

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. Terry Woodbury provided the invocation, and Scott Kaufmann led members in singing "America the Beautiful".

Continuing the month's focus on gratitude, Rick Behrens, program chair for November, introduced our speaker, Dr. Anna Stubblefield, Superintendent of Unified School District No. 500. On July 1, 2021, Dr. Stubblefield took the reins of the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools, after most recently serving as Deputy Superintendent for Lawrence Public Schools since 2018.

Opening her remarks, Dr. Stubblefield remarked that she tries to be always mindful of gratitude. She is grateful for her role as Superintendent even as she balances the challenges of accepting that new position with the responsibilities of her other roles as mother and wife. Since becoming Superintendent, Dr. Stubblefield has been on a steep learning curve as she visits schools across the District, holds listening sessions, and meets teachers and staff, as well students and their families. Through all of these encounters, Dr. Stubblefield commented that she is grateful for the dedicated School Board members, teachers and staff, and students and their families - all of whom are working with the best interest of the students in mind.

Looking forward, Dr. Stubblefield announced the goal of all District students being Diploma + graduates by the year 2031. The District began the Diploma + Program previously, but Dr. Stubblefield is emphasizing and reinforcing its importance and value by setting a goal of all students achieving this status by 2031. Diploma + means that each student will exit high school

with a diploma prepared for college and careers in a global society, with each student's performance on-track and on-time for success.

In practice, Diploma + students will graduate from the KCK School District with either college credit hours, an industry-recognized certification or credential, a qualified internship or industry-approved project, or admission to the military. Last year, 48% of senior students in the District achieved Diploma + status. With the help of the Kauffman Foundation, the District hopes to reach 100% success in the next ten years. Looking forward to this challenge and the attendant benefits to the students, Dr. Stubblefield returned to the theme of gratitude as she acknowledged the Kauffman Foundation and KU for their assistance in helping students achieve their full potential.

NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY - Our speaker next Tuesday will be T.J. Roberts, Founder and owner of Kinship Café, located on Strawberry Hill. Rick Behrens is the program chair for the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don't forget: The last clean-up and landscaping day at Kaw Point Park for this year will be held **this Saturday, November 20th**, from 9 am - Noon. Bring your own work gloves and join in the fun!

You still have time to order nuts and other snack items with the **2021 Shepherd's Center of Kansas City, Kansas Nut Sale**. Place your order by Friday, **December 3, 2021**. The order form may be found at www.sckck.org/2021FarmsteadNuts.pdf.

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. Thank you!

Rotary Clubs of Eastern Kansas - District 5710 and the Kansas Leadership Center have partnered to create a series of videos to provide COVID-19 information on safe and helpful vaccinations. Watch the **KCK Rotary Facebook page** for these video posts each Wednesday!



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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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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