The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

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This Week's Program:

Rotary Foundation – District 5710
Foundation Chair, Roger Aeschliman

November Meetings:

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 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

November Tech Team:

November 5 (Julia/Stephen), November 12 (Kirk), November 19 (Stephen)

October 15 Meeting Recap:

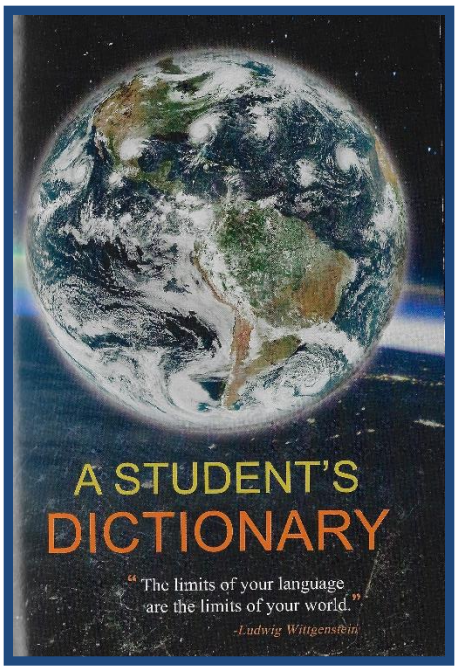
Kirk Nelsen and Darren Lippe recently delivered dictionaries to the students at Mission Trail Elementary School, where Kirk's grandchildren attend. The kids were thrilled with the free dictionaries, courtesy of Leawood Rotarians!







This is so much more than just a traditional dictionary. There is so much additional information contained that is fascinating. Check out page 373, for instance: The Longest Word in the English Language. It is 1909 letters long!



Foundation Month

Leawood Rotarians,

November is upon us once again. That means that Foundation Month is here!

There are a couple of things that you need to know about -

- November 5th: We will have a special visitor to give a program on The Rotary Foundation (TRF), **Roger Aeschliman, District 5710 Foundation Chair**.
- November 1st thru the last meeting in December: We will be starting a **Matching Point Campaign**. This is for those of you who either are working on your Paul Harris Fellow recognitions/pins, or wish to start. We will provide a 1:1 match for your contributions to TRF. Details to follow in the next couple of days!

Please try and attend our next meeting on November 5th to learn more about the great things OUR Foundation is doing!

Yours In Rotary,

Kirk Nelsen,
Foundation Chair

Rotary
Club of Leawood Kansas
Dist 5710

Winter Coat Drive



Jonn Wullschleger has generously volunteered to be your personal shopper for coats! If you prefer, just bring a check (made out to Jonn)/cash for your desired donation & Jonn will buy the coats on your behalf.

*Larger sized coats are in need (LARGE, X-LARGE, XXL, etc.)

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

csipple@kc.rr.com

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 Rotary Rewind:

November 2011:

Brad Moore is inducted into the club.



November 2012:

President Don Smith and Jake Schloegel accept the Pillar of Hope Award on behalf of the club at the Annual Dinner.



Leawood History:

Sun Newspaper – November 20, 1996

Center can have grocery - if sign leaves

By Jacqueline Lehatto
Sun Staff Writer

Leawood City Council members Monday demonstrated the give and take approach to city business. They told Ranch Mart representatives they would give them preminary approval for a new grocery store if the owners would take away one of the Ranch Mart signs.

Council members Monday granted 6-1 preliminary site plan approval to a Cosentino's supermarket on the north side of the Ranch Mart shopping center. With the approval, however, comes a stipulation: One of the two old Ranch Mart monument signs on the north side of 95th Street must go.

Council member Louis Rasmussen led the effort to eliminate or move the sign, located for about 30 years on 95th Street east of Mission Road. "We want you there," he said to Scott Wilmoski, who represented Associated Wholesale Grocers and the owners of the shopping center.

But, Rasmussen said, the sign obstructed the view of drivers traveling west on 95th Street and turning into and exiting the McDonald's parking lot. And increased use of the center will make the problem worse, he said.

Councilwoman Marnie Clawson agreed with Rasmussen that the sign was an obstruction. "I think (the shopping center owners) want the grocery store enough to remove the sign," she said.

Wilmoski said it was up to the owner whether to agree to remove the sign. Informed of the sign stipulation Tuesday, the owner, Vic Regnier, said it was too soon to comment.

The 63,000-square-foot Cosentino's grocery store would be built between Seasonal Concepts and what is now the west wall of Ranch Mart Hardware. The hardware store is moving across the street to the former Food Barn location in the Overland Park side of Ranch Mart.

Plans for the Leawood side of the shopping center show a reconfigured parking lot with space for 872 cars, new lights and landscaping.

Although he would not name the exact type of grocery store proposed for the center, Wilmoski said it would be "more like a Sun Fresh or a Henhouse," with upscale produce, deli and bakery departments. He called it a "service-oriented, high-perishable," store.

While council members lauded the proposed grocery, they echoed Plan Commissioners' comments last month that they had hoped the entire shopping center would be refurbished. "We are faced with the situation that one side is new and one side is shabby," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen cast the lone no vote against preliminary site plan approval. He said he was concerned about existing buildings on 95th Street, including a telephone repair hut, continuing to obstruct vision for drivers even if the Ranch Mart sign was removed.

Representatives of the neighborhood north of the center also spoke in favor of the new grocery store Monday, but presented a petition asking for a sound wall to be installed along the back of the center.

Leawood planner Bob McKay said he would work with the developers and the neighbors to come up with a solution for a noise barrier.