



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

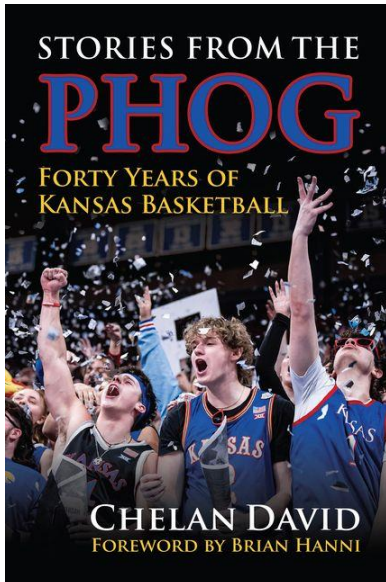
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May 21, 2026

This Week:

Chelan David, Author, *Stories of the Phog*



A native of Lawrence, Kansas, Chelan David has a unique bond with Kansas basketball. Some of his earliest memories emanate from fabled Allen Fieldhouse, a limestone theater filled with tradition, pageantry, and ghosts of former Jayhawk greats.

May 14 Invocator: Paul Rueschhoff



Click link below to launch Zoom

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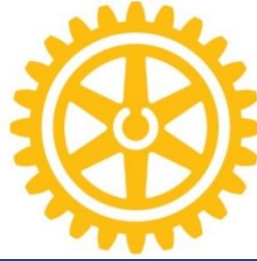
Next Week: Board Meeting

May Greeters:

Lisa Harrison, Mel Hawk, Mary Jo Holland, Del Karmeier,
Don Keith (May 21 Captain), Lisa May

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Announcing the 2026 Annual Dinner
Save the Date!

June 25, 2026 – Hallbrook Country Club

6:00 – Cash Bar

6:30 – Dinner

- Traditional & Service Members:
Dinner is already included in your dues
- Couples Members & Guests:
\$35.00 per person

RSVP is required for each attendee.

Please RSVP to Anita Williams:

abwilliams59@gmail.com

Last Week

Last week, our speaker was Stephanie Meyer with the Leawood Chamber, who spoke about the Chamber programs and activities. We also welcomed Dr. Madhukar Chhatre as a new member of the club!



Upcoming Programs in June

JUNE 4

Kendall Gammon, former long-snapper for KC Chiefs

JUNE 11

Jonathan Frieden - *The Four Chaplains*

JUNE 18

Mayor Marc Elkins - State of the City of Leawood

Service Project: Happy Bottoms

Several Rotarians spent the morning of May 13 packing diapers at Happy Bottoms. It is estimated the club packed approximately 14,000, which will provide a month's supply of diapers for 180 infants! The club also gave a donation of \$1000 to the organization.



Volunteer Opportunity



BBBSKC is looking for volunteers to join our “Prize Patrol” at our upcoming Bowl for Kids’ Sake on Thursday, July 16th from 5:30pm-9:30pm! We’re looking for 8-10 volunteers. I thought this could be a fun opportunity for the Rotary club to volunteer at a BBBSKC event.



Volunteer Details:

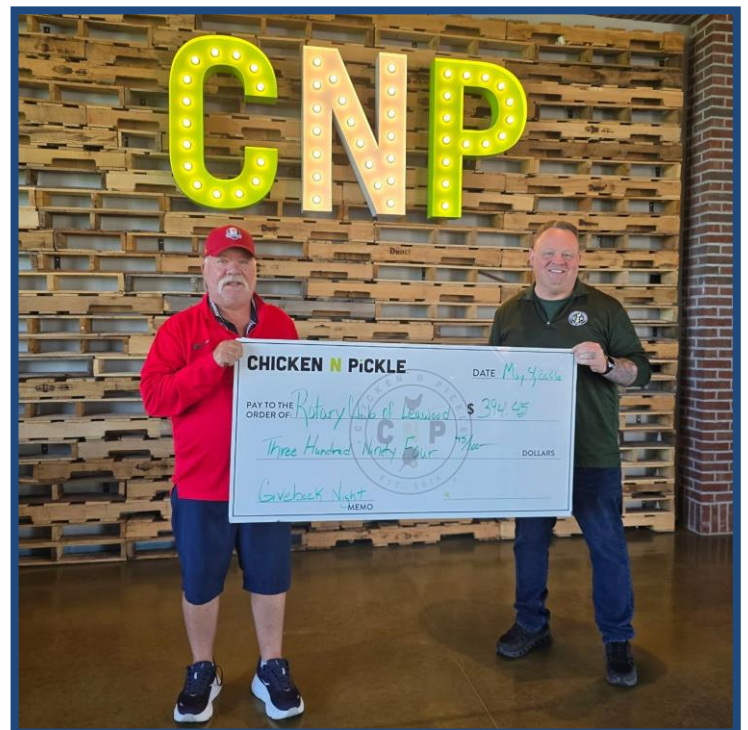
- Date/Time: Thursday, July 16 from 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Park Lanes bowling alley in Shawnee
- Role: 8-10 volunteers to serve as our Prize Patrol – hand out prizes to anyone who bowls a strike
- Perks: Beer and pizza provided for all volunteers!

