The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

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NO MEETING THIS WEEK!

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

November Greeters:

Mad Chhatre, Phil Gibbs, Lisa Harrison (Captain 11/5). Mel Hawk (Captain 11/12), Mary Jo Holland (Captain 11/19), Del Karmeier

November Invocators:

November 5: Dave Anderson

November 12: Jim Arnett

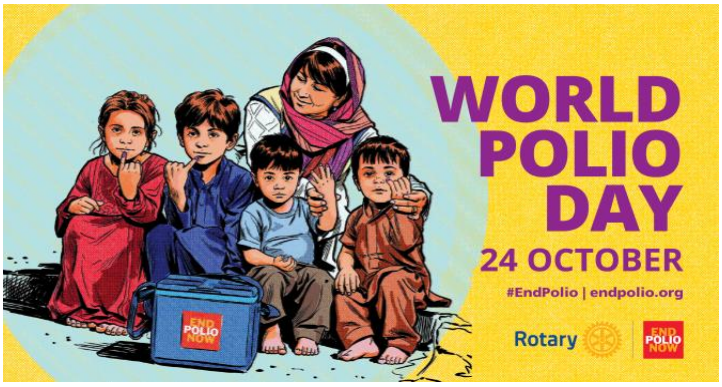
November 19: Chris Armer

October 15 Meeting Recap:

At the October 15 meeting, fellow Rotarian Jim Arnett shared an update on PolioPlus, highlighting Rotary's progress and continued efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. We also had a little fun with a signed Kansas City Chiefs jersey raffle. Congrats to Dave Anderson for winning the jersey, which was graciously donated by Lisa Harrison.

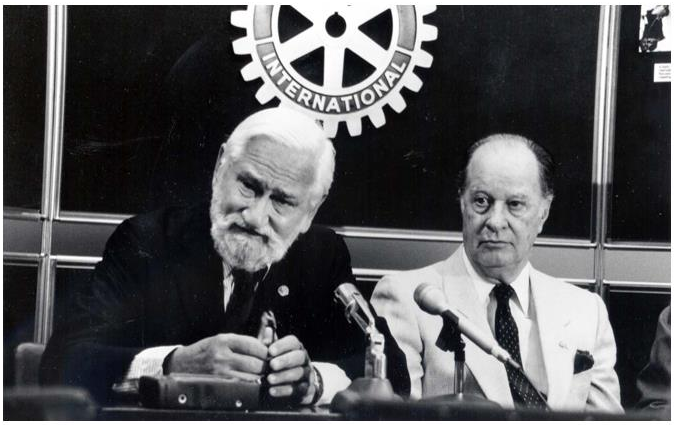






LOOKING BACK ~ ROTARY SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY

- ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS IN KANSAS CITY – 1985
- HAD VACCINATED ALL PHILLIPINE KIDS
- DR. SABIN KEYNOTES AND SAYS, " DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT POLIO – ERADICATE IT"
- 365,000 CASES A YEAR THEN
- POLIO PLUS BEGINS, GPEI IS ORGANIZED & SINCE THEN OVER 3 BILLION CHILDREN IN OVER 230 COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IMMUNIZED



