

# 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, and **DA Mark Dupree** led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jay Dunlap** provided the invocation, reminding us to continue to celebrate the little things, and **Scott Kaufmann** led members in singing Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer".

**Mark Dupree** introduced our speaker, **Eric Thompson**, an officer with the KC Scholars Program, who was joined by **Camry Ivory**, the Adult Learner Scholars Success Manager with KC Scholars. While Ms. Ivory has been with KC Scholars since 2016, Mr. Thompson joined KC Scholars in August of 2020, during the pandemic, and shared that he had yet to sit at his desk in the KC Scholars office!

The Kansas City Scholars (KC Scholars) program was launched by the Kauffman Foundation to provide scholarship support for local students. In 2016, KC Scholars became an independent entity and is now recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. The mission of KC Scholars is to increase postsecondary education attainment in the KC metro area.

Following Ewing Kauffman's vision of providing educational opportunity for Kansas City area residents and enhancing the workforce and economy in the metro, KC Scholars serves students in the counties of Wyandotte and Johnson in Kansas and the counties of Jackson, Cass, Clay, and Platte in Missouri. To qualify for scholarships, students need to be low to moderate income and attend one of the 17 partner colleges and universities located in the area. KC Scholars currently funds approximately 5,300 students with scholarships and continues to grow its program, with a goal of 15,000 students on scholarships by the year 2027.

KC Scholars offers three different types of scholarships:

- Traditional -
  - Scholarships for graduating high school students
  - Apply while in 11<sup>th</sup> grade

- \$10,000 per year scholarship, renewal for 5 years
- 250 Traditional scholarships awarded annually
- Only need to maintain 2.0 GPA for renewal
- Adult learner -
  - Scholarships for individuals 24 years of age or older with at least 12 college credits
  - \$5,000 per year scholarship, renewal for 5 years
  - Up to 200 of these scholarships awarded annually
- College Savings + Match Incentive -
  - Awarded at end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Provide dollar for dollar match, up to \$1,000, of monies saved for college
  - Also, can earn up to \$400 in rewards for attending college fair, completing FASFA, etc.
  - May still apply for Traditional scholarship from KC Scholars in 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Up to 250 of these incentives awarded annually

The current KC Scholars include students from 103 unique high schools in the metro area. While 77% of those KC Scholars are first generation high school students, KC Scholars has also awarded scholarships to multiple generations within the same family.

The newest KC Scholars Program is called Stackable Credits and is an innovative way to get more adults back to college, using a non-traditional path. The Stackable Credits program focuses on careers that do not require a 4-year degree. The program pairs a student with a community organization to receive training in a field such as CNA, auto tech, or early childhood education. Because these training programs are non-credit programs, federal financial aid is not available for the training, but KC Scholars steps in to provide the funding for that training. After these individuals settle in to careers, KC Scholars hopes they will return to the KC Scholars program as applicants for an Adult Learner scholarship to complete their college degree.

Mr. Thompson emphasized that KC Scholars relies on stakeholders and community leaders to reach students and spread the word about the KC Scholars program so that both traditional students and returning adult learners are aware of the possibility of applying for a scholarship from KC Scholars.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Dr. Evelyn Hill**, the Director of Equity and Justice at Avenue of Life, a community development organization which focuses on empowering low-income families to become financially self-sufficient and on advocating for families who have been challenged with judicial system issues. **Mark Dupree** is the program chair for the month.



## *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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