

Newark Rotary Committees 2025-2026

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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
 GARY BAKER: 2024-25

DIRECTOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

THEODORE D. GRILEY: 1990-1992

TRUSTEE, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

THEODORE D. GRILEY: 2001-2005

ROTOGRAM

2025-2026



WEEK OF MARCH 08, 2026

Meetings At Noon Tuesday | Double Tree Hilton, Newark, Ohio

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Building Peace Through Rotary Service



Presented by Gary Baker, 6690 Past District Governor and Club Member

This week's Rotary meeting will feature a presentation by fellow Rotarian and Past District Governor **Gary Baker**. Gary will recap the Rotary International Action Group for Peace initiatives and share highlights from the recent "Building Peace Through Service" Caribbean Cruise, where Rotary leaders discussed ways to promote peace through service.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 17 - Rick Platt - Heath Newark Licking County Port Authority

March 24 - Elijah Snow - Update on Newark Heath Airport

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the March 03, 2026 meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** led the club in "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Heather Powell** offered a moment of inspiration centered on Rotary's March theme of Clean Water and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The musical portion continued with "God Bless America", followed by a piano selection from **Peter Larson** titled "Honeysuckle Roads."

Guests: **President-Elect Nate Adams** introduced the day's guests including Suzanna Bonham, guest of **Kristen Evers**; Hillary Santiago-Burgoss, guest of **Chuck Moore**; Cameron Garezyk, guest of **Jennifer Roberts**; Nancy Neely, guest of **Jack Neely**; Lauren Harvey, guest of **Sharon Phelps**; and Kyle Oversmager, guest of **Kristen Evers**. The club also welcomed visiting Rotarian Kirk Honegouse of the Newark-Heath Rotary Club.

Recognitions: The club celebrated the induction of new member **Alex Corwin**. Fellow Rotarian **Ashley Lewis** also delivered her three-minute speech to the club.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** led the day's fines. **Ashley Lewis** was fined for going slightly over the three-minute mark, **Alex Corwin** as part of his new member welcome, **Barb Quackenbush** for celebrating the success of Newark girls and boys basketball and **Rob Montagnese** for receiving the LMH AARP Award.

Last Week's Reporter: **Ben Mitchell**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fashion with Compassion Style Show: **Kirk Homrighouse** announced the upcoming Fashion with Compassion 2026 event benefiting the Licking County Coalition of Care. The third annual style show will take place March 14 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Newark and will feature local celebrity appearances, a style show, and a silent auction. Proceeds will support the Coalition's mission to assist local families and individuals facing poverty.

All Ohio PETS Fundraiser / Dolly Parton Imagination Library: **Nate Adams** highlighted an upcoming All Ohio PETS fundraiser supporting the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a program that mails a free book each month to children from birth until age five. Since its founding, the program has distributed more than 20 million books to children across Ohio.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Alex Corwin

PROGRAM

Rotarian Ashley Lewis introduced this week's presenter, Susan King, who shared an overview of the Pollinator Pathway initiative and its growing impact in Licking County. King explained that the program encourages communities to transform traditional lawns and green spaces into connected habitats that support pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects that are critical to healthy ecosystems and food production.

King described the Meadows for Monarchs Project, which helps landowners convert ordinary grass areas into thriving habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The initiative provides expert instruction, native seed mixes, and community support to help participants successfully establish native plant habitats. Through the program, participants learn how native plants provide the food sources and shelter that pollinators depend on throughout their life cycles.

She highlighted the strong local partnerships supporting the effort, including organizations such as The Dawes Arboretum, the Licking Park District, Denison University, Ohio State University Newark, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and numerous local schools, libraries, and conservation groups. Together, these partners are helping expand pollinator-friendly spaces across the county and educating residents about the importance of restoring native landscapes.

King also shared early results from the program's local efforts, noting that 32 habitat plots have already been prepared, ranging from small 50-square-foot plantings to areas as large as six acres. These efforts have resulted in more than two million native plants being established across participating sites, creating a growing network of connected habitat for pollinators.

She concluded by encouraging members to consider how they can support pollinators at home by planting native trees, shrubs, and flowers, removing invasive species, reducing the size of traditional lawns, and adopting pesticide-free yard care practices. King emphasized that even small changes can make a meaningful difference, and that by working together, communities can create a connected pathway of habitat that helps pollinators thrive.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Nations, like stars, are entitled to eclipse. All is well, provided the light returns..." – Victor Hugo (from *Les Misérables*)