



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 31 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

August 6, 2026

This Week's Program:



happy
bottoms™

diapers for families in need

Susan Belger-Angulo

Upcoming Programs:

August 13

FRIENDS OF LITEIN – A.I.C. LITEIN HOSPITAL IN KENYA

Elaine Strid

August 20

TUSONGE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

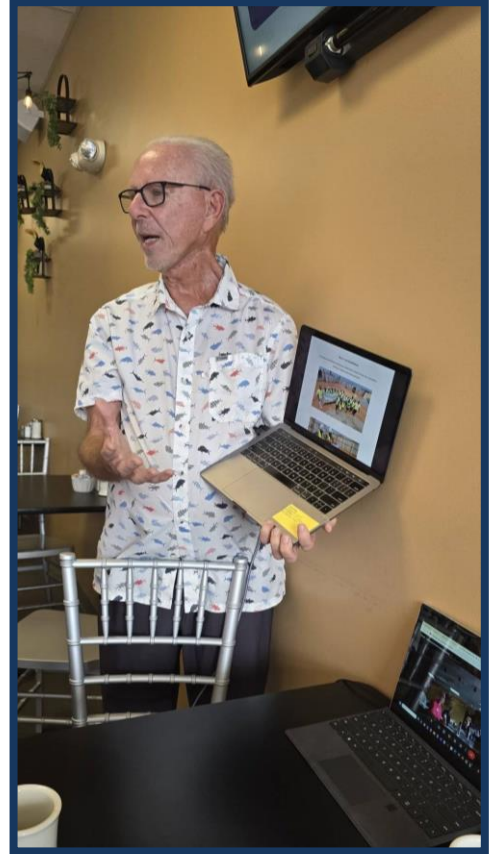
Bill & Kathy Musgrave

August Greeters:

Hemi Vats (Captain 8/6), Carlos Vides (Captain 8/13), Doug Wesselschmidt (Captain 8/20), Dick Wetzler, Anita Williams, Jonn Wullschleger, Kirt Yoder

Recent Events

The Leawood Rotary Club's International Services Committee recently met to discuss a variety of subjects. Joining the group were Bill & Kathy Musgrave, who will also be presenting a program on the Tusonge Children's Ministry later this month.



Rotary Rewind: August 2016



District 5710 Picnic in Spring Hill. 2016-2017 District Governor, Chris Ford, on the left.



School supply collection drive for Foster-Adopt Connect.

JOIN US FOR THE

SAMMIE'S TOY DRIVE FUNDRAISER



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
10:00-3:00

PRAIRIE STAR MIDDLE SCHOOL
14201 MISSION RD, LEAWOOD, KS 66224

**VENDORS, FOOD, CHILDRENS
ACTIVITIES, RAFFLES, AUCTIONS
AND MORE!**

**INTERESTED IN BEING A VENDOR? CONTACT SAMMIE
MAGEE AT 913-212-0226 OR
SAMMIESTOYDRIVE@GMAIL.COM**

Labor Day 5K Sponsorships

For over 30 years, the Leawood Rotary Club has been actively working to create lasting positive change in the Leawood Community, the Kansas City Metro Area, and the World Community. You are cordially invited to help sponsor the 2026 Leawood Rotary Club's Labor Day 5k Run. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from this race will help fund Leawood Rotary Club's multiple charitable efforts during the coming year, including:

- College Scholarships for KC Students in need
- Project C.U.R.E.'s Medical Supply Distribution
- Johnson County Christmas Bureau
- Human Trafficking Prevention
- Polio Vaccinations
- Disaster Relief



EVENT SPONSOR: \$6,000

- Top billing on all promotional and advertising, press releases and Leawood Rotary website
- Corporate team of twenty runners
- Company logo on t-shirt, largest font, at the top
- A large banner listing company as event sponsor at the start/finish
- Opportunity to speak at the starting line on race day
- Sponsorship acknowledgements on P.A. system throughout event
- Sponsorship acknowledgement during Leawood Rotary meetings

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$3,000

- Second billing on all promotional and all advertising, press releases and Leawood Rotary website
- Corporate team of fifteen runners
- Company logo on t-shirt, listed under the Event Sponsor
- Sponsorship acknowledgements on P.A. system throughout event
- Sponsorship acknowledgement during Leawood Rotary meetings

GOLD SPONSOR: \$1,200

- Team of five runners
- Company logo on t-shirt, (listed under Platinum Sponsor, smaller font)
- Sponsorship acknowledgements on P.A. system throughout event
- Sponsorship acknowledgement during Leawood Rotary meetings

SILVER SPONSOR: \$600

- Team of two runners
- Company logo on t-shirt, (listed under Gold Sponsor, smaller font)
- Sponsorship acknowledgement during Leawood Rotary meetings

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$300

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Leawood History: As Told by John Kroh

