



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

October 5, 2025

October 9 Meeting:

Mike Davisson – Blue Valley Father's Club



The Father's Club is a dad-led, grassroots effort creating simple ways for dads to be intentional with their kids, with other dads and within their community. With resolve, humility, and love, our mission is to be a catalyst for positive influence.



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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816

Passcode: Rotary

October Anniversaries

Rick Robinson 2007
Brad Moore 2011
Jodi Fincher 2017
Anita Williams 2019
Steve Black 2019
Kirt Yoder 2021
Arlene Ladegaard 2022
Davis Harrison 2024

October Birthdays

Hemi Vats 16th
Diane Stoddard 17th
Peggy Dunn 25th
Dave Anderson 29th



**Photos of the October 4 Rotary
Picnic at the Sharp Family
Farm on pages 3 & 4.**

Last Week's Meeting

Last week's program featured Fred Hefer with **pomerol**, a data company helping utilize data to curb human trafficking. Lucy Bloom also assisted with the presentation as a subject matter expert.



pomerol

Calling All Curlers!



Davis Harrison and Jonn Wullschleger invite you to a fun-filled curling event on Saturday October 18th. Davis will show us the fundamentals to sliding a stone and sweeping. This gives the individual the foundation to build their curling skills and more importantly get accustomed to the ice and ready to play a match your next time out.

Date: October 18

Cost: Free

When: 2:00-4:00pm

Where: 2525A Northwest South Outer Rd Blue Springs, MO 64015 (bottom level)

What to Bring: Bring a clean pair of shoes to change into that have good grip on a smooth surface, layered loose fitted clothes that will keep you warm at 45 degrees. We have a limited supply of helmets, so you are welcome to bring your own if you want additional safety while on the ice rink.

Please let Davis or Jonn know if you are interested.

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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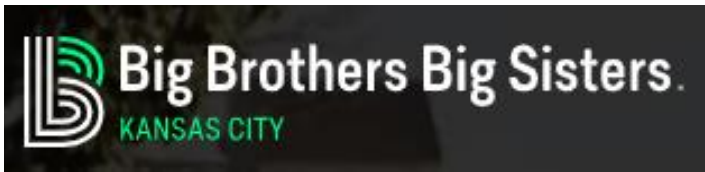
October 4 Rotary Picnic

Thank you to Stu and Diane Sharp for hosting our annual picnic! It was a beautiful evening with delicious food and friendship!



October 4 Rotary Picnic





It is time for Joy Drive 2025!

Joy Drive is Big Brothers Big Sisters' annual adopt-a-family program that brings holiday cheer to families in need. Generous donors provide gifts and support to ensure BBBSKC Littles and guardians feel seen and celebrated during the season.

In 2024, we supported **92 families through the Joy Drive program**, and we are looking for generous donors to make this season even brighter for the families we serve! If you, your family, your friends, your board, your other community groups, or anyone you know would like to get involved as a donor, sign-ups are now open.

Donor Sign-Up Form:

<https://www.bbbskc.org/forms/joy-drive-donor-2025/>

How it works: Each donor will set their budget and indicate the family size they would like to sponsor. For example, a budget of \$400 might be paired with a family of three or four. Families range from two to ten members, and you may choose to sponsor more than one if you would like.

Once you sign up, BBBSKC will match you with a family and provide their holiday Wish List beginning October 21st. Donors are asked to spend at least \$100 to \$150 per person, with no maximum. After shopping, gifts should be wrapped, labeled with first names, and delivered to the BBBSKC office at 1709 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Drop-off windows are December 1–5, December 8–12, or December 15–19, during office hours. If you need a different time, BBBSKC can make arrangements.

Tips: Please include gift receipts, and if you sponsor multiple families, keep gifts packaged and wrapped separately to make delivery easier. Don't hesitate to reach out to BBBSKC with questions!

Thank you for considering Joy Drive 2025 and helping bring joy to children and families across Kansas City.

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Looking Ahead to October:

Invocators for October:

Oct. 9 – Sonya Evans
Oct. 16 – Jonathan Freiden

Greeters for October:

Gary Bussing, Andrew
Catherwood, Kathy Dull, Sonya
Evans, Jonathan Freiden, Phil Gibbs

Greeter Captains for October:

Oct. 9 – Andrew Catherwood
Oct. 16 – Jonathan Freiden

October Meetings:

- Oct. 9 – Mike Davisson – Blue Valley Father's Club
- Oct. 16 – Sid Mitchell - Crime Stoppers
- Oct. 23 – Board Meeting

October 8 Service Project:

happybottoms™
diapers for families in need

We are having a Community Service project this coming Wednesday from 10:00 AM to noon at Happy Bottoms. October 8. For those not familiar with Happy Bottoms, it is a community-based diaper bank that provides diaper products to needy families in the community. We support them financially and provide hands on service several times a year to pack diapers into smaller kits for distribution. It is located on 79th Street just east of Wornall Road in Kansas City, MO. If you are available to help, please contact Chuck Sipple, Community Service Chair.

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