



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

February 5, 2026

February 12 Program: ALL THINGS FIFA!

Main Speakers:

Lisa Harrison &
Stephen Powell

Vocational Talk:

Davis Harrison

New Member Induction:

Bill Spillar



FIFA WORLD CUP

UNITED STATES - CANADA - MEXICO



Click link below to launch Zoom

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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816

Passcode: Rotary

February Greeters:

Ken Selzer, Stu Sharp, Chuck
Sipple, Ron Slepitz, Diane
Stoddard, Tom Sullivan

Greeter Captains:

February 12 – Chuck Sipple
February 19 – Tom Sullivan

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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Last Week's Meeting

Kids! The future of our children was the focus of last week's meeting. Club member Milca Aguirre shared exciting and unique perks of being a supporter of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Then, Kim Hammers of EMBRACE enlightened members on the inroads made supporting children with disabilities and learning differences in their Catholic schools.



Rotary Rewind – Feb. 11, 2016

Lisa May is inducted into the Leawood Rotary Club. Happy Decade Rotary Anniversary, Lisa!



February Anniversaries

Phil Gibbs 1995
Roxann Kerr Lindsay 2008
Jim Rawlings 1995
Mary Reed 1995
Chris Sagovac 2022
Prasad Saraph 2023
Jake Schloegel 1995

February Birthdays

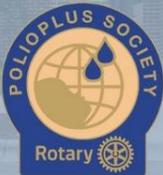
Terrance Mack 6th
Chuck Udell 6th
Jon Freiden 17th
Mayor Marc Elkins 20th
Anita Williams 22nd
Andrew Catherwood 24th

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

April 7:

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6-8 pm

Dine & Drink
to benefit
Polio Plus



Chicken N Pickle
5901 W 135th St.
Overland Park, KS 66223

April 11:

Gathering for Good Event - Lawrence, KS

5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Doubletree Hotel – 200 McDonald Drive

April 30:

Fifth Thursday Social Event - Discover O.P.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

8001 Santa Fe Dr., Overland Park, KS

Leawood History: Leawood South

May 21, 1967 Kansas City Star

Leawood South to Be 20-Million-Dollar Development

By Fred Fitzsimmons

(The Star's Real Estate Editor)

A 400-ACRE tract in south Leawood has been purchased by the Kroh-Moffitt Development company and will be platted as a subdivision of 600 homesites, plus an 18-hole golf course and adjacent country club.

In addition, some of the acreage will be set aside for a group of apartments and townhouses and a small shopping center, Gene Kroh and John Moffitt, the development partners, said yesterday.

Homes will be erected in a price range of slightly less than \$30,000 upward. Lots will be sold to builders, with Kroh-Moffitt Development handling sales as well as the commercial and recreational improvements.

STARTING next autumn, construction at the rate of 100 houses a year is anticipated, Moffitt said. Virtually all of the dwellings will be custom built.

Thus, with the projected residential and commercial structures, and the golf course and country club, the project, called Leawood South, will

represent an investment of upwards of 20 million dollars.

THE LAND has been acquired from Mr. and Mrs. James J. Bruce. Bruce is the retired comptroller of Forum Cafeterias of America.

The Bruces are retaining their home and a 3-acre site on State Line. The land is part of a homestead which has been in the family exactly a century, having been purchased in 1867 from an Indian who had received a section of land under a patent signed by President Buchanan.

The 400 acres extends west from State Line to Mission road, and ranges from what would be 123rd street to 130th street (see aerial photograph on page 1D).

CONSTRUCTION of the 18-hole golf course is expected to start within a few weeks, and is to be ready for play by Memorial day, 1968, approximately a year from now.

The design is by Bob Dunning & Associates, golf course architects. The firm maintains offices in Merriam and in Tulsa.

At the present time, Moffitt said, the developers are planning a pay-as-you-play course, with limited membership. A clubhouse is to be built between the front and back nines, and an olympic-sized swimming pool will be part of the layout.

HOMESITES in Leawood South will have frontages of 100 to 125 feet, with average depths of 140 feet. Many of the homesites will front or overlook the golf course.

