



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating Over 30 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

October 19, 2025

The Week Ahead:

October 23: Board Meeting, 7:15 to 8:30



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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816

Passcode: Rotary

Special PolioPlus Edition:

**WORLD
POLIO DAY**
24 OCTOBER



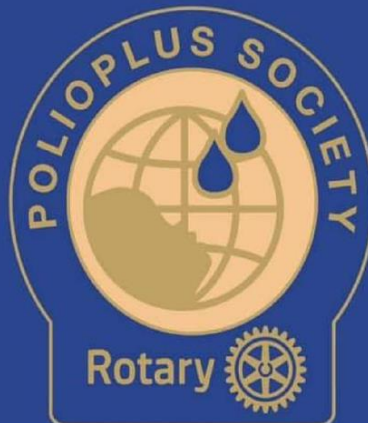
In 1988, Rotary International established World Polio Day on October 24th to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the team that developed the first polio vaccine. This day serves both to raise awareness and celebrate the progress made against polio globally. The first 5 pages of this week's newsletter are devoted to this special day and, more importantly, how you can help by becoming a member of the PolioPlus Society. The information contained within is courtesy of Leawood Rotarian, Jim Arnett, who is also the PolioPlus Ambassador for our Rotary District 5710. Thank you, Jim, for all you do.



**THE
POLIOPUS SOCIETY
IS HELPING TO
END POLIO NOW**

Not a Member Yet? Go To

ENDPOLIO.ORG/DONATE



**END
POLIO
NOW**

LOOKING BACK: ROTARY ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE

- In 1985, the Rotary International Convention meets in Kansas City
- By this time, all Philippine children had been vaccinated
- Dr. Albert Sabin, the developer of the widely-used, oral polio vaccine (OPV) was the keynote speaker at the convention. There, he proclaims “Don’t just talk about Polio. Eradicate it!”
- PolioPlus begins and since then over 3.2 billion children in over 220 countries have been vaccinated.



President Carlos Canseco presents Dr. Albert B. Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, with the 1985 Rotary Award for World Understanding.



WHY ENDING POLIO IS ROTARY’S #1 PRIORITY

- Eradication will improve lives
 - To invest In the future
 - To improve child health
 - To save money
 - To make history

Below is a link to the short video that Jim Arnett had planned to show the club last week, before there were technical difficulties. It is only 90 seconds long but it is well done and a reminder of the good Rotary has done around the world.

[World Polio Day](#)



Amazing Accomplishments!

- ✓ Over 3 billion immunized
- ✓ Polio cases reduced by 99.99%
- ✓ 21 million spared paralysis
- ✓ 2 million saved with Vitamin A
- ✓ 45 million volunteers
- ✓ Worldwide health clinics & labs
- ✓ Rotarian donations exceeding \$2.3 billion
- ✓ Last Wild Polio Case in India was in 2011
- ✓ Africa – Wild Polio-free since July 2020
- ✓ Afghanistan & Pakistan – the final two Polio Endemic Countries
- ✓ Cost \$18 billion since 1985
- ✓ Savings of \$28 billion to date, and another \$25 billion expected over next 20 years

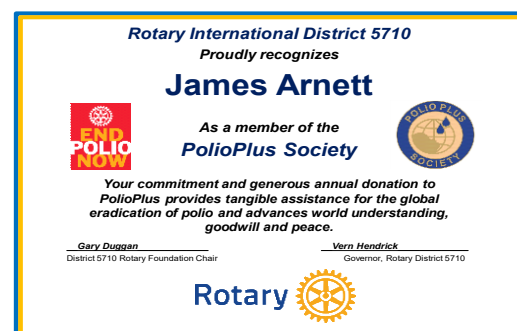
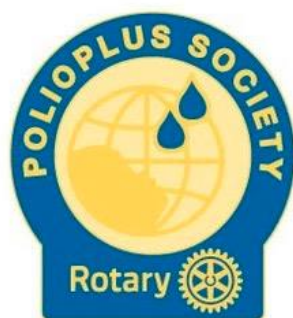
What's Next for PolioPlus?

- Since 1985, Rotary Clubs worldwide have donated, including the Gates Matching funds, over \$2.3 B to Polio Plus
- With the Gates Matching Challenge continuing for 3 more years, Rotary has the potential to reach an additional \$450 million for PolioPlus
- To achieve a Polio-free world with ZERO cases for at least 3 years, we need to Immunize 400 million kids every year, hire more than 150,000 workers, solve the cVDPV issue with nOPV2, and constantly improve how we monitor and detect new cases
- Last year Leawood Rotary donated \$10,389 to PolioPlus. We are off to a great start this year with \$3,940 already donated by our club, especially by the PolioPlus Society members
- We need to exceed our goal of \$5,000 again – and we can!



