



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 31 Years!

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June 11, 2026

This Week:

Jonathan Frieden – *The Four Chaplains*

The **Four Chaplains** – also known as the **Immortal Chaplains** or **Dorchester Chaplains** – were four interfaith U.S. Army chaplains who died on February 3, 1943, while serving aboard the **U.S. Army Transport Dorchester**, a ship torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Atlantic.



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Invoker:

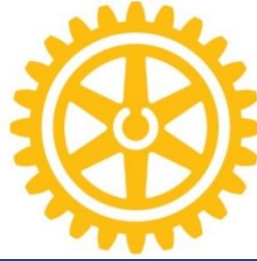
June 11 – Jake Schloegel

June Greeters:

John Meier, Kirk Nelsen (Captain 6/11),
Brad Moore, Andrew Pujado, Jim Rawlings,
Rick Robinson (Captain 6/18)

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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, the club inducted our newest member, Noelle Caldwell, into the club. Our guest speaker was Kendall Gammon, who presented Emotional Oxygen: Leadership Clarity Under Pressure, sharing insights on leadership, communication and maintaining clarity during challenging situations.



Service Project: June 15

We will be packing hygiene kits with our fellow Rotarians from Argentina. We have invited other Rotary Clubs to join us, so be sure to let Darren Lippe know if wish to attend.

Leawood Rotary
Hosts a
**Hygiene Kit
Packing Party**

**Heart to Heart
INTERNATIONAL**

June 15, 2026 • 2:00-5:00 p.m.
11550 Renner Road,
Lenexa, Kansas 66219

International Rotarians, Welcome to Kansas City for the World Cup! Fellow Rotarians are invited to join us for a Kansas City Barbeque at Home Place Farm!

The Rotary Club of Leawood, Kansas and the Rotary Club of Overland Park, Kansas are hosting a good old-fashioned BBQ at the Home Place Farm in southern Leawood. It is provided at no cost as a "Welcome To KC" gift. Folks, this is the real deal: a historic venue with wood smoked KC BBQ and craft beer. If you are a Rotarian that is visiting Kansas City, a Rotarian from the Kansas City area, or are hosting Rotarian guests during the World Cup, please RSVP and come and join in with the fun. This is a free event but space is limited to 100, so please RSVP to Dan Craig (**dcraigandco@gmail.com**) before June 13th. Volunteers will be needed to help clean up after the barbeque.



When: June 15, 2026

Where: The Home Place Farm

**Address: 13101 Mission Road,
Leawood, KS 66209**

Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00PM

RSVP: dcraigandco@gmail.com

NOTE: If you are participating in the Pack and Sip service project with Heart to Heart (same day as the BBQ), please come early so you can get to the packing event on time at 2 p.m.

June Anniversaries:

Chuck Sipple 2017

Rob Hindman 2017

Marc Elkins 2024

June Birthdays:

Gail Weiss 8th

Lisa Harrison 9th

Arlene Ladegaard 13th

Dirk Anthonis 17th

Jodi Fincher 30th

Join the Rotary Alley Cats – July 15

The Leawood Rotary Alley Cats are participating in the Summer Bowl for Kids' Sake on Wednesday, July 15th from 6pm to 7:30pm.



It's a great opportunity have some fun while supporting a fantastic organization!! You can also donate to the cause by clicking the donation link below:

<https://bbbskc.donordrive.com/team/6938>

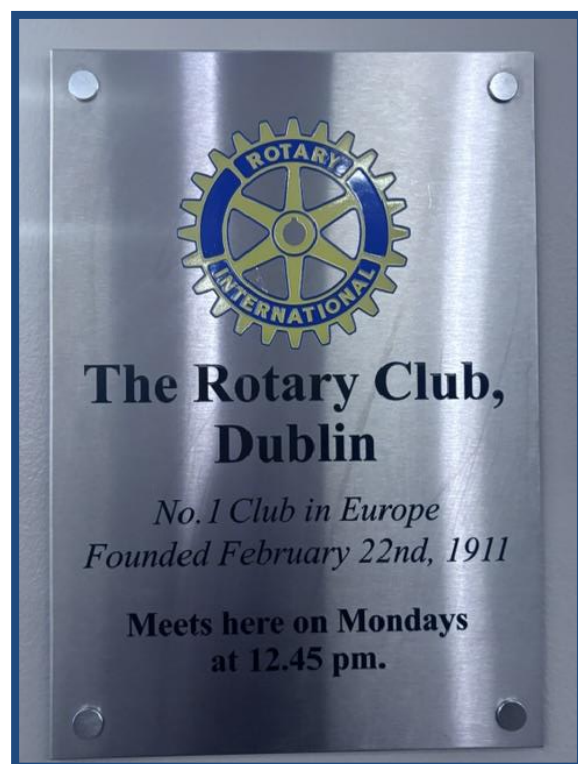
Details:

- Date/Time: Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Where: Park Lanes, 7701 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS

Please let Jonn Wullschleger know if you would like to join the team!