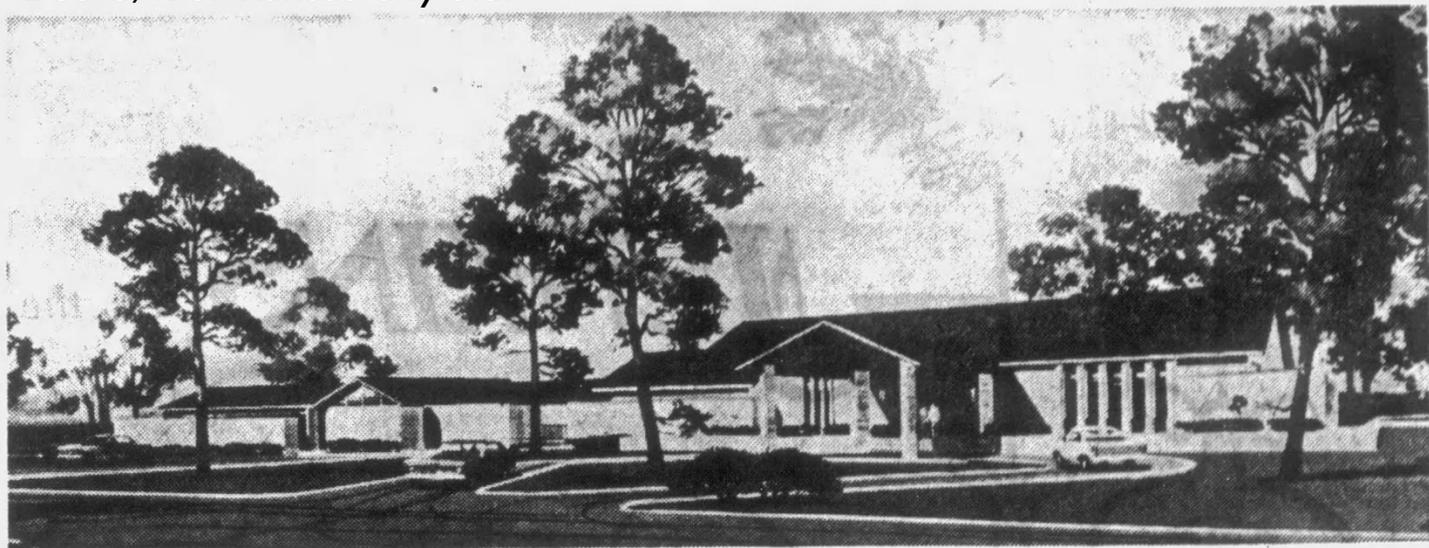
The area set aside for commercial buildings and multi-family dwellings adjoins the existing State Line airport, at 135th street and State Line.

Gene Kroh, who with his brother, John Kroh, was active in the development of Leawood and other residential and commercial developments, and John Moffitt, long associated with Kroh Brothers, bring to their new joint project more than 33 years of experience.

Moffitt and Gene Kroh also have other office building and apartment building investments as an investment team. Headquarters of Kroh-Moffitt Development are at 4518 West Eighty-ninth street in Leawood.

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Dec. 3, 1967 Kansas City Star



TO BE READY BY NEXT JUNE 1 is a 2-level 14,000-square-foot clubhouse serving the Leawood South Golf and Country club. The building, designed by Donald Flaherty, architect, will be at 127th street and High drive, a quarter-mile west of State Line. Cabanas at left will be added in 1969.

A Clubhouse for Leawood South

The new Leawood South Golf and Country club soon will begin construction of a clubhouse and auxiliary facilities to serve the new Leawood South residential and recreational community planned by the Kroh-Moffitt Development company.

Homes will be platted and sold on part of a 410-acre tract west of State Line at 127th street.

Included on the acreage is an 18-hole golf course, now about 80 per cent completed, and a 3,000 square-foot clubhouse.

THE BUILDING will have two levels, the lower one for locker room, pro shop, dining and card rooms and offices. The upper level, which will not be open at all times, will have facilities for large group meetings, John H. Moffitt, a co-developer, said.

The clubhouse itself will be at 127th and High drive, which is about one-quarter mile west of State Line. It has been designed by Donald Flaherty, architect.

Moffitt said the main building will comprise the first construction stage, and will be completed by the opening of the golf course on Decoration day, 1968. Second stage will include a large swimming pool, and the third phase a group of cabanas serving the pool. Cabanas and snack bar are to be ready for use early in 1969, and the pool by the 1968 season.

As for the golf course itself, Moffitt said greens are formed and fairways and roughs graded and seeded. An automatic watering system has been installed on the fairways, greens and tees of the back nine holes.

Leawood South is expected to open with about 300 members, residents of both Kansas and Missouri. Advisory board members include Ernie Mehl, Loren Lambreth, Dr. Harold Gainey, Henry Haake, Gordon E. Wells and Herbert E. Patt.

Looking Ahead to February

Programs:

February 12: FIFA World Cup Preparations/Opportunities
– Lisa Harrison and Stephen Powell (Invokerator – Lisa May)

February 19: Jim Grant, Executive Director of the Global Birthing Home Foundation (Invokerator – John Meier)

February 26: Board Meeting



YOU'RE INVITED

Celebrate I-Lan's Lunar New Year!

THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

with Leawood Mayor Marc Elkins, the Leawood City Council, and the I-Lan Sister City Committee

FRIDAY, FEB. 20, 2026 | 6 P.M.
Vista I54 at Ironhorse Golf Club | I5400 Mission Rd.

\$40 per person
Cash bar, Cocktails, Asian cuisine, and a Lion Dance Performance

Reserve your spot at leawood.org/register starting Jan. 5.
Reservation deadline: Feb. 13