DISTRICT 5710 POLIO PLUS SOCIETY

Join Now ~ Good for 2025-2026!



- An effort to increase continuous giving until Polio is eradicated
- Encourage Rotarians to commit to donate at least \$100 annually
- Polio Plus Society Pledge Form
- Society Pin, Certificate, EPN wristband
- Easy to donate by using Rotary Direct for ONLY \$10 per month

JOINING THE POLIO PLUS SOCIETY IS EASY

Becoming a Society Member is a simple two-step process!

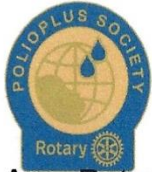
Step 1:

- Member fills out a pledge form with amount of at least \$100 to meet an annual commitment
- Give the Pledge Form to your Club's Polio or Foundation Chair

Step 2:

- Fulfill the pledge by making the donation each year
- Write a check to our Club's Charitable Acct noting Polio Plus Society
- OR Open My.Rotary.org; click Donate and chose "Polio Fund"
- and Easiest: When at My.Rotary.Org, chose the Recurring Option for \$10 (or more)/ MONTH using Polio Plus Direct

Making the Annual Donation depends on following the "4-Way Test"! Membership Certificates and Society Lapel pins awarded at Club Meeting.



The Polio Plus Society

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, **Rotary's Number One Priority,**



I wish to participate in the Countdown to History as a member of the

PolioPlus Society of District 5710

I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation as follows (select one):

\$100 USD per year (minimum amount to become a society member)

A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus (more than \$100)

Optional Lapel Pin: (no cost) Yes ____ No ____

Optional End Polio Now Wristband: (no cost) Yes ____ No ____

I pledge to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the above amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated because ...

Until the world is polio-free, every child is at risk.

Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society Membership Certificate and, if requested, the Society Lapel Pin and an End Polio Now Wristband...and your contribution qualifies for Paul Harris Recognition Points credit.

To make your tax-deductible donation write a check to the your Club's Foundation with Polio Fund noted. Or go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund". You can choose a one-time donation of \$100 or more, or a recurring donation in the amount and frequency of your choice (We suggest \$10/month or \$25/Quarter as the "easy way" to become a Polio Plus Society member.)

Name (please print) _____ / Member ID: _____

Email Address _____ / Club: Leawood _____

Signature _____ / Date _____

Please provide a copy of this form to your club's Foundation Chair. Then scan & email form to **(Jim Arnett, 5710 Polio Chair, maajca@gmail.com)**. Your PolioPlus Society certificate, pin and wristband will be presented at a club meeting to make sure you are recognized for your commitment to polio eradication.



Last Week's Meeting

Sid Mitchell – Crime Stoppers

Last week, former Leawood Rotarian, Sid Mitchell, of Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers, enlightened Rotarians and guests on how this organization assists law enforcement with solving recent and cold cases by rewarding anonymous callers who have valuable information that results in arrest.



For more on this organization, visit their website:

www.kccrimestoppers.com

Or, scan the QR code below.



See page 7 for information on the organization's upcoming fundraiser at Arrowhead.

Don Crost – Shelter Box



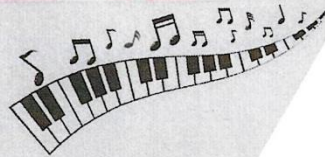
Don Crost, a visiting Rotarian from the Evanston, IL Lighthouse Club, was present to discuss Shelter Box. He is driving a 1953 Chevy pickup from Evanston to Santa Monica (2500 miles) to promote and raise funds for this organization. See pages 8 & 9 for more info on Shelter Box.



29TH ANNUAL GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS

PARTY at
ARROWHEAD

Featuring
DUELING PIANOS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025

6:00 - 10:00 PM

NORTH CLUB/GEHA FIELD AT ARROWHEAD STADIUM

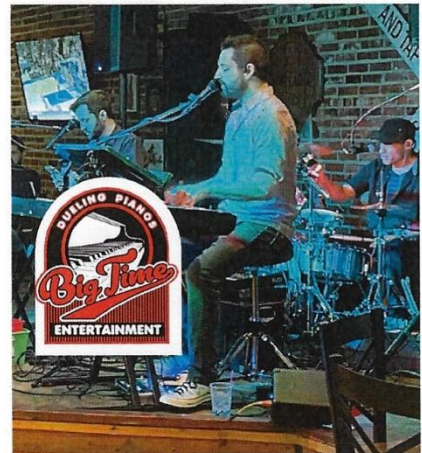
ATTIRE: KC CHIEFS/CASUAL

LIVE AUCTION • SILENT AUCTION • DUELING PIANOS

**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, DRINKS, AND ENTERTAINMENT
WHILE SUPPORTING OUR GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME
STOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE**



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Right now, a staggering 120 million people—the highest number on record—are displaced worldwide. Their lives and homes have been destroyed by disasters, conflicts, and the relentless impacts of climate change.

