

# 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. Reflecting on the autumn season and the theme of this month's programs, **Karen Hostetler** provided the invocation, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'", also in recognition of a beautiful fall day.

We were joined by **Fernanda Tomé**, President of the Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City, and **Melody Burns**, VISTA volunteer in the UG's Department of Planning + Urban Design.

**John Freshnock**, our Roaming Rotarian, also shared some photos and some information about a Rotary project which he visited during his recent trip to Wilmington, Delaware.

**Terry Woodbury**, program chair for October, explained that the October programs are centered on a theme of "The Future of Wyandotte County" and introduced Rotary Club member **Mark Dupree**, District Attorney for Wyandotte County. In his introduction, Terry applied the Four Way Test to Mark and declared that Mark indeed passed the test.

DA Dupree opened his remarks by sharing the seal of the DA's office, which includes the words "Ministers of Justice," and reminded members of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Taking office in 2017, DA Dupree became the third District Attorney for Wyandotte County, following Nick Tomasic and

Jerry Gorman, and the first African American DA in the State of Kansas.

A Wyandotte County native and Wyandotte High School graduate, DA Dupree's introduction to the legal system began when he was in high school and met his future mentor, Judge Cordell Meeks, Jr., who peaked the future DA's interest in the law and in ensuring the fairness and integrity of the legal process.

Since taking the lead as DA of Wyandotte County, Mr. Dupree has launched a Conviction Integrity Unit, originally the Community Integrity Unit, to review past convictions and help safeguard and ensure the fairness of the application of the legal process.

Looking toward the future in Wyandotte County, DA Dupree would like to establish a Public Defenders' Office in Wyandotte County. A Public Defenders' Office would provide qualified public defenders to represent criminal defendants in proceedings, replacing the current system of assigning attorneys from a private attorney list to represent these defendants. With a Public Defenders' office, the wait time for defendants to meet with their counsel would likely be greatly reduced, as the public defenders would not have private clients to occupy their time and delay their first visits to the defendants. Currently, defendants wait 30-45 days before initially meeting their assigned defense attorneys. Many of these defendants remain in jail, at a cost of \$95 per day, while waiting to meet with their attorneys. If Wyandotte County had its own Public Defenders' office, defendants would hopefully be visited more quickly, with the possibility of bail reduction hearings being held so as to allow defendants to post bail and exit the jail prior to their trial. The savings from jail housing costs could then be used to fund the Public Defender program.

Also with an eye toward the future of Wyandotte County, DA Dupree has launched his BOLDD initiative. BOLDD stands for "Brilliant Outstanding Leaders Determined to be the Difference." Through the BOLDD initiative, DA Dupree and members of the DA's office visit local schools to provide help and advice to stay on the right path. Offering guidance and

mentoring to youth should supply Wyandotte County young people with the guidance needed to chart their adult lives on a positive course, putting a stop to crime before it has an opportunity to take root.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Continuing this month's theme of "The Future of Wyandotte County," our speaker next Tuesday will be **Saul Franco Morales**, one of the recipients of a 2021 scholarship from The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation. **Terry Woodbury** is the program chair for the month.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The closing date for the **Hispanic Development Fund Cambio para Cambio scholarship fundraising campaign** has been extended to **Friday, October 22, 2021!** 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 before next Friday: <https://hdfkc.networkforgood.com/projects/138980-rotary-club-of-kansas-city-ks-s-fundraiser>.

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 and join in the fun!



SEPTEMBER KAW POINT PARK CLEAN UP

The **2021-2022 KCK Rotary Roster Book** was sent to Club members last week. Once again, the Roster Book is in digital form this year. If you did not receive your copy of the Roster Book, please contact Rosemary Podrebarac to request a copy.

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.

Last chance for 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>.



**October 21**

12:30 PM - Rotary Golf Outing  
7:00 PM - General Sims presentation

**October 22**

7:00 AM - Registration & Breakfast  
6:00 PM - Dinner & Awards  
8:30 PM - After hours social

**October 23**

7:00 AM - Breakfast  
12:15 PM - Adjournment

**October 24 - World Polio Day**



## *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.

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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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