

## Newark Rotary Committees 2025-2026

<b>President</b>	<b>Brendan Underwood</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>740-450-2265</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>740-605-1981</b>
<b>President-Elect</b>	<b>Nate Adams</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>740-323-6824</b>		
<b>President-Nominee</b>	<b>Joe Sinsabaugh</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>740-501-0875</b>		
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Vacant</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ray Barber</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>614-834-0657</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>740-366-4444</b>
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Janice LoRaso</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>740-334-9058</b>		
<b>Club Service</b>					
	<b>Nate Adams</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>740-323-6824</b>		
Fellowship/Logistics	Eric Ricketts	Home	740-344-8709		
Club Programs	Pamela Watkins	Cell	440-264-3213		
Chaplain	John Wilson	Cell	740-404-9551	Cell	740-877-7581
Music	Peter Larson/Tom Slater	Peter	614-226-2640	Tom	740-398-1690
Sergeant-at-Arms	Pat Jeffries	Home	740-344-3980	Cell	740-334-8302
Communications	Ben Mitchell	Cell	740-334-0510		
Historical	Angie Ryan	Cell	740-258-3498		
Technology	Vacant				
<b>Vocational Service</b>					
	<b>Joe Sinsabaugh</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>740-501-0875</b>		
Membership	Chuck Moore	Cell	740-877-7272		
Orientation	Tom Marcelain	Home	740-344-7895		
	Molly Ingold	Cell	740-975-4967		
Mentorship	Jeff James	Home	740-587-4447	Office	740-587-2746
<b>Community Service</b>					
	<b>Jennifer Roberts</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>740-403-9552</b>		
Special Needs	Talya Greathouse	Home	614-496-7783		
Rotary Awards	Susan Leithauser	Cell	614-507-0751		
Rotary Serves	Deb Tegtmeyer	Cell	740-348-6877		
Engagement	Melissa Owens	Home	740-507-3603		
Newark Rotary Foundation	Jack Neely	Cell	740-641-8197		
Special Events	Melissa Owens/Pam Watkins	Melissa	740-507-3603	Pamela	440-264-3213
<b>International Service</b>					
	<b>Melissa Owens</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>740-507-3603</b>		
Rotary International Foundation	Jim Francis	Home	740-366-7677		
Grants	Pat Jeffries	Home	740-344-3980	Cell	740-334-8302
Global Projects	Joe Sinsabaugh	Cell	740-501-0875		
Polio Plus	Heather Powell	Cell	419-233-2930		
<b>Youth Service</b>					
	<b>Pamela Watkins</b>	<b>Cell</b>	<b>440-264-3213</b>		
Youth Exchange	Beth Graff	Cell	740-225-9417	Office	740-920-4795
Junior Ethics	Trevor Thomas	Home	740-877-2591	Office	740-788-3118
Student Visits	Barb Quackenbush	Home	740-334-9107	Office	740-670-7041
Scholarship/RILA	Janice LoRaso	Cell	740-334-9058		

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 22, 2026

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

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Newark-Heath Airport: Taking Flight



### Presented by Elijah Snow, Chief Flight Instructor at Flight Gear Aviation

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Elijah Snow, Chief Flight Instructor at Flight Gear Aviation in Heath. With leadership experience spanning flight training and airport operations, Elijah has played a key role in advancing aviation programs at Newark-Heath Airport. He will provide an update on the airport's progress, future plans, and impact on the local community.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

April 07 - Speaker To Be Determined

### A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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

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

[f /NewarkRotaryClub](https://www.facebook.com/NewarkRotaryClub)

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

**President Brendan Underwood** rang the bell to open the March 17th meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** and **Jim Cooper** led members in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y". Brendan welcomed attendees with an Irish proverb reflecting on friendship and community, reminding members how fortunate Rotary is to bring people together in service. Fellow Rotarian **Deb Tegtemeyer** then shared a spring-themed Moment of Inspiration and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim and Tom returned to close with an additional song, "My Wild Irish Rose".

Guests: **President-Nominee Joe Sinsabaugh** introduced today's guests, including students from Northridge and Licking Heights. Guests included Lauren Harvey, guest of **Sharon Phelps**; Suzanne Bonnain, guest of **Kristen Evers**; Cameron Garczyk, guest of **Jennifer Roberts**; and Peter Borhauer, guest of **Molly Ingold**.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept the meeting festive with a St. Patrick's Day theme. New member **Dan Ream** received a warm Rotary welcome, while celebrations included **Steve Ehret** on a new grandchild and **Deb Tegtemeyer** on her third grandchild, marked by a \$20 donation. **Gisele James** shared the news of her son Ryan's election to Cincinnati City Council as the youngest African American councilmember in history. **Jack Neely** auctioned an apple pie in honor of Pi Day, raising \$150 for polio research, with thanks to **Tom Mallady** for the winning bid.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rotary 110th Anniversary Celebration: **Melissa Owens** 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.
- Third Thursday: **Jack Neely** reminded members to join fellow Rotarians for drinks and good food every third Thursday of the month, with this month's gathering held at Hunan Garden.

## PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Jennifer Roberts** introduced this week's speaker, Rick Platt, President and CEO of the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority. A longtime Rotarian himself, Rick shared insights into the Port Authority's role in driving economic development across the region, noting that Licking County serves as a microcosm of both the state of Ohio and the nation in terms of growth and opportunity.

Rick provided a historical perspective on the site, which was originally established in the early 1960s as Newark Air Force Base, a critical hub for aerospace guidance and metrology operations. After the base closed in 1996, the Port Authority was created to take ownership and redevelop the property into what is now the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center, one of the first successful examples of Air Force privatization-in-place.

He highlighted the transformation of the campus over the past 30 years, emphasizing that the facility remains a major economic engine for the region. Today, the site is home to more than two dozen companies, with a workforce and payroll that exceed what existed during its time as an Air Force base. The campus supports a wide range of industries, from advanced manufacturing to aerospace, with major partners like Boeing continuing to invest in and expand their presence, including a lease extension through 2038.

Rick also noted that while the base transitioned to private sector use, the Air Force never fully left, maintaining an ongoing presence of approximately 100 employees tied to critical national defense operations. He shared that the site continues to play a vital role in supporting mission-critical efforts, underscoring its strategic importance beyond the local community.

He further discussed the diversity of industries represented on campus, describing it as everything from "missiles to milk," reflecting the wide range of manufacturing and production taking place. With approximately 25 companies on site, the campus generates an annual payroll of around \$162 million and contributes roughly \$3.2 million in income tax revenue to the City of Heath, reinforcing its significant local economic impact.

He concluded by discussing current momentum and future opportunities, including the reshoring of manufacturing jobs and the continued attraction of new industries to Licking County. Recent developments include new facilities opening in 2024 and ongoing expansion efforts by existing partners. With strong partnerships and a focus on innovation, the Port Authority remains committed to job creation, economic growth, and positioning the region for long-term success.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"May your glass always be full, may the roof over your head always be strong, and may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead." - Irish Blessing*