Since our founding in 2000, ShelterBox has been providing emergency shelter, aid essentials, and technical expertise to support the self-recovery of those affected.



DONATE

Every donation makes a difference. We are committed to providing shelter after disaster, making sure every dollar goes toward helping as many people as possible.

FUNDRAISE

Whether you're into running, hiking, biking, or hosting dinner parties, you can transform a fun event with your friends and family into vital funds for ShelterBox.

VOLUNTEER

Every volunteer is instrumental in providing shelter to those affected by disaster, so whatever skills, knowledge or spare time you have, you can play a vital part in this process. We have volunteers all over the world; all we need is your passion.

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A large photograph of a woman wearing a colorful headscarf with yellow, red, and black patterns and a yellow dress. She is smiling and looking slightly to the side. Overlaid on the bottom half of the image is the ShelterBox logo (a white circle with a green box icon) and the text 'ShelterBox' in large white letters, followed by 'Disaster relief' in smaller white letters, and the website 'www.ShelterBoxUSA.org' at the bottom.

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Disaster relief
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YOUR SUPPORT CAN PROVIDE:

**COMPLETE
SHELTER
PACKAGE**

\$1,000



FAMILY TENT

A place for families
to rest and feel safe
at night.

\$525



**SHELTER
TOOL KIT**

Essential tools and
tarp to help families
rebuild and recover.

\$100



KITCHEN SET

Sturdy cooking sets
for families to share
nourishing meals
together.

\$50



**MATTRESS
& BLANKET**

Mattresses and
blankets offer
crucial warmth
and comfort
during cold
nights.

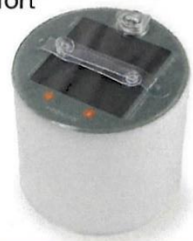
\$40



SOLAR LIGHT

Brightens dark nights
enabling families to
work and study while
providing comfort
and safety.

\$20



**SUPPORT THIS LIFE-SAVING WORK.
SCAN TO DONATE OR VISIT [SHELTERBOXUSA.ORG](https://shelterboxusa.org)**

Oct. 18: Rotarians at KC Curling

The Kansas City Curling Club hosted members of the club for an introduction to this sport, with roots dating back to the 16th century in Scotland. Jonn Wullschleger and Davis Harrison gave tips on the fundamentals of sliding a stone and sweeping to Rick Robinson, Darren Lippe and Rod Pemberton.



No one was seen sprawled on the ice, so the lesson was a success!



Membership News:



Mike Hoefer

From Jake Schloegel:

"It is with a heavy heart that I need to announce that Mike Hoefer has resigned from Rotary.

As some of you may know, Mike was diagnosed with lung cancer last November. He has been going through treatments and as with most cancer treatments of this type, it has had its challenges. Mike will be missed. He has been a long-time member and is a past president of our club."

Looking Ahead to November:

Invocators for November:

November 6 – Phil Gibbs
November 13 – Lisa Harrison
November 20 – Mel Hawk
November 27 – No meeting

Greeters for November:

Lisa Harrison
Mel Hawk
Mary Jo Holland
Del Karmeier
Don Keith
Roxann Kerr-Lindsey
Tom Koch

Greeter Captains for November:

November 6 – Lisa Harrison
November 13 – Mel Hawk
November 20 – Don Keith
November 27 – No Gathering

November Meetings:

November 6:

Marialexa Sanoja Uriarte,
Mission Despegue

November 13:

Club Assembly

November 20:

Rotary Foundation

December 4:

Genesis Mercado,
The Ella Initiative



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!

WE MAKE POUR CHOICES

The November 2025 wine tasting of the We Make Pour Choices Society will be on **Monday, November 3, 5:30 - 7:30 pm.**

Chris Sagovac and Gail Weiss will be our hosts (many thanks!) and the varietals will be **your favorite holiday wines - red, white, rose or sparkling!** If you bring a white, rose or sparkling, please be sure the bottle is chilled before you arrive.

Space is limited, so please RSVP!

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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