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## The Leawood Lowdown - Week of Sept 10th

*"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." – Albert Schweitzer*

### In the News - This Past Weeks

Leawood Rotarians welcomed Peggy Van Witt, Art Conservation and she did not disappoint. Peggy's gave a riveting presentation about art, restorative techniques, and travels related to her vocation. When Peggy's father died unexpectedly a few months after her the birth, her young mother decided to return to her family's home in Frankfurt, Germany. It was there that Van Witt began her life long career as artist and art conservator.

REACH kicked off its new year with the first full session by presenting an award to a deserving student mentored by Lisa May, Jake, Lorna, and Dave facilitated a conversation with students about their perspectives on a variety of subjects.



### Other News and Upcoming Events

#### Join The Race to End Polio

- Our Polio Plus Goal is \$5,000! This is a great month to start donating! Be sure and take a look at the Polio News in District Newsletter. To Our Polio Plus Society Members – its a great time to make your donation. Use Rotary Direct @ just \$10/Month - Every dollar donated helps vaccinate another child! To donate, send Gary a check or donate at [My.Rotary.Org/Donate](#).
- Support Pints4Polio on World Polio Day (Oct 24) - Watch our Donation "Thermometer" Grow

#### Other News

Service Project - Project Cure Warehouse in the Hunt Midwest Subtropolis on Tuesday, September 19 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will meet in the parking lot just east of the old/new UMB bank site at I-435 and State Line for those who wish to carpool. Email [Rick Robinson](#) to sign up.

JCCB is having their annual fundraiser on September 29th. We have 16 tickets available for the event. Please let Jonn know if you are interested in attending. For more information about the event or to share on-line, visit <https://jccb.org/holiday-of-hope>. 2023 Holiday of Hope Event Details:

- Friday September 29, 2023, 6 - 9 p.m.
- Lodge at Ironwoods, 14701 Mission Road, Leawood, KS 66224

Don't Forget - The Rotary Picnic is on October 7. More details to follow.

As we mentioned over the past couple of weeks, the City is seeking volunteers to assist with various aspects of the City's 75th anniversary celebration, Leawood Live on October 7-8. We will have special volunteer t-shirts for volunteers. Sign up [HERE](#).



### Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

The next hybrid meeting at Hereford House is Thursday, Sep 21th.

September Greeters: **Rick R, Paul R, Chris S, Prasad S, Jake S, Debby S, Ken S**



Sept 21

Hope Faith Homeless Outreach

Hope Faith-Homeless Assistance Campus works to alleviate homelessness and poverty in Kansas City, MO by providing basic necessities and assistance. Hope Faith is the only collaborative, daytime outreach facility in Kansas City, MO providing direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness, at-risk individuals, families, and youth.



Sept 28

Board Meeting - All are welcome to attend!

### Rotarian of the Week - Ron Slepitza

Ron Slepitza has been a Leawood Rotarian since March 2007.

Ron is a leader and an educator. He has crafted a distinguished career as Vice President for Student Development and Special Counsel for Strategic Planning at Xavier University.

Ron is best known for his leadership at Avila University - he served as President from 2006 - 2022 (16 years, seven months) and is currently President Emeritus.

Ron is one of the cornerstones of the REACH program and continues to bring his expertise in motivating students to achieve their best lives through educational pursuits.

Ron is a Rotarian you'll want to know!!!



Connect with Ron



### ZOOM ACCESS

Can't make it to the in-person meetings? Join Via ZOOM and keep up to date!

ALL Meetings are hybrid - being held in person and via Zoom. If you can't attend in person, [please join us on Thursdays at 7:15 am.](#)

Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816  
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