



The Leawood Rotarian

The Newsletter of the Leawood Rotary Club

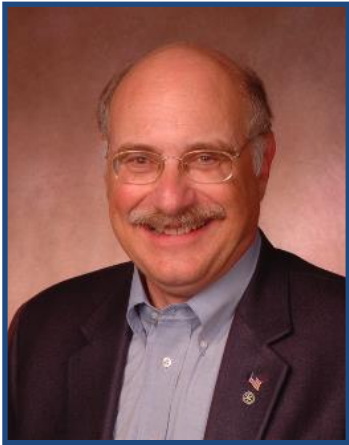
Celebrating 30 Years!

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July 6, 2025

HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR!

The month of July marks the start of a new Rotary year, and Leawood Rotarians are diving right into the new year with several service opportunities throughout the month. Please consider volunteering some of your time at one of the upcoming fundraisers shown on pages 3 & 4. Let's "Unite for Good"!



July 10 Meeting: District Governor Chuck Udell

Invoker:

Jonn Wullschleger

July Greeters:

Mary Reed (Captain for July 10), Jake Schloegel, Ken Selzer, Stu Sharp, Chuck Sipple (Captain for July 17)

Farewell Message from Tamara Jo Sevcik

It has indeed been a magical Rotary year thanks to many. I so appreciate PDG Faron Barr and the nominating committee for giving me the opportunity to serve as the district governor for our great district. I so appreciate the support of the district leadership team from the committee chairs to all who serve on our committees working hard to ensure we all are doing what we need to do. I so appreciate our club presidents and their memberships for taking a good look at community needs and taking care of business to ensure we are being people of action and making a real difference where it needs to be made. I so appreciate our DG Line who takes time to meet when necessary to ensure flawless transitions and strategic planning from year to year...and, of course, the support and assistance from our seasoned PDGs has been greatly appreciated as well. I so appreciate our district administrative assistant, Mandy, who takes on much more than we pay her for, always with a smile on her face and with a bright, cheery attitude; I appreciate your friendship and lending an ear throughout the year...love ya, Missie.

I so appreciate our district treasurer, Karen, for keeping our finances straight...so glad you said yes to my request to stay on one more year. I so appreciate my home club (Leavenworth) members who supported me on my district governor journey every step of the way; I could not have taken on this challenge without your support. And of course, my family (especially Mike) comes into play here, as well...many thanks to all of you for taking a back seat to something I have wanted to do for quite some time. Our year has been a good one thanks to all your efforts, our Rotary Foundation donations are higher than they have ever been. In addition, your support of the Pocket Change for Polio Campaign showed each club contributing to Polio Plus...making our district a 100-percent giving district in this area; this is wunnerful, wunnerful, wunnerful --- many thanks for your generous donations all the way around and for everything else as well (please forgive me if I have missed anyone or anything). I am humbled by the time I have had in the role of district governor and owe so much to so many...thank you does not seem enough. I look forward to serving as the IPDG and providing guidance & assistance where I can, to continue to make district 5710 the best district in Rotary International and an awesome place to serve as a Rotarian. I do hope this year has brought each of you much fun, fellowship, and many fabulous friendships.

Yours in Rotary Service, Gratefully, and signing off for 2024-2025,
Tamara :)

Pour Choices: Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

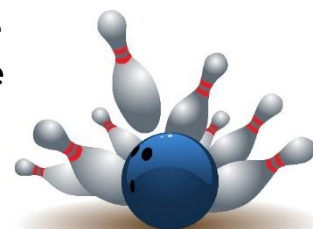


**Chris & Paul, your
“Leawood Wine Guys”**

Darren and Doris Lippe will be our hosts (many thanks!) and this wine tasting will have a San Francisco theme, with the varietal being **wines from Sonoma...red and white**. The Lippes address is **12700 Granada Road in Leawood**, and Darren suggests attendees park in the cul-de-sac near his house. Please bring a bottle of wine from Sonoma (**chilled if it is white wine**), and wine glasses for each member of your party. The Lippes are limiting this wine tasting to **22 attendees**, so please RSVP to Paul Rueschhoff if you plan to attend: pdrueschhoff@sbcglobal.net

BBBS SUMMER BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE – July 16

The club is sponsoring The Leawood Rotary Alley Cats to participate in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Summer Bowl for Kids' Sake. Here are the details:



Event: Summer Bowl for Kids' Sake

Date & Time: July 16 (Wednesday) at 6 p.m.