END POLIO NOW

Annual Fireside Chat – October 20





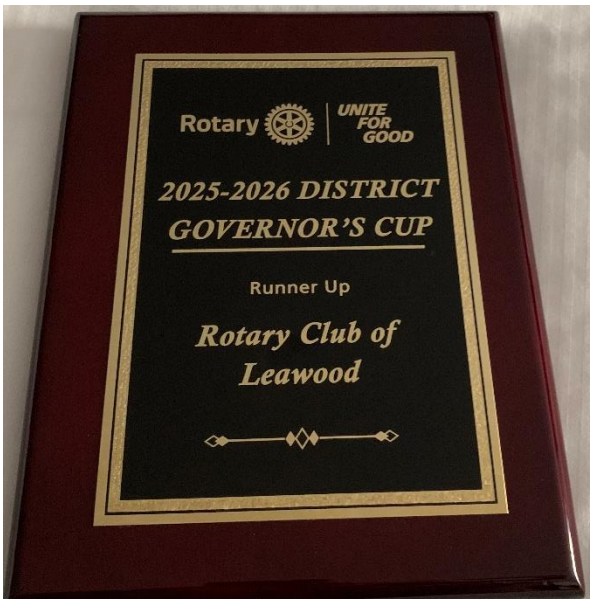
We Make Pour Choices – October 19



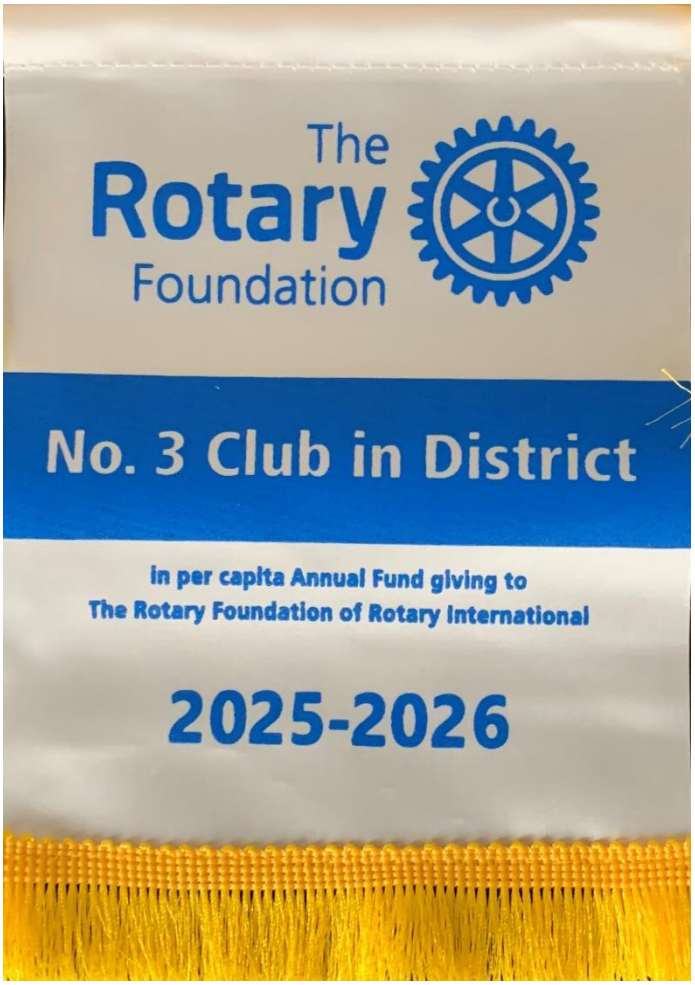


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The Rotary Foundation

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is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.

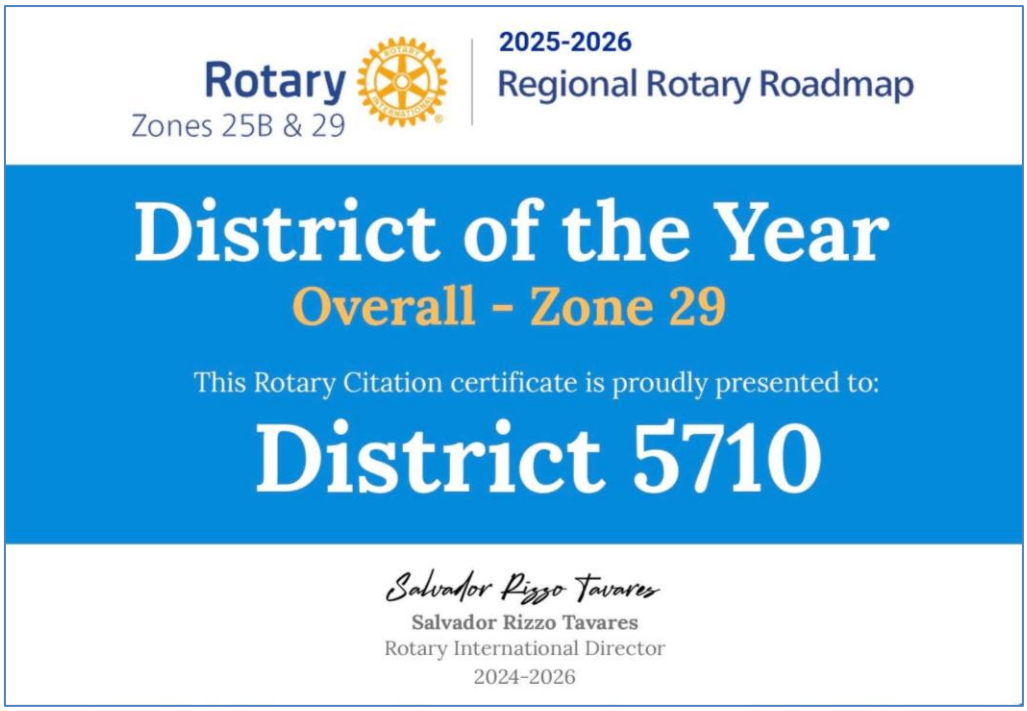
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Holger Knaack
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Francesco Arezzo
President, Rotary International

5710 District Conference October 23-24

Chuck Udell had the honor of presenting these awards to our district members for their awesome work and service to others while strengthening our clubs. Congratulations and thank you to our amazing members and their fantastic clubs!





November 7 Service Project

Flourish Furnishings

Saturday a.m., November 7

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

Save the Date!

Johnson County Christmas Bureau

Saturday 12/5: 8:30-12:30

email Chuck Sipple

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Leawood's Patriotic Parkway

Raising of the Colors:

Monday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m.

