



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

Celebrating 30 Years!

leawoodrotary.org

May 11, 2025

THE WEEK AHEAD:

May 15: Johnson County Christmas Bureau "Christmas in July"

Nina Kimbrough, Executive Director, and Roseann Newcomer, 2025 President, will join us to discuss the organization's upcoming "Christmas in July" fundraiser, as well as answer your questions about the Johnson County Christmas Bureau.



Nina Kimbrough



Roseann Newcomer

Johnson County Christmas Bureau
In Search Of VOLUNTEERS!

JCCB.org/July

**SATURDAY
JULY 26TH
10AM - 1PM**

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Meeting ID: 813 1042 7816
Passcode: Rotary

May Greeters: Tom Koch, Darren Lippe, Terence Mack, Lisa May, John Meier, Brad Moore, Stephen Powell

5/15 Invocator: Hemender Vats



May 8 Program:



Last week's meeting opened with a wonderful "mini-program" and invocation in honor of the 80th anniversary of VE Day (May 8, 1945). Rick provided some very interesting statistics about WWII. Leawood is holding its own Armed Forces Celebration Day on Saturday, May 17th. See page 4 for more information.

Our guest speaker was Starlight Theater's President and CEO, Lindsey Rood-Clifford. Lindsey provided some updates on the latest improvements to the theater, which remains one of the most successful outdoor theaters in the country. For more information on some upcoming fundraising events at Starlight, click on the links below.



[Starry Night at Starlight - May 24, 2025](#)



[Uniquely KC - Starlight](#)

May 7: Happy Bottoms



Rotarians gathered May 7 for another service project at Happy Bottoms. They made record time completing all tasks and having fun in the process!

May 10: Rotary Youth Camp



Community Service Chair Chuck Sipple and President Elect Rod Pemberton visited the Rotary Youth Camp along Lake Jacomo and donated \$1300 in support of young campers, many of whom live with physical, mental or emotional challenges.

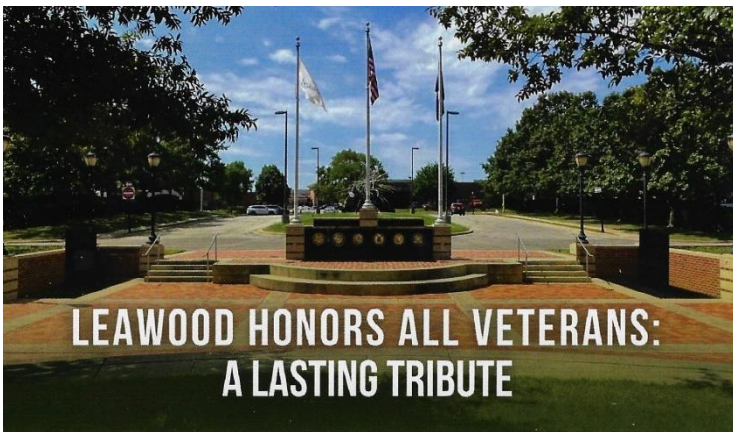
Mark Your Calendars:

May 12: We Make Pour Choices Society, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Stephanie and Bryan Meyer will be our hosts (many thanks!), and the varietal will be **Cabernet Sauvignon**. The Meyers' address is **22510 W. 60th Street, Shawnee Kansas**. Please bring a bottle of Cab, and wine glasses for each member of your party. If you plan to attend, please inform Paul Rueschhoff or Chris Sagovac, your Leawood Wine Guys!

May 17: Armed Forces Day Celebration, 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the courtyard of Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive. See below for more info.

May 22: Leawood Rotary Social, 4:30 – 6:00 pm at Plate Italiano Moderno in Park Place, 11655 Ash St., Leawood KS 66211

May 28: International Committee Meeting, 7:30 a.m. at The Breakfast Spot Place, 13164 State Line Road, Leawood KS 66209



The Leawood Foundation is proud to announce the capital campaign to create the Leawood Veterans Memorial, to be located in the courtyard in front of City Hall in Leawood, Kansas.

The memorial will serve as a place for reflection and an educational space, providing opportunities for all ages to learn about America's journey to freedom and the role of all veterans in shaping our nation throughout periods of war and peace. The proposed design created by PLAID Collaborative LLC, will be completely funded by donors like you.

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The City of Leawood invites the community to a special Armed Forces Day Celebration on **Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9:30 to 11 a.m.** in the courtyard of Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive. This free public event will honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and feature a meaningful lineup of tributes, music, military displays, and more. Attendees will enjoy patriotic performances by the American Legion Band of the Greater Kansas City Wind Ensemble and hear remarks about Leawood's plans to honor its veteran community. Also, a Vietnam-era Huey Helicopter, brought by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 243, will be on display. This is a rare opportunity to experience a historic aircraft that flew more than 3,400 combat mission hours during the Vietnam War. Additional exhibits will include military artifacts and a 1950 Korean War-era Jeep, courtesy of the Kansas City Military Collectors Club.

A group of fundraisers will also introduce plans for a future Leawood Veterans Memorial Plaza, to be constructed in front of City Hall. This project is being shaped through the efforts of a Veterans Memorial Group composed of Leawood residents, local veterans, members of the Leawood Foundation, and past and present members of organizations rooted in Leawood, such as the city's Historic Commission and Lions Club. The project will be privately funded through a capital campaign led by the Leawood Foundation. Guests will be able to learn more about the memorial plans and how to support its development. Join us for this inspiring city event as we recognize the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans and take the next step in creating a lasting tribute for generations to come!