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The Leawood Lowdown - Week of Nov 12th

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others." – Albert Schweitzer

Author's Apology

Rotarians - I apologize for missing last week's Newsletter. Between a hectic schedule and a lingering bout with a bad cold, I was unable to make the magic happen. Hopefully, this will be such a good edition, it satisfies the hunger we all feel due to the lack of news!

In the News

This week, we heard from Equity, a grass roots organization created by two highschoolers. They saw the need for updating period products at schools. They are now in seven Kansas Public high schools, and they send period kits to the nurses at each school. Approximately 16.9 million menstruating women live in poverty in the United States. Among those women, two-thirds said they struggled with affording menstrual products in the last year, and 14% of college girls in a study surveyed said they struggled to afford period products. Rotarians *generously & spontaneously* donated to Equity at the Nov 17th meeting.

During the REACH session, Lorna and Ron presented scenarios related to navigating through issues that could impede college completion. The mentors acted out each of the scenarios and students worked in small groups to discuss solutions to each scenario.

Ron added commentary on the issue of agility and understanding that you can adjust who you are and how you engage by developing along the way.

Don't forget our Holiday Party on Nov 30th at Roxann's House. See details below.



Other News and Upcoming Events

Join The Race to End Polio

- Our Polio Plus Goal is \$5,000! This is a great month to start donating! Be sure and take a look at the Polio News in District Newsletter.
- To Our Polio Plus Society Members – its a great time to make your donation. Use Rotary Direct @ just \$10/Month - Every dollar donated helps vaccinate another child! To donate, send Gary a check or donate at [My.Rotary.Org/Donate](#).

Other News

- **Upcoming Important Dates**
11/28 – Membership Committee – Steve Black's Home
11/30 – Thursday Christmas Party
Time: 6:00PM - 9:00PM CST
Location: Roxann's Home, 12710 Melrose Overland Park, KS 66213
- 12/6 - REACH
- Please remember to bring your coats for kids throughout November. Mary Holland agreed to store the coats at Hereford House during the month. She is graciously allowing us to get coats to Herford House on Thursday mornings and any other day of the week. We are in need of Girls sizes 8-14.
- Leawood Rotary committed to twenty volunteer shopping slots at JCCB; ten volunteers for two days: Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 to noon and Saturday, December 9, from 8:30 to noon. The JCCB Holiday Shop is at the same site as last year, 9656 Quivira Rd, Lenexa, KS. 66215, across from Oak Park Mall.

Ray's Restaurant Review - HomeGrown- 11705 Roe Ave, Ste A, Leawood, KS 66211. HOMEGROWN is a breakfast, brunch & lunch daytime eatery featuring locally-sourced dishes. THEY HAVE AN EXTENSIVE breakfast and lunch menu! Our leadership team had the sweet potato pancakes and pumpkin bread french toast. Amazing! The restaurant is in the old Corner Cafe location in Leawood.

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

The next hybrid meeting at Hereford House is **Thursday, Dec 7th**

December Greeters: Mike B, Stephen B, Leigh B, John B, Gary B, Andrew C, and Kathy D

November 23rd – No meeting

November 30th – Board Meeting



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