



# The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

[leawoodrotary.org](http://leawoodrotary.org)

September 14, 2025

## September 18th Meeting: **Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) group from South Africa.**

Invoker – Andrew Catherwood

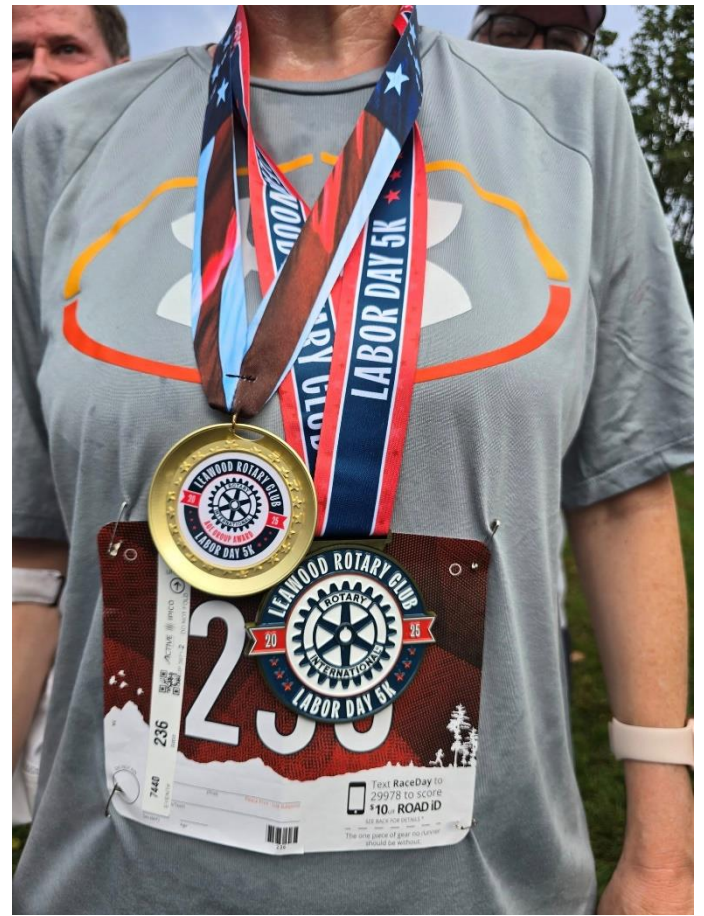
## **Labor Day 5K: A Grand Finish!**

Congratulations Leawood Rotarians on another successful Leawood Rotary Labor Day 5k! We should all be very proud of our efforts and the money raised. See photos on pages 2 and 3.





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# Highlights of the September 11 Meeting:

The club inducted its newest member, **Dr. David Meyers**. David is retired from the KU School of Medicine, where he was a Professor of Internal Medicine (Cardiology). David was formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Chesterfield, MO. His hobbies include playing drums in an “old person rock and roll band.” Welcome to our club, David!



**Megan Harding**, Director of Donor Relations for Heart to Heart International, gave a very informative presentation on the non-profit's continuing efforts to bring health care to those communities underserved or in disaster emergencies around the world.



## Follow Leawood Rotary on Social Media!

Did you know Leawood Rotary has a presence on the three top social media sites? Click on the links under the three icons below to check them out and follow!



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[x.com/Rotary30590](https://x.com/Rotary30590)



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# September 4 Meeting Highlights:

