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Rotary Club of Shawnee Announces the
Fourth Annual \$1,000.00 Dan Cook Memorial STEM Scholarship.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rotary Club of Shawnee, Kansas is pleased and proud to announce the eight annual \$1,000 Dan Cook Memorial STEM Scholarship, open to high school seniors who reside in Shawnee, Kansas or attend a high school located in Shawnee, Kansas, and who are committed to pursuing higher education in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) related field. The scholarship honors and memorializes our distinguished past president, Dan Cook whom we lost in 2015.

Dan was a quiet and humble leader that each member of the Rotary Club of Shawnee knew and appreciated. He was dedicated to our Club, and had a passion for community service. He truly embraced and reflected our motto of “Service Above Self”.

Dan was born in Sheridan, Wyoming and attended the University of Wyoming College of Engineering. He began his career working as a civil engineer in Wyoming before moving to Kansas in 1996. He worked for several civil engineering companies here in Kansas City, particularly Johnson County, and eventually formed Level 4 Engineering, LLC. He was also vice president and project manager at Riverside Infrastructure Consulting out of Riverside, Missouri. Dan was a member of the International Association of Civil Engineering, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Dan married the love of his life, Jamie Anderson, in 2000. They enjoyed traveling, sailing, and motorcycling. They were in the process of building a home in Wyoming when he passed. They also shared Dan’s love of cooking, including smoking and Barbecuing.

Dan used his civil engineering education and experience to better serve his state and community. Often times, Dan’s engineering “wherewithal” solved problems for the Shawnee Rotary Club, and the many requests it receives for help and services for the community. Dan never shied away from helping those in need, and happily used his professional trade when called upon.

It is with great pleasure that the Rotary Club of Shawnee memorializes Dan Cook with an annual STEM scholarship, hoping that future professionals in STEM related fields continue to benefit from Dan’s expertise, and continue Dan’s legacy of community service.

Very truly yours,

The Rotary Club of Shawnee

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