



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

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October 12, 2025

October 16 Meeting: Sid Mitchell – Crime Stoppers



It is the mission of the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline, a program of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, to facilitate a partnership between the **public**, the **media** and **law enforcement** in order to help make the metropolitan area a safer place to live, work and visit. Greater KC Crime Stoppers utilizes citizen support and media assistance in aiding law enforcement agencies in solving crimes and bringing wanted criminals to justice.



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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816
Passcode: Rotary

October 8 Service Project



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diapers for families in need

On October 8, Leawood Rotarians gathered at Happy Bottoms to pack diapers for parents needing a helping hand. 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. To learn more about the organization, or to make a donation, click the link below:

[HappyBottoms – Diapers for families in need](#)

Last Week's Meeting



Last week's program featured Mike Davisson with the Blue Valley Father's Club (above), who spoke about how fathers are working in the schools at all levels to connect with and help kids in the schools. For more information about the club and their positive events, visit their website: <https://fathersclub.org>

Hisham Hawari (top right), President of the Rotary Club of Amman West in Jordan, exchanged Rotary flags with our club this morning. Thank you for attending and making the world a smaller place through service, President Hawari!



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!



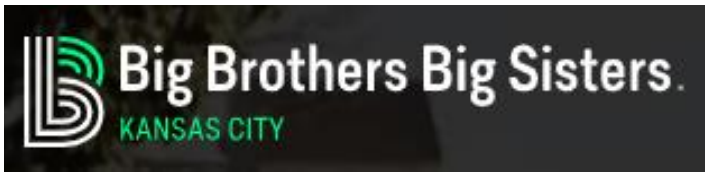
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It is time for Joy Drive 2025!

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. 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. 16 – Sid Mitchell - Crime Stoppers
- Oct. 23 – Board Meeting



Social – Thursday, October 30



Brass Onion at Prairie Fire
5501 W. 135th St., O.P., KS 66224
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Happy Hour appetizers provided.

RSVP Anita Williams by Monday
October 27th if you plan to attend:
abwilliams59@gmail.com
Wear black orange or purple to
celebrate Halloween!

**JUST A FEW
DROPS OF
VACCINE CAN
CHANGE THE
WORLD**



World Polio Day | 24 October

