The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

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This Week's Program:

Polio Plus – Jim Arnett

Invocator: Jonn Wullschleger

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Launch Meeting - Zoom

Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816
Passcode: Rotary

November Meetings:

November 5: Rotary Foundation – Roger Aeschliman

November 12: Former Leawood Mayor Jean Wise

November 19: Coterie Theatre - Laura Antolak, Board Member, Khalia Davis, Artistic Director and Jonathan Thomas, Executive Director

November 26 – No Meeting

October Greeters:

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

Last Week

Last week we recognized Roxann Kerr Lindsey and Kirk Nelsen for their commitment to PolioPlus, celebrated Davis Harrison ahead of his wedding, and enjoyed a vocational talk from Mike Best. We also welcomed Stacy Mayer from the Seton Center to share more about their mission and impact in the Kansas City Community.



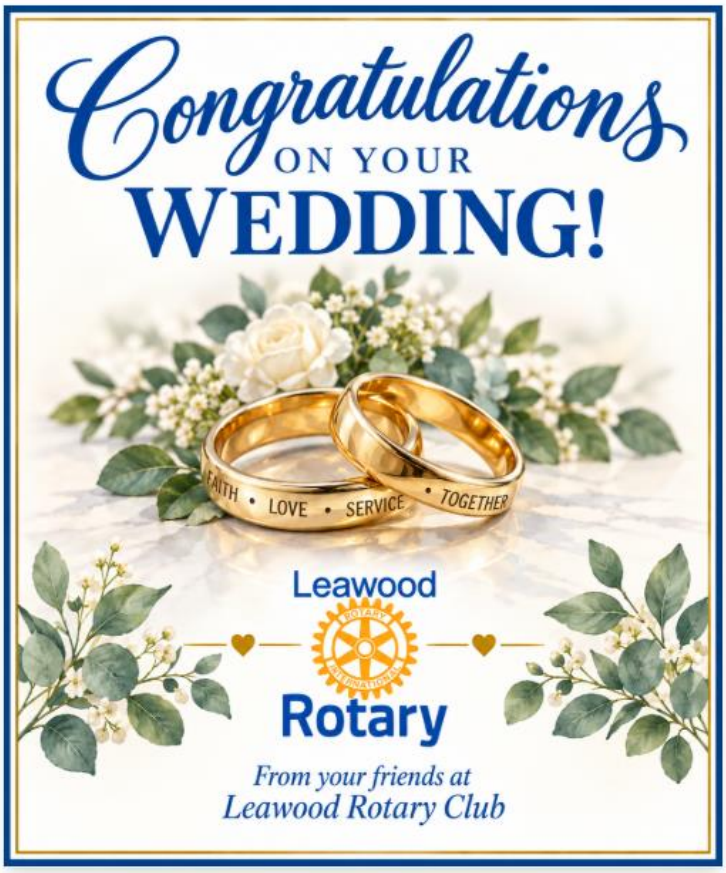






Scenes From a Wedding

Davis & Mallory Harrison

















October 7 – Ladies Social at The Home of Roxann Kerr Lindsey





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Save the Date!

Johnson County Christmas Bureau
Saturday 12/5: 8:30-12:30
email Chuck Sipple

csipple@kc.rr.com

JOHNSON COUNTY
CHRISTMAS BUREAU

Leawood Rotary Club

RAFFLE

FOR AN AUTOGRAPHED

NEIL SMITH JERSEY

A MEMBER OF THE
KC CHIEFS HALL OF HONOR!



100% OF RAFFLE PROCEEDS TO GO TO POLIO PLUS.

DRAWING

TO BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF OUR
OCTOBER 15TH MEETING

AS WE COMMEMORATE
WORLD POLIO DAY.

1 RAFFLE TICKET = $5.00

WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT EACH OCTOBER MEETING.

Many thanks to Lisa Harrison for her generous donation.

October 14 – Project C.U.R.E.

We have scheduled a Service Day at Project Cure for Wednesday, October 14 from 1-3:30pm. We will be doing our regular sorting and warehouse work, but we may have other things to do that day also.

We will meet at 12:30pm 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. This is another great chance to do good and have some fun with your Rotarian friends.

The Kansas City warehouse where we volunteer is in the Hunt Midwest Subtropolis (the caves) near Worlds of Fun. If you would like to participate or need more information before volunteering, please contact Rick Robinson: rickrobinson.kc@gmail.com

October 16 – Mentor Madness!

Friday, October 16, 8:00-9:30 a.m. or 12:45-2:30 p.m.
For information, email Darren Lippe:
dlippe@texican.com

CENTER FOR ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES



October 20 Social



November 7 Service Project

Flourish Furnishings

Saturday a.m., November 7

If you would like to participate, email Chuck Sipple: csipple@kc.rr.com

October Rotarian Anniversaries

Stephen Black
Jodi Fincher
Davis Harrison
Arlene LadeGaard
Brad Moore
Rick Robinson
Anita Williams
Kirt Yoder

Leawood's Patriotic Parkway

Raising of the Colors:

Tuesday November 10 – 8:00 a.m.

Retiring of the Colors:

Thursday, November 12 – 8:45 a.m.

If you wish to participate, contact Chuck Sipple:
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Leawood History: March 5, 1982

From the March 5, 1982, Johnson County Sun Newspaper

Prehistoric man may have been first Leawoodite

By Thomas McCormally

Leawood — The popularity of Leawood as a residential area is nothing new. In fact, thousands of years ago man is believed to have made his home on the banks of what is now Tomahawk Creek in the southern part of the city.

At least that's what archeologists for the Kansas State Historical Society suspect and they're coming to Leawood next month to investigate.

"Ultimately we hope to find an area for a dig because that is where we learn the most," said Randall M. Thies, archeologist for the historical society, by telephone from Topeka Thursday.

He wrote the city last month to inform them that "two prehistoric archeological sites are known to be present" within the boundaries that the city hopes to begin developing soon as the Tomahawk Creek Greenway for recreational purposes. The archeological survey will cover the entire greenway, which is flood plain and fringes from the city park to about 123rd Street and Roe.

Thies said there have been reports from other archeolgists of findings in two areas along the creek that indicate "people in prehistoric times lived along the creek."

"The area has never been tested to determine if an extensive study would be in order," he said.

The artifacts which have been discoverd date to the "early ceramic era" which commences about the time of the modern Christian era, Theis said. The artifacts include pieces of pottery, arrowheads and knife points.

The survey will commence in April. Theis said he will be looking for surface evidence that would indicate digging might be recommended.

He said the survey will also include close study of the banks of the creek. He said by noting the erosion along the creek, archeologists are able to determine if buried layers of earth might hold findings of prehistoric significance.

"We really don't want to just find places to dig up because believe me, there are plenty of those sites around the state," Theis said.

The entire survey will take no more than two weeks. The city of Leawood will have to pay for the survey, which will cost a maximum of $3,426.22. The survey is a requirement to receive the $411,000 federal grant to develop the greenway.

Theis said if significant sites are discovered, the State Historical Society might recommend altering the location of some parts of the development.

Dick Garofano, city administrator for Leawood, said plans call for developing bicycle, bridle and pedestrian paths along the creek as well as a number of ball fields for softball, soccer and baseball and pedestrian bridges across the creek.