

# 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, and Jay Dunlap provided the invocation. Once again, we were joined by Melody Burns, VISTA volunteer in the UG's Department of Planning + Urban Design.

Closing out a month of programs focusing on "The Future of Wyandotte County," Terry Woodbury, program chair for October, introduced our speaker, Elizabeth Thang, recipient of a 2021 Scholarship award from The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation. Elizabeth is presently attending the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Although she just entered UMKC this fall, Ms. Thang had already acquired many college credits during her high school career.

Born in Myanmar, formerly known as - and sometimes still called - Burma, Ms. Thang came to the United States with her parents and family when she was only 5 years old, as the family escaped the political oppression that they were experiencing in their homeland. The family originally landed in California before moving to Kansas City, which is home to the second largest Burmese population in the US. She attended schools in the Turner District and graduated from Turner High School this past May.

Comparing the place of her birth and her current home, Ms. Thang explained that both Myanmar and Wyandotte County are very diverse. That diversity is one of the things that Ms. Thang loves and appreciates about Wyandotte County.

Looking toward her future, Ms. Thang intends to complete her degree in Health Sciences while deciding what specific career path to follow. After finishing her undergraduate degree at UMKC, she hopes to pursue a graduate degree in the medical field, likely to

become a physician or dentist. Ms. Thang wishes to stay in KCK so that she will be available to help all the people in the community, including the many Burmese people who reside in the county.

Her biggest concern about the future of Wyandotte County is that, unlike her, many young people are anxious to leave the county. Some say that the educational system has failed them and that they have lost friends and family to violence. Ms. Thang, however, sees reason for optimism as she sees signs of the Wyandotte County community coming together. With continued effort, we can look forward with hope for a bright future for Wyandotte County.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker next Tuesday will be Rakmi Shaiza, Founder of Stitching Change, an organization in Kansas City, Kansas which serves women refugees. Rick Behrens is the program chair for the month.

Because we have not been able to finalize arrangements for Memorial Hall, next week's meeting will be held via Zoom. The link for the meeting will be sent on Monday.

Many thanks to Terry Woodbury for a wonderful month of programs in October!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to our Club on the fundraising efforts for the **Hispanic Development Fund Cambio para Cambio scholarship campaign**. Club members contributed a total of \$2,000, and The Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Presidents' Foundation has matched those contributions, for a total of \$4,000 contributed to the 2021 Cambio para Cambio campaign! Through other HDF donors, all of these contributions will again be matched for a grand total of \$8,000 for scholarships for KCK students!

Thanks to Ken Davis for representing the Club at the Kaw Point Park clean-up last Saturday! The next clean-up and landscaping day at **Kaw Point Park** will be held on **Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 9 am - Noon. November 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last date for clean-up and landscaping work at Kaw Point this year. Bring your own work gloves and join in the fun!

Thanks to all who have returned their **Annual Club Fundraising Pledge forms**. As of today, 50% of Club members have returned their forms. If you have not yet done so, please complete and return your pledge forms as soon as possible. And, if you need another copy of the form, please contact Rosemary Podrebarac. Thank you!



## *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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