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COUNTRY CLUB

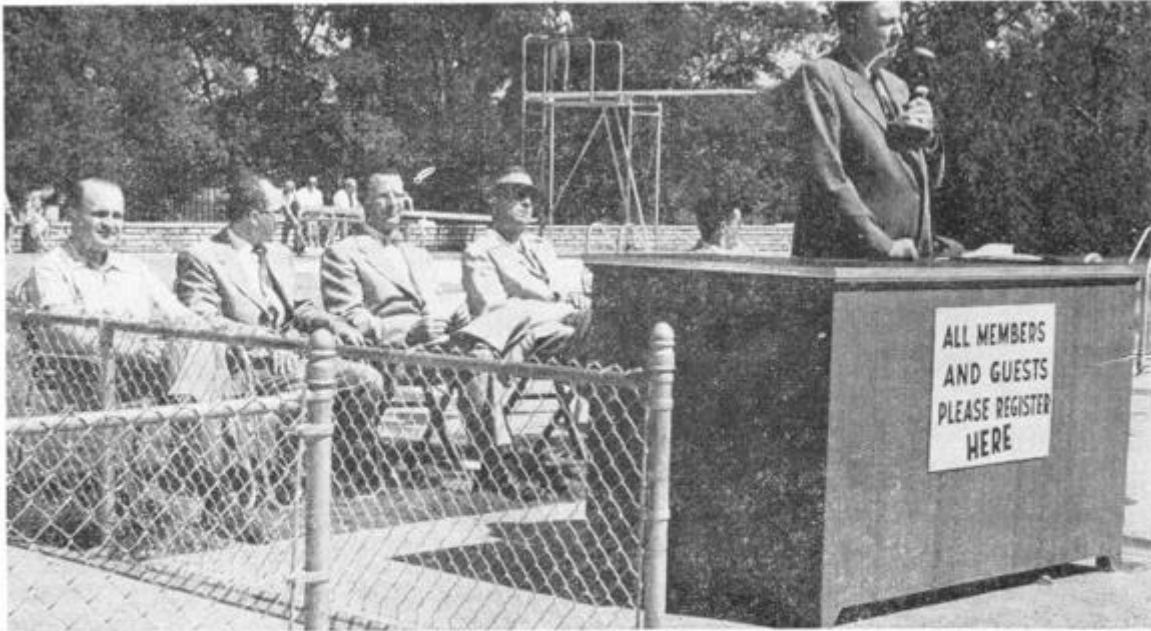
ORGANIZED IN 1954

As Leawood continued to grow in population there developed a group of interested owners who asked, "Why can't we have a swimming pool for Leawood families?" At this time the J. C. Nichols Co., was helping owners in their neighborhoods organize The Homestead Club, so Kroh Brothers decided that if a sufficient number of Leawood owners were interested a swim-and-tennis club for Leawood residents might be practical. Interested committees solicited memberships at an initial fee of \$80.00, with monthly dues at \$6.00. After some 400 members had been secured, Kroh Brothers constructed a large swimming pool, a baby pool, three all-weather tennis courts, and a Clubhouse containing dressing rooms and a summer snack-bar. The 11-acre, tree-covered site for the new club had been a dump used by farmers and subsequently by builders for non-burnable construction rubble. Thus, the new club not only provided needed recreational facilities for the community but also cleaned up an unsightly area unsuitable for use as homesites.

Actual ownership of the new Club's premises was retained by Kroh Brothers, and all financial responsibility and day-to-day management of pool and snack-bar personnel was assumed by Kroh Brothers. Social events, swim and tennis programs, and other matters of concern to the general membership were placed under control of a 5-man Board of Governors who administered their own budget arising from a portion of the monthly dues. Over the years the Club's membership and its numerous Governors have found this division of responsibility a very satisfactory arrangement, and the Club has enjoyed an ever-increasing popularity.

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The first Leawood Country Club pool was opened in 1954 with ceremonies conducted by Mayor Willard Cook. Seated are Governors of the Club, Ed Kelley, Ray Watson, Frank House, Cliff Tozier and Hal Shikles.

CONTINUED EXPANSION OF FACILITIES

As the popularity of Leawood Country Club grew, and the membership increased, the need developed for a year-round clubhouse with good service and space for parties. The original snack-bar was winterized, this being the first of some eight or nine subsequent modifications and additions to the clubhouse, the latest being construction of the present ballroom and adjoining kitchen in 1968. Other major improvements have been the construction in 1957 of the second Olympic-sized pool and the present snack-bar and dressing rooms. Also have been the addition of new tennis courts so that today there are eleven all-weather courts of which three are lighted for night play. Also, Leawood was one of the first clubs in Kansas City to have a heated pool, this being accomplished in 1968.

Currently the Club has 1168 members, the initiation fee is \$250.00 and monthly dues are \$18.00.