



# The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

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January 8, 2026



## HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR!

### Regular Morning Meetings at Hallbrook Resume January 22<sup>nd</sup>

## A December to Remember:

On December 20, Rotarians rang bells for the Salvation Army in front of Ranch Mart Ace Hardware, to help neighbors in need.



# Rotarians in the Holiday Spirit!

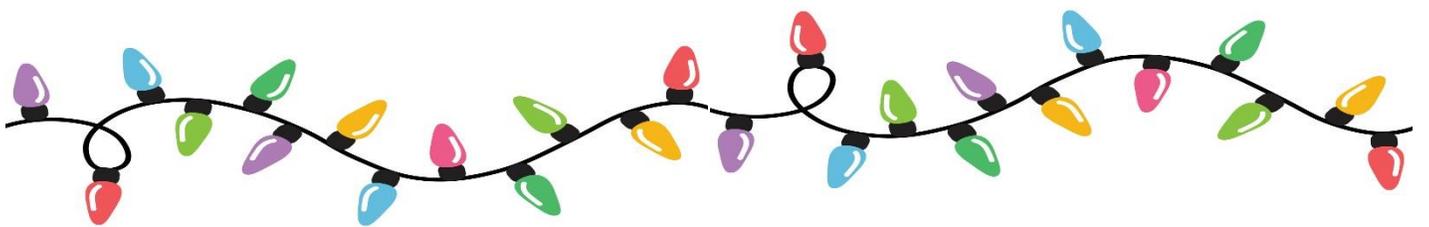
December 11 - Spirits were bright at the annual holiday party hosted by Roxann. Members brought their favorite appetizers, sweets and wine to share. One notable guest was green with envy over the gorgeous decorations. Thank you, Roxann, for hosting another fun evening!



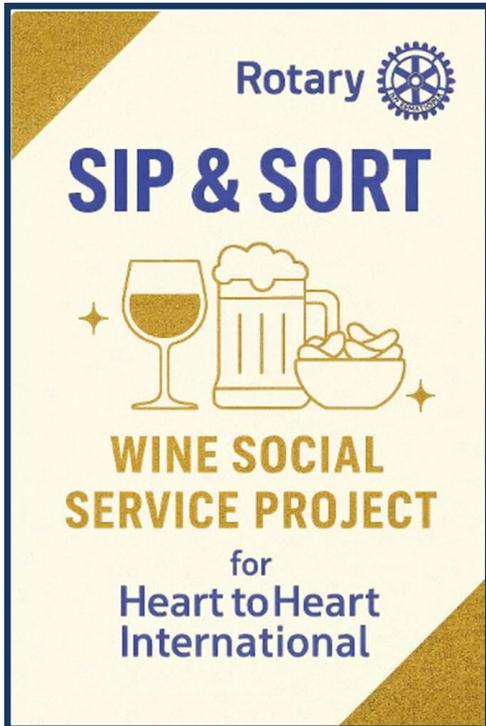
# Christmas Auctions Raise \$4975!

Leawood Rotarians kicked off our annual two-part holiday auction with the eagerly anticipated arrival of Santa! Many laughs ensued as members bid against one another for valuable baskets donated by several committees and members. Especially sought after items included homemade cake, cookies and bread, and farm fresh eggs and meats. The club raised an amazing \$4975, and a matching donation will be given to Heart To Heart International. Great job, Rotarians!





# SIP & SORT Is This Thursday



Join us for a combination Happy Hour Social & Service Project.

- When: January 8, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Where: Heart to Heart International - 11550 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219
- Why: The Rotary Club will provide snacks along with alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages as we pack disaster-relief kits.

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## Leawood Rotary 2026 Meal Packing Event

Save the date! Our meal packing event will be on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. New location details on the sign-up page. Thanks to Kathy Dull for helping get the space. Please click on the link below to view the sign-up sheet.

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BABAC2CABF5CE9-60554957-leawood/45789999#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BABAC2CABF5CE9-60554957-leawood/45789999#/)



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## Club Resignation

David Meyers, who was inducted into our club on September 11<sup>th</sup> has resigned from the Leawood Rotary Club. David will be going to the Shawnee Mission club starting in January. He prefers a luncheon club.

# For the Goal – A Service Opportunity in Leawood

## **Happy New Year, Rotarians-**

As we prepare to welcome people from around the globe to Kansas City, it will come as no surprise that the City of Leawood has a committee of busy volunteers and staff who are organizing many events. From Watch Parties to Business Readiness Grants, from a better-than-ever Celebration in the Park for America's 250th, to a **new** Independence Day parade on the morning of July 4, we are busy AND excited!

Our theme is "For the Goal" in honor of the soccer statue in City Park.

Rotarians Stephen Powell and I are enjoying our time on the executive committee and are very excited about the many things we've already accomplished.

So finally- the reason for this note: This spring, we are inviting Leawood community groups and individuals to help us pick up litter along some of our main corridors and intersections.

We've created the following SignUpGenius and I ask that you consider signing up AND sharing it with anyone who might be interested.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B49A9AB2CA7FD0-61376952-leawood>



We may add more dates and locations once these start to fill, so I'll probably share it again in early March. But I'd VERY MUCH appreciate it if you'd consider being an early-signer-upper!

Please let me or Stephen know if you have any questions.

With appreciation--

**Lisa Harrison**

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# Looking Ahead in January

Jan. 8, 2026 – SIP & SORT at Heart-to-Heart International facility 5:30-7:30 (Happy Hour + Meeting + Service Project)

Jan. 15, 2026 – Lunch Board Meeting at Leawood Justice Center to discuss Strategic Plan. Time TBD – we have the space reserved 11:00-2:00

Jan. 22, 2026 – Regular Meeting – Rotary Dictionary Project

Jan. 29, 2026 – Strategic Plan Roll Out – Rick/Roxann are the headliners set to appear

February will return to our usual routine with Regular Meetings the first three Thursdays & the Board Meeting on the fourth Thursday.

## **JANUARY INVOCATERS**

January 22 – Tom Koch  
January 29 – Darren Lippe

## **JANUARY GREETERS:**

Stephen Powell, Jim Rawlings, Rick Robinson, Paul Rueschhoff (Captain 1/22), Prasad Saraph (Captain 1/29), Jake Schloegel

