of Wyandotte County as a whole, Mr. Lopez describes the future of Wyandotte County as colorful, bright, multicultural, and multilingual.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker next Tuesday will be our very own **Mark Dupree**, District Attorney for Wyandotte County, who will continue with the month's theme of "The Future of Wyandotte County." **Terry Woodbury** is the program chair for the month.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 15<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

**Greg Shondell** also shared that we received a District grant in the amount of \$1708 to support our local scholarship program.

The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves!

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>.



## *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.

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