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The Leawood Lowdown - Week of July 2nd

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." Rabindranath Tagore

In the News This Week

Here is wishing that you all had a meaningful July 4th in celebration of the birth of our nation. Here is a [nice video tribute](#) sent by Mary and Jim Arnett.

Our Rotarian of the Year, Dave Anderson, must be more of a breakfast man than a "dinner-and-free-drinks" guy. Nevertheless, he now has his hardware in tow! Congratulations, Dave! Well deserved!

Rotarians enjoyed a presentation from Stephanie Meyer, who is in her new role as President and CEO of the Leawood Chamber of Commerce and the Leawood Economic Development Council. Although Stephanie is new to her role, she is not new to Leawood and our Rotary Club. She gave us an overview of the Chamber's undertakings and the composition of its membership.

The city of Leawood is a part of Johnson County, Kansas, a leading local economy and one of the premier business locations in the nation. Johnson County's population is expected to grow from 574,000 to 1.1 million by 2064, according to a study published in 2016 by Wichita State University's Center for Economic Development and Business Research.

Also, look at the very lovely thank-you note from the newlywed couple!



Leawood Rotary members,
Thank you so much for including us in your rotary meeting, and gifting the Happy Bucks to us! Rotary will always have a special place in our hearts and we are so grateful for everyone's generosity! We are using this money as we get settled in our new home in Columbia!
Roxann K-L & Tom K

Other News and Upcoming Events

- Our club is the Title Sponsor for the 1st Annual Project Cure Pickleball Tournament this year on July 30 at Chicken and Pickle on 135th from 4-7pm. As the Title Sponsor we get to enter a two-person team in the tournament. 36 teams will make up the tournament field in this tournament. There will not be any skill classifications or levels. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games - two games in the Round Robin portion of the tournament and a minimum of one game in the single elimination portion of the tournament.
- Ray's Restaurant Review (RRR) - KC Taco Company - I'd never been here before, but this place has a rich culinary history!! Guy Ramsay Fieri even visited the restaurant and featured it on his show! This eatery touts itself as a Non-Traditional Urban Taqueria. I had the Thai Chili Shrimp Tacos - Large Shrimp (colossal) lightly fried in gluten-free corn flour w/ herbs + spices, served over baja slaw, topped w/ house-made Thai chili sauce. The entrees are so big that they don't resemble the small tacos we are accustomed to eating! There is a full-service bar in the front with a bartender that is constantly pushing the envelope on creative, new drinks! Make your way to 520 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106, and enjoy a great meal!



Kansas City Taco Company

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

The next hybrid meeting at Hereford House is **Thursday, July 13th**
Greeters for July are: **Del K, Lisa K, Roxann K-L, Tom K, Arlene or Ed L**



July 13th

Speaker: Chief Collin Fitzgerald, Fire Chief, City of Leawood Fire Department for the past 3.5 years.



July 20th

Speaker: Jose Leon
JoCo Tomahawk Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility

Rotarian of the Week - Anita Williams

Anita has been a Leawood Rotarian since October 2019.

Anita is a Sr. Regulatory Clinical Trials Project Manager at The University of Kansas Medical Center. She manages medium to large-scale, interconnected, and highly technical projects.

Anita has a B.S., Biology/Chemistry from Prairie View A&M University and is affiliated with the following activities and societies: Alpha Kappa Alpha and Beta Beta Beta Biological Society.

Anita has a sunny disposition, an upbeat management style and always puts customer satisfaction at the top of her priority list. Anita enjoys working with people!



Connect with Anita



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