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**50 FORWARD CLUB® VISITS
STRAWBERRY HILL MUSEUM**

THE 50 FORWARD CLUB® took its final Day Trip of 2016 on Wednesday, December 7. The group went to the Strawberry Hill Museum in Kansas City, Kansas' historic Strawberry Hill neighborhood.

Strawberry Hill is a Kansas City, Kansas neighborhood that, in the late 19th century, became home to a large number of immigrants from Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, and Russia. The museum



is located within the Victorian home that was built in 1887 for John and Margaret Scroggs. The house was sold in 1919 to the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ to serve as an orphanage for the many children in the town left without parents following the 1918 influenza epidemic.

The house was decorated beautifully for the holidays and the tour included an ethnic-inspired catered lunch that was enjoyed by all!

**"Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home!"
- Charles Dickens**

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR
HOLIDAY BAGS FOR
THE HOMEBOUND**



Every Christmas, volunteers from Shepherd's Center Central deliver gift bags to their homebound clients. For some, this will be the only gift they will receive and it means a lot to them. Now through Friday, December 16, THE 50 FORWARD CLUB® office will be accepting donations of the following items for inclusion into the holiday bags:

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| Soap | Slippers |
| Toothpaste | Calendars |
| Toothbrushes | Notepads |
| Chap Stick | Stationery |
| Razors/Shaving Cream | Stamps |
| Deodorant | Tote Bags |
| Lotion | Canned Soup |
| Socks | Crackers |
| Gloves | Candy |
| Microwave Popcorn | Scarves |

Items may be dropped off at the Johnson County RSVP/50 FORWARD CLUB® office during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through December 16. The office is located in Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church at 9300 Nall Avenue in Overland Park.

Items are tax deductible. Please note that any food items should be non-perishable.



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Candy Cane Cocoa—courtesy of allrecipes



Ingredients:

- 4 cups milk
- 3 (1 ounce) squares semi-sweet chocolate, chopped

- 4 peppermint candy canes, crushed
- 1 cup whipped cream
- 4 small peppermint candy canes

Directions:

In a saucepan, heat milk until hot, but not boiling. Whisk in the chocolate and the crushed peppermint candies until melted and smooth. Pour hot cocoa into four mugs and garnish with whipped cream. Serve each with a candy cane stirring stick.

Strawberry Champagne Punch—courtesy of allrecipes



Ingredients:

- 1 bottle champagne
- 1 (2 liter) bottle ginger ale, chilled
- 2 (10 oz) packages frozen strawberries, partially thawed

Directions:

In a large punch bowl, combine champagne, ginger ale, and strawberries. Gently stir and serve.



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT—REACH OUT AND READ KANSAS CITY

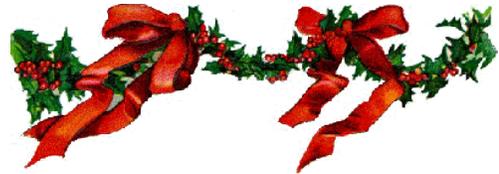


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Reach Out and Read Kansas City is always seeking new and gently-used children's books to distribute to children in need or volunteer readers, which are the backbone of the program. To get involved, call (913) 588-2793.



Life isn't about finding yourself.
Life is about creating yourself.

George Bernard Shaw

