

# 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 current world events, **Terry Woodbury** recited Rotary International's self-description of being an organization of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Reinforcing the need for Rotary in today's world, Terry then shared the song "We Are the World" as the invocation.

**Hank Chamberlain** introduced our speaker, **Cori Wallace**, Engagement Director for Della Lamb Community Services. Della Lamb is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Ms. Wallace works with Della Lamb's refugee resettlement program, which program Della Lamb began in 2014. Della Lamb is one of three refugee resettlement agencies working in the Kansas City metro area, with Jewish Family Services and Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas being the other resettlement agencies.

Ms. Wallace explained that 29 million people worldwide are presently designated as refugees, which is a legal status for persons who are documented and vetted and requesting resettlement in a new country. The number of persons who are displaced from their native homeland is almost 79 million, but not all these individuals will become official refugees.

Almost 40% of the 29 million refugees in the world are children under the age of 18 years, and many of them are travelling alone. Additionally, many refugees are solo refugees, who are individuals who have been forced to leave family behind when fleeing their homelands and are travelling alone.

Explaining the current activity at Della Lamb, Ms. Wallace shared that their agency has resettled 355 Afghan refugees over the past year, as well as an additional 40 refugees who are not from Afghanistan. These large numbers are due in part to an increase in the cap on refugees allowed into the United States. Prior to 2021, the cap was set at around 30,000 individuals, but in 2021, this cap was raised to 135,000 refugees.

When resettling refugees, Della Lamb works with the individuals to locate housing, secure employment, and access education. Refugees receive a stipend of \$1,500 but have to pay all costs of relocating and housing themselves. In fact, Ms. Wallace explained that the cost of the flights to the US are prepaid by the Federal Government but that the refugees must repay that loan within ten years of arriving in the US.

With the current crisis in Ukraine still evolving, Ms. Wallace expressed hope that some of the Ukrainians who are fleeing may be able to return to their homeland and not become refugees. If these displaced Ukrainians do become refugees, Ms. Wallace predicts that most of them will resettle in Europe, although some may eventually come to the US.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Our speaker will be **Lewis Diuguid**, author, lecturer, and former journalist and editorial board member with THE KANSAS CITY STAR. **Hank Chamberlain** is the program chair for the month.

**HEALTH REPORT** - Recently, George Turner fell and severely sprained his wrist. Sending well wishes to George for a speedy recovery!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Rotary District 5710** is holding its **Gathering for Good**, a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation (of Rotary International), on Saturday, **March 26, 2022**. The in-person event will be held at Prairie Band Casino, but Rotarians may also attend the event virtually. In addition to dinner, the evening includes entertainment and a silent and live auction. To register, visit [Gathering For Good 2022 \(constantcontact.com\)](http://GatheringForGood2022.constantcontact.com).



## *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. (Rosdale 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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