

# 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 Terry Woodbury provided the invocation.

David Bluford introduced Rachel Russell, Director of Community Engagement for Cross-Lines Community Outreach. A Wyandotte County resident, Ms. Russell is also a Piper High School graduate and now serves as a current member of the Board of Education for the Kansas City, Kansas Public School District.

Ms. Russell opened her presentation by thanking the Club for its volunteer efforts at Cross-Lines, which will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year in 2023. While Ms. Russell is excited about the opportunity to celebrate this milestone anniversary, she also commented that Cross-Lines still being in business and so needed in the community is an indicator that many issues have not yet been addressed our community.

In addressing the needs of the community, Cross-Lines primarily focuses its services in the areas of food insecurity and housing insecurity. In its food programs, Cross-Lines operates its Community Kitchen, located on 7<sup>th</sup> Street near Kansas Avenue. The Community Kitchen offers hot breakfast and lunch five days each week. The Cross-Lines food distribution center, including the Cross-Lines food market that is open to clients, is also located nearby. In addition to many eligible food products, the food pantry also stocks items such as diapers and hygiene products that clients cannot purchase using food stamps.

As the lead agency for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Cross-Lines housing programs are focused on four priority action areas outlined in the CHIP: formation of a Community Land Trust; creation of a landlord risk mitigation fund; improved landlord and tenant/homeowner education; and addressing the issue of homelessness in Wyandotte County.

In its search for housing solutions, Cross-Lines is investigating multiple options and approaches, realizing the need for an array of housing options, as “one size fits all” does not work for the many varied individuals seeking housing.

You can support the work of Cross-Lines by attending its 2022 Gala for Hope, set for September 24, 2022, at The Abbott in Kansas City, Missouri!

**NEXT WEEK AT ROTARY** - Susan Cantrell, from Fairfax Industrial Association, will be speaking to us about the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fairfax. Margaret Steele is the program chair for the month.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**New Member** - Be sure to welcome our newest member, Njeri Mwangi, to the Kansas City, Kansas Rotary Club!

The Rotaract Club of Western Kansas City has rescheduled its second annual Rotaract BINGO Night to Thursday, August 4, 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. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit this site: <https://rotaractclubofwestkc.regfox.com/rotaract-bingo-night>. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Redemptorist Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

**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.

The next Kaw Point Park Clean-up hosted by The Friends of Kaw Point is scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2022.

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.](#)

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.

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