

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 15, 2026

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

A County Reflecting National Trends



Presented by Rick Platt, President/CEO, Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Rick Platt, President and CEO of the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority. During his 23-year tenure, the Port Authority has grown into the largest self-sustaining port authority in Ohio and one of the five largest in the state. Rick will discuss how Licking County's growth mirrors broader national trends.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 24 - Elijah Snow - Update on Newark Heath Airport

March 31 - Matt Thompson - CTEC - Jill of All Trades Program

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the March 10th meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led members in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y". Fellow Rotarian **Heather Powell** provided the Moment of Inspiration and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tom and Peter then returned with an additional song.

Guests: **President-Elect Nate Adams** introduced the day's lone guest, John Jordan; guest of **Julio Valladares**.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept the meeting lively with a round of good-natured fines and reminders for members to proudly wear their Rotary pins and badges. In honor of National Mario Day, members who admitted to playing the iconic video game found themselves paying up. New member **Dan Ream** was also fined as part of a friendly Rotary welcome, and the \$15 raffle winner was promptly fined as well..

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fashion with Compassion Style Show: **Nate Adams** 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.
- Rotary 110th Anniversary Celebration: **Melissa Owens** and **Pamela Watkins** announced the Rotary Club of Newark's 110th Anniversary High School Reunion | Reeling in the Years, an evening of fun and nostalgia on April 11 that will kick off a community fundraising campaign to resurface the Rotary Playground. Rotarians are encouraged to attend and celebrate while supporting this important local project.

PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Bob McGaughy** introduced this week's speaker, **Gary Baker**, Newark Rotarian and Past District Governor for Rotary District 6690. Gary provided a recap of Rotary International's Rotary Action Group for Peace initiatives and shared highlights from the recent "Building Peace Through Service" Caribbean Cruise, an event designed to bring Rotarians together to explore how service projects can promote peace and understanding around the world.

Gary explained that the Rotary Action Group for Peace supports Rotary's mission of advancing world understanding and goodwill by connecting Rotarians with training, partnerships, and project resources focused on conflict prevention, community development, and international cooperation. The organization works with Rotary clubs worldwide to establish "Peacebuilder Clubs," part of a growing global network that promotes dialogue, education, and service projects designed to address the root causes of conflict.

He also shared experiences from the Caribbean cruise program, which brought together Rotarians and peace advocates for workshops, discussions, and collaborative planning centered on practical ways to build peace through Rotary service. The program includes training sessions on empathy, communication, and community engagement, while encouraging participants to develop personal peacebuilder action plans they can bring back to their clubs and districts.

Gary noted that many of these initiatives focus particularly on youth engagement and education. Proceeds from the cruise and related programs help support youth peace education initiatives that provide mentorship, training, and service-learning opportunities aimed at preparing the next generation of community peacebuilders.

Gary concluded by encouraging Rotarians to view peacebuilding as an active part of Rotary's service mission. By applying the principles of Service Above Self, he noted, Rotary clubs can help strengthen communities, build greater understanding between cultures, and contribute to a more peaceful world.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited, whereas imagination embraces the entire world." – Albert Einstein