

Newark Rotary Committees 2024-2025

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•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

2024-2025

Rotary



WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Junior Achievement: Program & Tour Update



ATTENTION ROTARIANS!

We will be meeting at
NCS West Campus:
 (Old State Farm, 1440 Granville Rd,
 Newark) for the following Rotary
 meetings: **April 01, 08 & 15.**
 Look for ROTC students to assist
 with directions to parking and
 entrance.



Presented by Mike Davis, President Junior Achievement of Central Ohio

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Mike Davis, President of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio. He will provide an update on the JA Program and lead a tour of the Junior Achievement facility, offering insight into how the organization is preparing young people for future success through hands-on learning experiences.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 22 - J P Nauseef, CEO of Jobs Ohio

April 29 - Tom Marcelain - Tour of Licking County Courthouse

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** started us singing R-O-T-A-R-Y. **Dave Shull** led us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater** then led us in the singing of "When you Wore a Tulip."

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's guests and visiting Rotarians. Jennifer McDonald was a visiting Rotarian from the Newark-Heath club. **Heather Powell's** guest was Brett Brown. **Kristen Evers'** guest was Brent Swartz. **John Paul Munhall's guest** was Cathy Stofac.

Student Guests: **Kim Manno** introduced the students from COTC: Nicholas Carnihan and Madeline Bethard. **Dr. Matt Smith** introduced the students from m OSU-N: Dia Bailey and Emilio Rojas.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** fined all lawyers—despite it being "National Be Kind to Lawyers Day." **Jim Dellner** was fined for his daughter being named outstanding tutor of the year. **Chuck Moore** was fined for "misremembering" his birthday. **Heather Powell** was recognized in Columbus Business First's "Forty Under Forty." **Todd Salome's** wife earned "horse of the year." **Nate Adams** and **Lee Heckman** were fined for 9 years and **Brad Chute** for 13 years in Newark Rotary. Mitch Mitchell, a new member, was fined for his "tears of joy."

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jack Neely** announced that Third Thursday will not occur until Monday, April 14 at the Red Oak Pub at 5:00.
- **Heather Powell** announced that Ride for Polio will occur on May 3. Riders and Walkers should see **Dave Shull**. \$20 raffle tickets for a "Grill and Chill" basket are on sale.
- **Janice LoRaso** announced our April service project, which is volunteering for the Rotary District Conference that we're hosting this month. See the sign-up genius.

PROGRAM

Chan Cochran introduced today's guest, Roger Geiger, Executive Director, of the Ohio Small Business Council. The Ohio Small Business Council is a part of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. Its mission is to promote and protect the establishment, growth, and vitality of small businesses in Ohio. Mr. Geiger previously spent 20 years as vice president and executive director of Ohio for the National Federation of Independent Businesses. He had recently retired but then took on his current role.

Mr. Geiger shared several enlightening statistics about small business in Ohio. Ohio is home to 1 million small businesses. 99.6% of all businesses in Ohio employ 500 or fewer people. 96% have 25 or fewer employees. An additional almost 800,000 individuals are self-employed. 2.2 million of Ohio's 4.9 million employees are employed by small businesses (45%). 2 out of every 3 net new jobs created in the last decade have been created by small businesses. Women and minorities are the fastest-growing segment of creators of new small businesses. 75% of small businesses donate an average of 6% of their profits to charitable organizations annually.

1 in 4 small businesses fail in the first year and 45% fail within 5 years. However, 70% those that get past 5 years will close on their terms. 25 years ago, 75% of Americans wanted to own their own business. Today only 62% do, (however, 92% of young people today say they want to be their own boss.)

Mr. Geiger also shared some interesting results from the Ohio Small Business Council's 2025 survey. When listing what impacts their business the most, business owners said that the number one issue was the cost of healthcare and health insurance, with 76% of respondents identifying that issue. The next most important issue was finding quality employees (soft skills and work ethic), with 48% identifying this issue. Another 44% of respondents noted that uncertain economic conditions were a major issue, and the survey was done prior to the most recent tariff announcements).

Mr. Geiger noted that of the many issues facing small business owners, one major issue is the huge number of local taxing jurisdictions. Although Ohio is fairly "middle of the road" when it comes to state income taxes, Ohio is a complete morass when it comes to local taxes with over 6,000 local taxing jurisdictions, which is more than the state of New York.

Mr. Geiger then took a few questions from the audience.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Rotary is a cross section of the business and professional life of the community." –Paul Harris