

# The War Whoop Weekly Bulletin



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. **Dan Duncan** provided the invocation focusing on gratitude, and **Scott Kaufmann** then led members in singing the Kansas State Song, "Home on the Range."

We were joined on Tuesday by prospective member **Njeri Mwangi**, and former member **Bill Porter** also attended the meeting by Zoom!

**President Jen** introduced our speaker **Stan Weber**, brother-in-law of our own John Freshnock and color analyst for the K-State Radio Network. Mr. Weber will be beginning his 36<sup>th</sup> year as a K-State football analyst this fall. During his time in the booth, Mr. Weber has had the privilege of watching every one of Coach Bill Snyder's games at K-State, during both of Snyder's stints as Head Football Coach for the Wildcats.

In the past, Mr. Weber has joined our meetings during the Big 12 Basketball season, and he did talk about college athletics, but he also touched on many other hot topics in sports. In talking about the Chiefs, Mr. Weber reminded that the 2023 NFL Draft will take place in Kansas City at the Liberty Memorial and Union Station area. Over the past couple of decades, the NFL Draft has become a major event, and next year's draft should bring lots of attention and visitors to Kansas City.

Although the Chiefs did not make it back to the Super Bowl in 2022, Mr. Weber thinks that the Chiefs are one of the top teams in the NFL, with no apparent dominant team, and likely to make a run to the Super Bowl this season. With the loss of Tyreek Hill and

Tyrann Mathieu, the Chiefs will definitely look different in the 2022 season. The Chiefs do, however, have Andy Reid, whom Mr. Weber describes as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best coach in the NFL, and Patrick Mahomes who is also arguably the best quarterback in the NFL. Mr. Weber believes that the Chiefs' defense will likely be much improved this fall by virtue of the team's draft picks and some post-season trades. With the AFC West (the Chiefs' division) being the best in the NFL, the 2022 season should provide some interesting games.



Turning to college athletics, Mr. Weber discussed the impact that the new Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) rules and the transfer portal are having on college teams. With the transfer portal and the ability of 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to entice student-athletes to specific colleges with promises of NIL monies, coaches are feeling great pressure and stress due to the tremendous uncertainty of team rosters.

Mr. Weber gave some insight into the reasons behind the departure of both Texas and Oklahoma from the Big 12 and also predicted that the Big 12 will be fine after their exits. The addition of four new teams will benefit the Big 12, and the absence of both OU and Texas will open up opportunities for other Big 12 schools to win the conference football championship.

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Are you a pinball wizard?? Next week, May 31<sup>st</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, and we will celebrate with a social gathering at the **403 Club**, 614 Reynolds Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

No Noon Meeting next Tuesday (May 31<sup>st</sup>)!

Many thanks to **Fred Zimmerman** for a great month of May programs!!

## MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL:

The following individual has been proposed for membership:

**Njeri Mwangi**

Classification - Assistant District Attorney

Please notify the Secretary in writing of any objections to her membership within seven (7) days.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City is hosting its second annual Rotaract BINGO Night on June 9, 2022, at the Bonner Springs Community Center. The doors will open at 5:30 pm, with Bingo starting at 7 pm. In addition to Bingo, the evening includes dinner, drinks, and a silent auction. To purchase tickets, please visit this site: <https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-night>.

Thanks to **Melody Burns** for participating in the **Kaw Point Park Clean-up** last Saturday. The Kaw Point crew invites all Rotarians to join in the next clean-up which is scheduled for **Saturday, June 18, 2022**.



**Volunteer Day!** The Club has scheduled a volunteer project at **Cross-Lines Community Outreach** on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022**, from 10 am until 1 pm. We will be working in the community kitchen that day. Please contact **David Bluford** or **Rosemary Podrebarac** to volunteer.

**Program Ideas:** Do you have any leads on great programs for our meetings? Please send any suggestions for programs to **Jay Dunlap, Program Chair for 2022-2023**.



District 5710 has been awarded 30 **Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) scholarships**. If interested, please visit the website and apply now so that you can secure enrollment. [See the application information here](#).

**Quarterly billing statements** were emailed to members on April 1, 2022. Due to a technical issue, some of you may not be able to open the statement attachment. If this issue affects you, please email Greg Shondell ([greg@HeathwoodOil.com](mailto:greg@HeathwoodOil.com)) to request an additional copy. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Don't forget to bring your empty **egg cartons (1 dozen egg size)** to **Dave Skidgel**, who will collect the cartons and deliver them to a local food pantry so that they may be filled with fresh eggs for clients.

Remember that membership is everyone's responsibility! If you need a membership application, please contact **Rosemary Podrebarac**.



## *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.

### **2021-2022 Board of Directors**

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