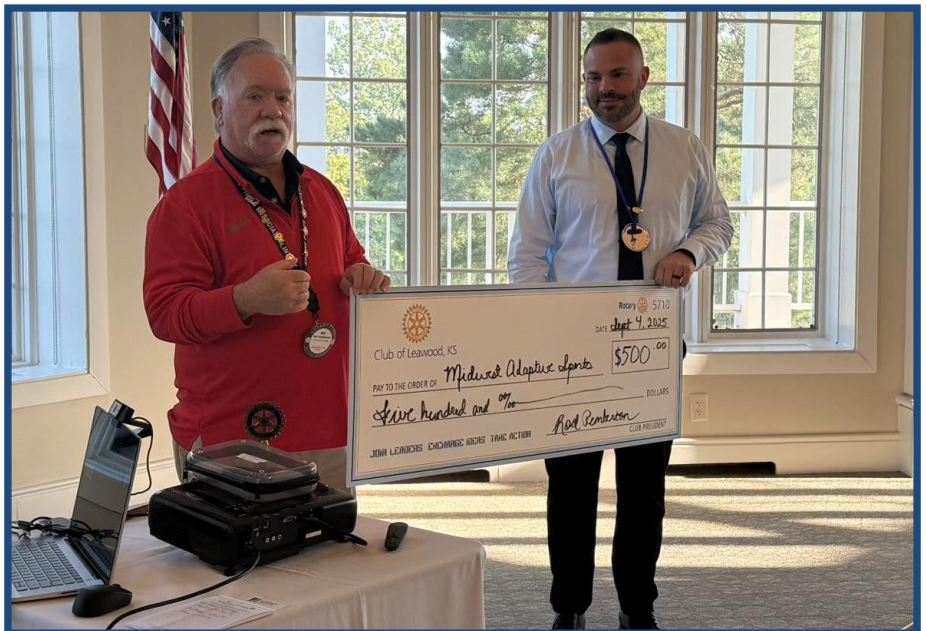
On September 4, the club inducted new member Tesla Hague, who is CEO of On the Rise Coaching & Consulting. Tesla is joining the club as a service member, so look forward to seeing her at our upcoming service projects. Welcome, Tesla!



Sara Swearingen and Beth Stallbaumer, from Junior Achievement of Greater Kansas City, informed the club about the impact and volunteer needs of the organization.



The club presented a \$500 donation to Midwest Adaptive Sports, an organization that provides adaptive opportunities to the disabled population in Kansas City area.





# Pour Choices: Tuesday, September 23

The September 2025 wine tasting of the We Make Pour Choices Society will be on **Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**

Rod and Cari Pemberton will be our hosts, and the varietals will be **Syrah and Petit Sirah**. While these are separate and distinct wines, both are sourced from grapes in the same "grape family". Should be an interesting evening to compare and contrast these two well-known varietals! The Pemberton's' address is **3600 W. 158th Street in Overland Park.**



**Chris & Paul, your  
"Leawood Wine Guys"**

Please bring a bottle of Syrah (Shiraz as it is commonly known in Australia) or Petit Sirah, and wine glasses for each member of your party.

The Pembertons have chosen to limit this wine tasting to **18 attendees**, so if you plan to attend, please email your reservation to Paul Rueschhoff at [pdrueschhoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdrueschhoff@sbcglobal.net) as soon as you can.

## Calling all Golfers!

Here is more information on the upcoming golf tournament fundraiser mentioned by Adam Dinkel. If you need more information on this event, contact Adam at: [dinkelc@gmail.com](mailto:dinkelc@gmail.com)

**Midwest ADAPTIVE sports GOLF TOURNAMENT**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 3RD**  
ADAMS POINTE GOLF CLUB  
1601 R.D. MIZE RD BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014

9AM Tee Off  
Registration Starts at 7:30 am

**\$500 Hole Sponsorship**  
Branded hole sign

\*more tier sponsorships available

4 man scramble  
**\$600 per team**

Register now space is limited  
[www.midwestadaptivesports.org/golf-tournament](http://www.midwestadaptivesports.org/golf-tournament)

All proceeds 100% goes to Kansas City Kings wheelchair basketball.



# Mark Your Calendars:

**September 18 - 20: Rotary District 5710 Conference.** Hyatt Conference Center in Lenexa, KS. Click the link below for more information and to register:

[Rotary District Conference 2025](#)

**September 23: We Make Pour Choices September Meeting, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Rod and Cari Pemberton are hosting at their home, **3600 W. 158th Street in Overland Park.** See page 6 for more information. RSVP to Paul Rueschhoff:

[pdrueschhoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdrueschhoff@sbcglobal.net)

**September 24: Service Day at Project C.U.R.E.** If you are interested in participating in this fun service project in the caves, please email Rick Robinson at:

[Rickrobinson.kc@gmail.com](mailto:Rickrobinson.kc@gmail.com)

**October 4: Fall Picnic at the Sharp Farm, 4:00 p.m.** 13101 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66209. Brats, burgers, beer and fun! Please RSVP by September 24 to Anita Williams:

[abwilliams59@gmail.com](mailto:abwilliams59@gmail.com)