This is a fun way to give back to the community and help support our mission to empower children in our city. Please email Paige Peterson at paige@bbbskc.org if you’re interested.

Thanks so much!
Milca Aguirre

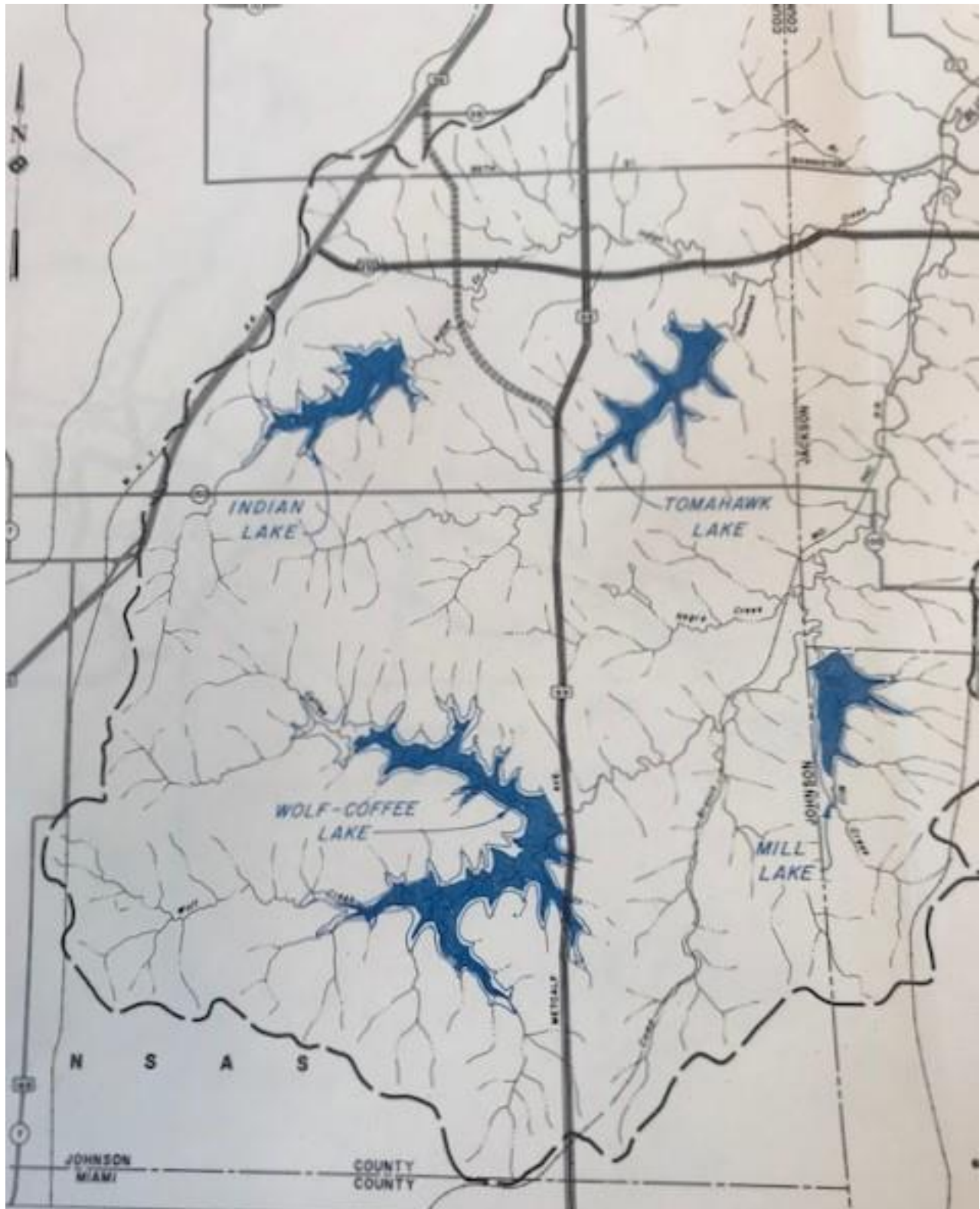
Chicken N Pickle

On May 4, Rod Pemberton was presented with a check for the club in the amount of \$394.45. This amount reflects a portion of the proceeds from our recent Polio Plus social event at Chicken ‘N Pickle in Overland Park. Many thanks to those who attended this fun event and for raising awareness of Rotary’s ongoing efforts to end Polio worldwide.



