The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 32 Years! | **leawoodrotary.org** | October 1, 2026

This Week's Program:

Project C.U.R.E. – International Medical Relief

Speaker: Kari Tripses



Invocator: Milca Aguirre

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Launch Meeting - Zoom

Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816
Passcode: Rotary

October Greeters:

Gary Bussing, Gillian Chapman, Adam Dinkel (Captain 10/8), Sonya Evans (Captain 10/1), Jonathan Freiden (10/15)

October Meetings:

October 8

Seton Center
Speaker: Stacy Mayer
Invocator: Kirt Yoder

October 15

Polio Plus
Speaker: Jim Arnett
Invocator: Jonn Wullschleger

October 22

Board Meeting

FOUNDATION INFORMATION STATION

Rotary Club of Leawood Kansas Dist 5710 | A Childs Tomorrow (ACT)

The Rotary Foundation

Please turn in your *Confidential Pledge Forms* as soon as possible. This will help the Club both initiate the invoice process October 1st and plan for meeting our Foundation giving goals for the 2026-27 year. If you're just not ready yet, that's ok. Pledge forms will be accepted at any time during the year. Even if you have filled out a pledge in the past, PLEASE COMPLETE A NEW FORM to take effect from this point forward.

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are always voluntary but are strongly encouraged. Please at least consider giving $25 per quarter to the Annual SHARE Fund to help the Club meet its $100 annual ERAY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal. This helps us to compete for District Designated Grant money and helps fund local projects for our Club.

Thank you!

***Kirk Nelsen*, Club Foundation Chair**



September 18, the Leawood Police Department celebrated the retirement of Captain Kirt Yoder. Kirk has served the City of Leawood for more than 27 years, finishing up his career as the commander of the Administrative Services division. Although Leawood is losing a great amount of experience as he retires, Captain Yoder will begin his new adventure as Chief Yoder with the Gladstone, Missouri Police Department. We wish him well as he takes on this new role!

October 7: Women's Social

I am happy to announce our next Women's Social! For our newest members, this is a great way to get to know the other women members in our club. Thanks to Roxann for opening your beautiful home, yard and pool!

You are Invited
Leawood Rotary Women's Social
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
5:30-7:30 PM
Home of Roxann Kerr Lindsey
12710 Melrose, Overland Park, KS 66213

Please bring an appetizer, we need just a few deserts.
RSVP no later than Sept. 19, to Mary Reed (Membership Committee)

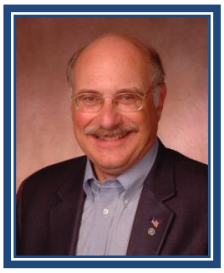
5710 Wins District of the Year!

Congrats to Immediate Past District Governor, Chuck Udell, the district leadership team and all our clubs for working hard this past year. Congratulations for being recognized by Zone 29 as District of the Year! Hard work, dedication, and commitment pays off!





"I am incredibly proud to share that District 5710 has been named the 2025–2026 ZONE 29 DISTRICT OF THE YEAR! My heartfelt thanks to our District Leadership Team, committee chairs and their teams, club presidents and leaders—and most importantly, every District 5710 Rotarian who served, gave, led, invited, encouraged, and made a difference throughout Northeast Kansas and beyond. Congratulations, District 5710! What an extraordinary year!"



Chuck Udell
District 5710 Governor
2025-2026

Special Exhibit at Discover O.P.

PROTECT & SERVE:
PUBLIC SAFETY IN OVERLAND PARK

Police, fire, emergency services, and disaster response grew alongside the city. The Discover O.P. exhibition explores how public safety adapted to population growth, new infrastructure, and changing community needs.

The Overland Park Historical Society is proud to announce their new temporary exhibit, titled “Protect & Serve: Public Safety in Overland Park.” This special exhibit shares the history of both the fire and police departments, and includes many vintage artifacts used by both departments over the decades. The exhibit is open Wednesday thru Friday from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Younger guests will receive a free junior fire chief helmet, courtesy of the Overland Park Fire Department!





