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The Leawood Lowdown - Week of Dec 17th

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

In the News

Week TWO! Auction time is a fun time Great job Santa Lippe and Elfie Harrison! Check out the pictures from the Christmas Auction. We had a great time and the proceeds all go to Project Cure!

The excitement of the auction reached a feverish pitch when Carlos Vides won the bid for the mystery box. Inquiring minds wanted to know what was in the box and were willing to pay a "happier buck" to find out!

Stu Sharp - you couldn't look happier - congratulations!



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 and Upcoming Important Dates

- Jan 17 - REACH
- Jan 20 – Food Packing Event - We are having a Meal Packing Event on Saturday January 20th, 2024. We will work from 8:30am to 11:30am and pack 10,000 meals to be distributed in the Greater Kansas City area. Kathy Dull has reserved the event space at KW Partners. KW Partners is located at 6850 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS 66211.
- Jan 29 - Wine Affinity hosted by Chuck and Ester Udell (5:30 PM.)
- Feb 7 - REACH
- Feb 13 - Project C.U.R.E. Service Day

Partnership with the Police

- There is a new app called [TrafficCam](#) (Click the link to download) and is a way for people to help combat human trafficking, specifically child sex trafficking. Download the free app and when you stay in a hotel, take pictures of their room using the app.
- No selfies and no personal property should be in the picture.
- The app will prompt users on what to take pictures of, as well as the name and location of the hotel.
- Organizations such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children use those photos to locate victims. During investigations, when law enforcement/NCMEC finds a photo of a potential victim on line, the photo database is used as away to pinpoint where that potential sex trafficking victim is at. Law Enforcement is immediately sent the location to try and locate/identify the person.

Ray's Restaurant Review - The ELMS - The Elms Hotel & Spa, 401 Regent St. Excelsior Springs, MO. With a menu featuring all of your holiday favorites, such as soufflés, roasted sirloin, delicious sides, and more - this will be the most expensive buffet you've ever eaten. But the ambiance and experience make it an meal to remember.

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?

The next hybrid meeting at Hereford House is Thursday, Jan 4th
January Greeters: Sonya E, Jodi F, Phil G, Lisa H, Mel H, Larry H, Rob H

Dec 28th – No Meeting - its
Christmastime in the City!

Jan 4th – Virtual Tour of
Underground Railroad - Erik Stafford



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Can't make it to the in-person meetings? Join Via ZOOM and keep up to date!

ALL Meetings are hybrid - being held in person and via Zoom. If you can't attend in person, [please join us on Thursdays at 7:15 am.](#)

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