Mary Reed in Ireland

John & I are in Dublin tonight, staying in The Grand Canal Hotel, where the Dublin Rotary Club meets on Mondays for lunch...a total surprise! According to the sign, this was the first club in Europe, and it was started in 1911!



Leawood History: 50 Years Ago

Articles from June 1976 issues of the Johnson County Sun

Leawood to celebrate Bicentennial

LEAWOOD — It will be Leawood's turn Sunday to celebrate the Bicentennial with the dedication of the Recreation Complex and Bicentennial Flag Plaza in Leawood Park.

U. S. Congressman Larry Winn Jr., will speak at the 2 p.m. dedication at the entrance to the main parking lot.

In addition to the regular use of the swimming pool, tennis courts, and other athletic facilities, there will be a variety of games and special events in the afternoon. Sportscaster Dick Carlson will be on hand with professional athletes who will sign autographs at the swimming pool.

Residents are encouraged to bring blankets and picnic suppers and stay for the evening entertainment. The pool concession stand will also be open, and soft drinks and hot dogs will be available from auxiliary locations.

At 6 p.m., Jackie Weissman will present a special Bicentennial family concert. Following the

concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m., there will be square dancing.

Special areas of the park will be available for supervised parking on this one day. The police department will also supervise parking in the subdivision north of the park if necessary, and a shuttlebus will be available.

Leawood launders 'indecent looking' law

LEAWOOD — How you are looking does make a difference in Leawood.

If you insist upon looking "indecently" at another person in Leawood, forget it.

Or if the manner of your gaze is "lewd and lascivious," do it outside the city limits or in the privacy of your home. Someone may be watching.

The city council wrestled with the looking problem in its regular meeting Monday night before approving a reworded version of the city statute.

Under the old law, passed in the early days of the city in the 1950s, a person had to be found guilty of

trespassing before he could be considered in violation of "indecent looking." Now if a person enters the property of another with a lewd intent in mind, he may be arrested for that.

The revised section of the article dealing with offenses against morals and decency also imposes a stiffer fine for this indiscretion. This gazing in the grass may cost \$25 to \$500 and court costs and/or a month behind bars. The old law had a minimum fine of \$1.

The council also passed a revision of the charter ordinance which permits appointed city officials to live outside the city but within the county.

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Leawood looks at budget

LEAWOOD — The Leawood City Council is expected to approve a 1977 general operating budget of more than \$1.35 million, almost 29 per cent higher than this year's.

The preliminary total city budget isn't complete, but the sum of \$2.75 million for all funds except bond retirement and interest payment is about \$300,000, or 12 per cent higher than the total this year. Principal and interest payments could add another \$226,000, John M. Watts, city councilman in charge of preparing the budget, estimated.

He predicted the budget, if approved, would mean a property tax increase for city residents of about one mill. The present levy is 13.74 mills.

The city council will review a final draft of the budget July 1 before the budget goes to a final council hearing July 19. A public hearing on the budget will be August 10. Final approval of the budget is expected to be scheduled for August 16.

The general fund increase results from staffing an expanded police force, greater fire department expenses primarily because of the planned building.

Increased spending in the fire, police and street departments will account for most of the general

fund increase, according to Watts. He has included also a seven per cent "inflation factor" to cover salary raises for city workers next year.

The police increase is because of the addition of six officers this year to put four men on patrol at all hours. Also there are plans to add personnel to the police dispatch staff. The budget is forecast at more than \$527,000.

Most of the fire department increase will go toward the cost of building a south-end station and hiring more firemen. The proposed budget is more than \$418,000. The city is selling \$500,000 in bonds to finance the new station and a modest expansion of the present station.

The street maintenance budget will be about 17 per cent higher, Watts said. About \$100,000 is tabbed for streets.

Watts said the cost of city bond indebtedness will increase about one mill next year. The bond figure this year was 2.737 mills in property tax assessments.

Last year was the first

time the city has resorted to bonds to finance capital improvements. About \$1.4 million in bonds were offered last year to pay for the recreation complex and road improvements on 95th and 111th.

In addition to the property tax hike, the city expects to receive about \$220,000 in its sales tax share, compared with about \$200,000 this year.

The city's intangibles tax share of 2.25 per cent is projected to net \$240,000, a substantial part of general fund revenue. No action was taken by the city to reduce this tax before the June 18 deadline for publishing a proposed change for next year.

"We're finally in good financial shape," Watts commented about the preliminary budget figures. "Maybe next year we can cut the intangibles tax."