

## Newark Rotary Committees 2023-2024

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ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORY 2015-16 PRESIDENT ERIN KENNEDY (1960-2015)

### DISTRICT GOVERNORS FROM NEWARK ROTARY

•FRANK L BEGGS: 1927-28 •ROBERT C. BATTAT: 1970-71 •DONN E. ALSPACH: 1988-89  
 •DARREL JONES: 1957-58 •THEODORE D. GRILEY: 1976-77 •ROBERT H. MCGAUGHY: 2003-2004

### DIRECTOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

THEODORE D. GRILEY: 1990-1992

### TRUSTEE, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

THEODORE D. GRILEY: 2001-2005

# ROTOGRAM

2023-2024

Rotary



## WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Jerrie Mock's Solo Flight



### Presented by Katharine Chisolm, Janice LoRaso and Susan Reid (Jerrie Mock's sister)

Geraldine "Jerrie" Fredritz Mock was an American pilot and the first woman to fly solo around the world. She flew a single engine Cessna 180 christened the Spirit of Columbus and nicknamed "Charlie." Join us for a memorable 60th anniversary celebration of her ground-breaking 22,860-mile flight.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Apr 23 – Pat Tiberi / Ohio Business Roundtable

Apr 30 – TBD

May 7 – Trace Johnson / The Basics of AI

May 14 – Special Needs Picnic

May 21 – Jennifer Sansfacon / Weathervane Playhouse's Summer Series

### A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

[newarkohiorotary.org](http://newarkohiorotary.org)

[District6690.org](http://District6690.org)

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## LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

**President Jim Cooper** rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** started the group singing R-O-T-A-R-Y. **Ben Mitchell** led us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led the group in singing an additional song "When We Meet at Rotary".

Guests: **President-Elect Janice LoRaso** introduced the guests from visiting Rotary Clubs: Tyler McDade from Zanesville and Dana Moore from Pataskala

Three Minute Talk: **Brad Shumaker**

Sergeant-At-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** fined those without pins or badges. **Brad Shumaker** was fined for his three-minute talk. **John Wilson** announced that there are still spaces for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids. OSUN and **Bill MacDonald** were recognized for the work at regional campuses. Anyone who watched the eclipse was fined \$1. Anyone who didn't watch the eclipse was fined \$2.

Last Week Reporter: **Sally Heckman**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lori Carlson** announced that April's service project is for feminine hygiene products for girls at Newark High School. Over the next few meetings, **Lori** will have a box that you can put them in, or you can ship them to **Kelly Parker's** house directly.
- **Kristen Evers** reminded us that we are organizing for our Ride for Polio. You can express your interest in participating by letting **Heather Powell** know. On April 23rd, we will hold an information meeting directly after our Rotary meeting. Donations can be made to an individual rider or you can provide one check to be split among all riders. Heather Powell announced that it's time to start talking about our Ride for Polio taking place on May 11th. You can ride at the YMCA again this year.
- **Peter Larson** and **Joe Sinsabaugh** shared that we are going to again support Ukraine by doing a painting raffle, done by **Joe**, as well as an evening of piano playing with **Peter** at your house.
- **Gary Baker** pointed out the flyers on tables about the 125 Club. **Tim Keith, Jason Hall, Patrick Prescott, Jim Matesich, Sharad Thakkar, Barb Quackenbush, Tom Mullady, Heather Powell, Jim Dellner, Bob McGaughy, Pat Jeffries** and **Regan Eveland** are all current members of the 125 Club. Our goal is to get to 100 members by June 30th.
- Our Club Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 16th at 10:30 AM in the

## PROGRAM

**Bill MacDonald** introduced our guest speaker today. Dr. Virginia Cope is an associate professor of English at OSUN. Dr. Cope will present on Mardi Gras Indians.

The Mardi Gras Indians are a black parading culture in New Orleans. In their neighborhoods each year, they build elaborate suits in which they parade and encounter other tribes. It involves art and community and dance and music. A few years ago, Dr. Cope took a group of students to New Orleans for a service project. Their project built a web site, involving 18 interviews that have turned into 3 different documentaries.

Every year they build these suits, which take an entire year to create. Different neighborhoods have different ways of building the suits, but they all tell stories. This began as a way to honor American Indians who helped enslaved African Americans.

Each tribe is led by a "Big Chief" whose suit is compared to other Big Chiefs' suits to declare whose is prettiest.

Beginning in 2014, Dr. Cope started taking students down to New Orleans. "Spirit Leads My Needle" is the first documentary, in which the Big Chiefs talk about their traditions and obstacles they've faced.

In 2016, another group went down to New Orleans and worked with the women in the tribes. Women can be Queens in the tribes.

Hurricane Katrina disproportionately hit the tribes, but on Mardi Gras day, some Indians managed to come back, find their suits, dry them out, and parade. It became a symbol of resilience. Since then, various museums have honored this tradition. As a result of that trip, the second documentary was made called "It's Your Glory".

During the pandemic, the Mardi Gras Indian community was hit hard because it is centered around gathering. Mardi Gras took place in 2020 one week before the nation shut down and it became a superspreader event. In 2022, another group of students went down to learn about the effects of the pandemic on the Mardi Gras Indians. "Othermothering" was extended throughout the pandemic. In 2022, the tribes paraded again and many of the suits reflected the hardships of the pandemic. The third documentary "Masked for Battle" was released and it is now airing on WYES.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder." -E.B. White*