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## March 2018

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### Local Author Bruce Mathews to Present "Women Who Made a Difference in Kansas City"

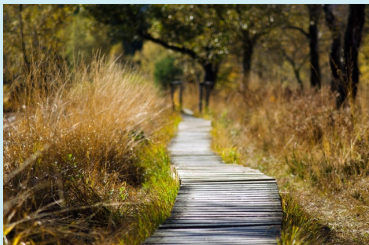
Thursday, March 29  
10:30 a.m.



THE 50 FORWARD CLUB is proud to present local award-winning author **Bruce Mathews** on Thursday, March 29 when he will present **"Women Who Made a Difference in Kansas City."**

In his work researching his previous books on the history of Kansas City, Mr. Mathews discovered that very little of socially redeeming value would have been accomplished in our city without the driving force of women! Join us as Bruce reveals the remarkable (often times untold) stories of these women, including Esther Brown, the young, Jewish, Russian immigrant mother of two from the Kansas City suburbs in the 1950s who became a true champion of civil rights; Mattie Rhodes, who died at 19, but whose legacy has endured for 125 years through the social service agency that bears her name; Adele Hall, the "First Lady of Kansas City;" Lucile Bluford, journalist and civil rights activist, and MANY more!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Kansas City's own "hidden figures!" Mr. Mathews will present on **Thursday, March 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church** (9300 Nall Avenue; Overland Park; 66207). This is a paid reservation event. **The cost is \$10.** Reservation forms have been sent in the mail. Be watching for yours! Questions? Please call Melissa Delaney at (913) 242-7319 or email [mdelaney@sccentral.org](mailto:mdelaney@sccentral.org).



### Join the 50 FORWARD CLUB Walking Group!

THE 50 FORWARD CLUB is forming a Walking Group! Each Thursday morning at 9:30 we will meet at a designated local park for a half-hour group walk. The group will start meeting in late April. If you're interested in joining in and would like to be included on the email list for further information, please let us know by either calling **(913) 242-**

**7319** or email [mdelaney@sccentral.org](mailto:mdelaney@sccentral.org). The group will operate on a "drop in" basis - no need to RSVP or be obligated to come each week. If you're looking for companionship for walking or just something to keep you accountable to getting moving each week, please join us!



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## Johnson County RSVP Diaper Drive!!

In honor of the 2018 Martin Luther King Day of Service, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Johnson County held a diaper drive. From January 15 to February 14, diapers were collected for donation to Happy Bottoms, a local non-profit that provides diapers to struggling families in the greater Kansas City metro area. Over 600 diapers were collected! Thank you to all of you who took the time and expense to purchase and drop off diapers for this very worthy cause!!

If you didn't get diapers bought in time to donate through the drive, you can always donate online. Happy Bottoms has special purchasing agreements that allow them to buy twice the number of diapers as can be purchased by the individual at retail cost, so we are also providing a link to donate on their online page. Questions? Call Johnson County RSVP at (913) 242-7319.

<https://www.happybottoms.org/donate>



## Join THE 50 FORWARD CLUB at New Theatre!

Saturday, April 28

THE 50 FORWARD CLUB has group ticket reservations to the first Saturday matinee of each show at New Theatre dinner theatre restaurant. Tickets are offered to 50 FORWARD CLUB members at the very affordable price of **\$38** each. The next show we'll be attending is **Sister Act on Saturday, April 28**. Reservation cards will be sent out to club members in early March. If you haven't attended a show at New Theatre, consider joining us in April - the food is delicious and the shows are consistently top notch. Dinner and a live show for \$38 is a real value! Transportation to the show is on your own. Tickets are disbursed on the day of the show in the lobby of New Theatre Restaurant.

## Students Learn and Teach in 50 FORWARD CLUB iPhone Seminar

THE 50 FORWARD CLUB of Shepherd's Center Central has launched "Teach and Learn" seminars to help its members get the most from their smartphones. Classes are affordable at \$10 per student and are limited in size, to allow for individual attention and maximum student interaction. Six students attended the recent **February 15 iPhone Teach and Learn** and were able to teach each other about such issues as wifi terms and management, the best resources for addressing technical issues with their phones hardware and software, and the latest and most valuable apps for everyday life. THE 50 FORWARD CLUB will be hosting the "Teach and Learn" seminars at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church on a regular basis going forward in 2018. Seminars will alternate between iPhone and Android classes. Classes will be announced in upcoming e-letters and mailed reservation cards. Questions? Contact Melissa Delaney at **(913) 242-7319**.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## Free Concert on March 8.....Bassel and the Supernaturals

A free concert featuring Chicago-based **Bassel and the Supernaturals** will be held at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church (9300 Nall Ave.; Overland Park, KS) on **Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.** Bassel & The Supernaturals combines neo-soul and funk with captivating lyrics about love, loss, and a war in Syria that has affected Bassel Almadani's family along with 10,000,000 others. This free concert is in partnership with Amnesty International, KC for Refugees and Syria Relief & Development. Food and refreshments will be offered following the concert and catered by refugee women. *Free-will offering proceeds will go directly to KC for Refugees.* Questions? Call Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church at (913) 642-9100.



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### Check Out the Shepherd's Center Book Club!!

Would you like to read a variety of books and engage in thoughtful discussion? The Shepherd's Center book club is for you! Any and all are welcome to join the group, which meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church. **March's book is *Never Caught* by Erica Armstrong.** Contact the 50 FORWARD CLUB office at (913) 242-7319 for further details!



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