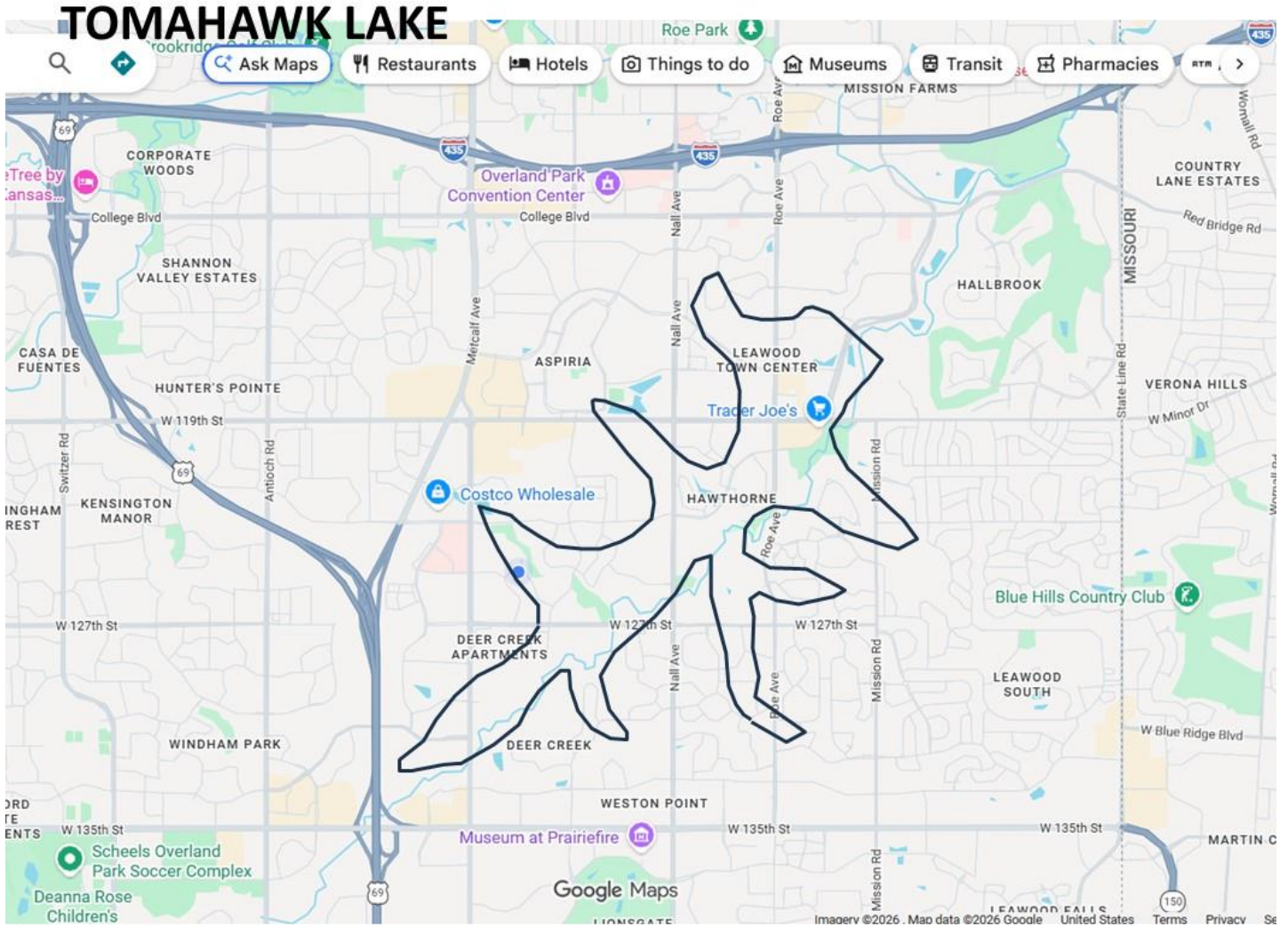
Leawood History:

In response to my history article last week regarding the “Three Reservoirs” proposal from the early 1970s, some of you asked if I had a map that showed the location of the proposed lakes. Here is one that shows all three. Tomahawk Lake was the subject of most controversy, as it would impact portions of Leawood. See next page for an additional map.



Leawood History:

This map below provides a rough outline of the proposed Tomahawk Lake overlaying a current street map. You will notice that a large portion of Leawood Town Center and Camelot Court in Leawood falls within the outline of the lake, as do several subdivisions in both Leawood and Overland Park.



June Invocators

June 4 – Prasad Saraph
June 11 – Jake Schloegel
June 18 – Ken Selzer

June Greeters

John Meier (Captain June 4)
Kirk Nelsen (Captain June 11)
Brad Moore, Andrew Pujado,
Jim Rawlings, Rick Robinson
(Captain June 18)