



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

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January 15, 2026

Regular Morning Meetings at Hallbrook Resume January 22nd

Sip & Sort at Heart to Heart International

On January 8, several Rotarians attended a “Sip & Sort” evening at Heart to Heart International in Lenexa. For two hours, Rotarians packed hygiene kits and enjoyed each others company and the club also donated \$5000 to the organization!







Heart to Heart 
INTERNATIONAL

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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Kirk Nelsen Returns to Leawood Rotary!

We are pleased to announce Kirk Nelsen is returning to our club as a traditional member. Kirk represents our 6th new member this Rotary year starting last July. He will be introduced at our January 22nd meeting. Welcome back, Kirk!

Leawood Rotary 2026 Meal Packing Event

Save the date! Our meal packing event will be on Saturday, January 31st. 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#/



Looking Ahead in January

Jan. 15, 2026 – Lunch Board Meeting at Leawood Justice Center Conference Room to discuss Strategic Plan. 11:30-2:00

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

Jan. 29, 2026 – Strategic Plan Roll Out

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