Place: Park Lanes at 7701 Renner Road, Shawnee, KS 66217

Cost: \$0 (you can afford FREE). Buy your own food and drinks.

You can take advantage of a couple of free practice sessions at Ward Parkway Lanes on Thursday afternoons from Noon to 3 p.m. during the next three weeks.

Please email Del Karmeier (delkarm@aol.com) or Jonn Wullschleger (jmw@mitchcap.com) if you wish to participate. If you would like to donate to the cause, please click on the link below.

<https://bbbskc.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.team&teamID=6620>

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED – JULY 16!



Volunteers are still needed to assist at the Leawood Chamber's "At the Tee 2025" golf event on Wednesday, July 16, at Ironhorse Golf Course. Volunteers should arrive at 10:30 a.m. Tee off is at 11 a.m., with the event wrapping up by 5 p.m. We have lots of shade to stay cool. Non-golfers are welcome! If you need more information, please contact Rod Pemberton:

rodpemberton@gmail.com

JCCB Christmas in July – Volunteers Needed July 26

Leawood Rotarians have the opportunity to volunteer at the Johnson County Christmas Bureau's upcoming **Christmas in July Festival**. The event takes place on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parking lot behind the Christian Church of Merriam, 9401 Johnson Drive. JCCB expects approximately 400 people (underserved families with children age 10 and under). They will receive free toys, books, clothing and household items. Additionally, representatives from various community resource agencies will be present to provide educational information about their services that benefit Johnson County families. There are a variety of volunteer jobs available including setting up, taking down, concessions, and booth and game attendants.

Here is the link to the volunteer sign-up:
<http://bit.ly/3FMKcyN>

Here is the link to the JCCB website page about the event: <https://jccb.org/july>




July 30: Service Day at Project Cure


A Service Day has been scheduled at Project Cure for July 30th from 1 - 3:30pm. We have requested that we be scheduled to pack the Kits for Kids that they do. Details are being worked out for the packing of the kits. If for some reason that can't be arranged, we will be doing our regular sorting and warehouse work.


For those who wish to carpool, let's meet at 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot just east of the old/new UMB bank site at I-435 and State Line. If you wish to drive yourself, please get directions from Rick Robinson. This is another great chance to do good and have some fun with your Rotarian friends. If you can make this service event, please let Rick Robinson know by emailing him at: rickrobinson.kc@gmail.com

New Rotary Grove Sign at Ironwoods Park!



LEAWOOD ROTARY TREE GROVE






A TREE FOR EVERY ROTARIAN

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In 2018, the president of Rotary International challenged the 33,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries around the world to plant a tree for every member. Recognizing the vital role trees play in our environment and the need to plan for our future, he emphasized their importance to the Earth's ecosystem.


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- Play a vital role in the ecosystem by providing food and habitat for wildlife
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- Reduce localized extremes in temperatures, which reduces energy costs
- Provide inviting and relaxing places to work, live, and play
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- Improve water quality and reduce stormwater management costs
- Reduce skin cancers by providing shade from harmful ultra-violet rays
- Increase the property value of our homes and businesses
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"A society grows great when old people plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." (Greek Proverb)

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Looking Ahead:

Meetings:

- July 17, 2025 – Purple People – Alzheimer's (Melissa Koppers)
- July 24, 2025 – Board Meeting

Invocators:

- June 17 – Kirt Yoder

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Jim Rawlings stands beside our newly installed Rotary Tree Grove pedestal sign at Ironwoods Park. See page 4 for images of the sign.

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