

Newark Rotary Committees 2025-2026

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 •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 APRIL 12, 2026

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Newark's Little Drummer Boy



This weeks meeting will be held at the State Farm Building!

Presented by Doug Stout, Local History Coordinator, Licking County Library

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Doug Stout, local history coordinator at the Licking County Library. With extensive research on Newark native Johnny Clem, Doug will share the story of the "Little Drummer Boy" of the Civil War, exploring his early life, military service, and the lasting legacy he left on both Licking County and American history.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 21 - Renee Redd - Advances in Alzheimer's Research & Treatments

April 28 - Adam Sharp, Executive Director of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation - State of Agriculture in Ohio

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the April 7th meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led members in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Tony Adams** delivered the Moment of Inspiration and led the Pledge of Allegiance. An additional song, "The Easter Parade," was led by **Peter Larson**, **Susan Leithauser**, **Tom Mullady**, and **Brad Schumaker**.

Guests: **President Elect Nate Adams** reported that there were no guests in attendance.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** brought energy and humor to the meeting with a mix of lighthearted fines, celebrations, and club updates. Members without pins or badges were fined, along with **Jay Snyder** for winning the raffle. Birthdays were noted for **Jim Cooper**, who kept his date classified and **Chris Diebold**, celebrating on Saturday, while **Kelly Parker** was recognized for both a recent birthday and becoming a grandmother four times over. **Rob Montagnese** celebrated Michigan's national basketball championship, and **Levi Boyd** drew laughs for his resemblance to **Nate Adams**. Announcements included **Kim Manno** promoting the Ohio Goes To The Movies event featuring "Johnny Shiloh," and **Susan Leithauser** sharing that Rotary awards information will be released next week.

Last Week's Reporter: **Sally Heckman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clippers Game Volunteers: **Tony Adams** announced that May 1st is the 14th annual Big Brothers Big Sisters outing at the Columbus Clippers game. The club has 54 seats available and is seeking six Rotarians to serve as chaperones for this meaningful and fun community event.
- 110th Anniversary Fundraiser: **Melissa Owens** shared that this Saturday's High School Reunion | Reelin' in the Years event will celebrate Rotary's 110th anniversary while launching a fundraising campaign to resurface the Rotary Playground. The evening will feature great food, entertainment, and a robust silent auction. Those unable to attend can still participate by bidding or making a donation, with a link to be shared.

PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Kim Manno** introduced this week's speaker, Susan Sheridan Smith, an educator at The Ohio State University at Newark specializing in Strategic Communication and Public Speaking. Susan provided an engaging overview of labyrinths, explaining that unlike mazes, which are designed to confuse, labyrinths follow a single, purposeful path that encourages reflection, calm, and mindfulness.

She shared the rich history of labyrinths, which date back thousands of years and have been used across cultures for spiritual and meditative purposes. From ancient designs found on coins and pottery to the well-known Chartres Cathedral labyrinth in France, she explained how these patterns have evolved and continue to influence modern designs. Labyrinths were especially prominent in medieval churches, often serving as symbolic pilgrimages for those unable to travel to holy lands.

Susan noted that labyrinths are experiencing a resurgence in popularity today, with hundreds located across Ohio alone. They can be constructed in a variety of ways, including stone, grass, wood, or even simple mowed patterns, and are often placed in peaceful outdoor or contemplative indoor environments. She emphasized their accessibility, sharing that people of all ages and physical abilities can benefit from engaging with a labyrinth.

She highlighted the many physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of the practice. Walking a labyrinth can provide gentle physical activity, while also promoting mental clarity and stress reduction by engaging both hemispheres of the brain. Spiritually, labyrinths can serve as a tool for prayer, reflection, or personal intention. She introduced the "Three R's" of the labyrinth experience: releasing, receiving, and returning, as a helpful framework for those seeking a more guided approach.

Susan also shared exciting news that a labyrinth is planned for The Ohio State University at Newark campus, to be located near Hopewell Hall. The space is envisioned as a hub for student engagement, reflection, and even outdoor classroom use, complete with landscaping, seating, lighting, and donor recognition opportunities. She encouraged Rotarians to get involved in supporting the project and helping bring this meaningful addition to campus to life.

Drawing on her experience as a trained labyrinth facilitator, Susan emphasized the personal and flexible nature of the practice, noting there is no right or wrong way to engage. She concluded with a Navajo prayer, leaving attendees with a message centered on walking in beauty, mindfulness, and connection.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." – Henry Ford