Retiring of the Colors:

Friday, November 13 – 8:00 a.m.

If you wish to participate, contact Chuck Sipple:

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Leawood History:

Sun Newspaper - October 29, 1980

State Line Airport to remain open

By Mark Whitehurst

Leawood — State Line Airport, which closed last month as a general aviation airport, will appearently continue operation as a private airport, according to officials at the Federal Aviation Administration.

The airport, owned by Leo Eisenberg Inc., was closed as a general aviation airport over a month ago and several hangers were torn down. The airport is presently leased to B. & C. Enterprises Inc., which applied to the FAA for an airspace determination for a private airport that would include about 10 single engine planes and one multi-engine aircraft.

"We just finalized an airspace determination with no objections and one stipulation for the State Line Airport," said Fredrick Cason, airport certification safety specialist for the FAA, on Monday.

City officials in Leawood were pleased when the airport discontinued use as a general aviation airport, and are opposed to its continued use because of its close proximity to a residential area.

"I feel the city would be violently opposed to any further use of the airport," said Leawood City Attorney Larry Winn III.

City Administrator Dick Garofono said, "We have expressed our concern over the dangers and the FAA has said that because State Line Airport is a private airport they don't have much control."

Winn explained the airport is close to the Leawood South subdivision and is considered to be a nonconforming use.

The results of the FFA airspace determination mean the airport is safe from an airspace point of view. The determination, according to Cason, is secondary to local law.

"We don't take into consideraton subdivisions and we don't make on-site inspections of private use airports," said Cason.

One of the men leasing the airport, Bob Hewitt, Sr., said, "Several of us have flown in and out of that airport for years and want to save the airspace."

"We want to clean it up, use it and make improvements," continued Hewitt.

Hewitt said he wanted to paint the main building and make improvements to the two runways that will be used.

City officials have been unhappy with the way the airport area was left when several of the out buildings were torn down earlier this month. They gave property owners notice to clean the area.

According to Garofono, the property owners have 10 days to comply or the city will do the work and place a lien against the property.

According to Cason, the determination shows safe ingress and egress to other airports and no overlap of airspace that is objectionable. The determination did stipulate the need for a 20 to one glide slope and a seven to one side slope.



PRIVATE AIRPORT — Formerly a general aviation airport, the State Line Airport will remain open as a private facility.

Leawood History:

Sun Newspaper - October 30, 1981

Leawood gives approval to Fountain Plaza office

By Thomas McCormally

Leawood — If everything goes according to plans, the field at the southeast corner of College Boulevard and Nall Avenue will be transformed into an $8 million office complex by this time next year.

The Leawood Fountain Plaza, being developed by R.L. Sailors and Company, will consist of three two-story buildings. The Leawood City Council has given their approval to the project and has issued a letter of intent to issue industrial revenue bonds to finance the project.

The site size is about 7.85 acres with a total building area of 104,576 square feet in the three structures. Plans call for a large patio-type area between the buildings with three fountains on the grounds.

The buildings' design will be similar to those at Leawood Corporate Manor, also developed by R.L. Sailors at the corner of College Boulevard and Roe Avenue. A difference is that Fountain Plaza buildings will be constructed of brick and stucco as opposed to stone in Leawood Corporate Manor.

While the city accepted the condition that as much as 20 percent of the leaseable space could be made available for retail use, a Sailor's official said there are no significant retail plans at Fountain Plaza.

"We do not see the corner as a prime commercial location," said Rick Stucy, vice president of the development company.

He said it was possible some complementary retail businesses, such as an office supply store or a print shop, might be sought for the office complex.

During a public hearing before the Leawood Plan Commission, no public opposition was raised to the development. A meeting between the developer, the city and Leawood Country Manor residents also found no opposition.

The only opposition to the plan came from the city of Overland Park. That city wanted the Leawood section of 112th Street to hook up with Nall Avenue directly across the street from the Overland Park section.

Stucy said his company purposely designed 112th Street through the Fountain Plaza project so it would not hook up directly with the Overland Park 112th Street.

"We don't want traffic tearing through the development," he explained.

Residents of the area liked the Sailors' plan as did the Leawood city staff. Some Leawood Council members agreed with Overland Park, but in the end the Sailor's plan prevailed.

Stucy said Sailors will try to persuade Leawood to install a sign on Nall Avenue near 112th Street preventing rush hour turns into the development.

Before city approval for the development was granted, Sailors had agreed to provide $85,000 for improvements to Nall Avenue. No improvements are currently planned by Leawood, but when the improvements are necessary, Sailors will be required to come up with the cash.

The developer had requested the city speed up its approval process. The Plan Commission approved preliminary and final plans at one meeting. The City Council approved the preliminary plans at a meeting last week. The Council doesn't need to approve the final plans.

"We're ready to go. With the money market the way it is, we wanted to get going on this thing. A series of meetings to get approval takes months and we didn't want to wait that long," Stucy explained.