

Newark Rotary Committees 2025-2026

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ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORY 2015-16 PRESIDENT ERIN KENNEDY (1960-2015)

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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 19, 2026

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

New Frontiers in Alzheimer's Research



Presented by Renee Redd, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association - Central Ohio Chapter

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Renee Redd, Program Manager at the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio Chapter. Renee will share an overview of current advancements in Alzheimer's treatment and research. She will highlight emerging therapies, ongoing studies, and the impact these developments are having on patients and families.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 28 - Adam Sharp, Executive Dir, OFBF - State of Agriculture in Ohio

May 05 - Kate Shannon, Artist Laureate, OSU

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led the club in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Jennifer Roberts** delivered the invocation and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The musical portion continued with "April Showers," led by Peter and Tom.

Guests: Several guests were in attendance including Hillary Santiago, guest of **Chuck Moore**; Becky Claussen and Alexa Robinson-O'Neill, guests of **Kim Manno**; Joshua McNichols, guest of **Matt Smith**; Isabel Fravler-Turner, guest of **Gisele James**; and Levi Boyd, guest of **Tony Adams**.

Recognitions: The club celebrated the induction of new members **Peter Borhauer**, **Lauren Harvey**, **Hilary Santiago-Burgos**, and **Suzanne Bonnain**.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** led the day's fines. The four newest members were fined in honor of their induction. **Kim Manno** and **Tim Keith** were fined for birthdays. **Nate Adams** and **Lee Heckman** were fined for club anniversaries. **Melissa Owens** and **Pamela Watkins** were recognized for their leadership in planning the recent signature event. **Kevin Connell** shared updates on a successful partnership between his art gallery and Newark High School students and announced an upcoming Fine Art Fair at the Arcade.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rotary Awards Nominations: Susan Leithauser announced that nominations are now open, with forms available online and at upcoming meetings. Awards will be presented June 16.
- BBBS Clippers Outing: Tony Adams shared that the 13th annual outing is coming up and asked members to RSVP by Tuesday if interested.
- Young Leaders Endowment: Mike Schmidt announced that \$20,000 was raised thanks to Dan DeLawder's dollar-for-dollar match.
- Signature Event Success: Pam Watkins recognized the committee for Reelin' in the Years, which raised more than \$50,000.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Hilary Santiago-Burgos Suzanne Bonnain

Peter Borhauer

Lauren Harvey

PROGRAM

Rotarian Brad Shumaker introduced this week's presenter, Doug Stout, Local History Coordinator at the Licking County Library. Stout, who is retiring after 37 years with the library, shared insights from his extensive research cataloging veterans from Licking County across all eras.

Stout focused much of his presentation on Civil War history, highlighting that Johnny Clem was not the only young soldier from Licking County. He noted that Albert White served at just nine years old, while others such as Eldaburt Cooley and Rufus Talbot also enlisted as young teenagers, illustrating the remarkable and often overlooked stories of youth involvement in the war.

He provided a detailed look at the life of Johnny Clem, who was born in Newark in 1851 to German immigrant parents. Clem experienced tragedy early in life with the death of his mother in a train accident. When the Civil War began, he attempted to enlist but was turned away due to his age. Undeterred, he stowed away on a train and ultimately joined Union troops, officially enlisting in 1863 at age 11.

Stout addressed common myths surrounding Clem's service, particularly the widely held belief that he fought at the Battle of Shiloh. He explained that there is no evidence to support this claim, despite Clem later stating otherwise. However, records do confirm Clem's presence at the Battle of Chickamauga, where he served bravely and was later promoted to sergeant at just 12 years old.

He went on to describe Clem's wartime experiences, including being captured by Confederate forces and later released in a prisoner exchange. Clem's story gained national attention and was used as a symbol of Union pride. After being wounded twice, he was discharged in 1864 due to age restrictions.

Stout concluded by outlining Clem's life after the war, including his graduation from Newark High School, his attempt to attend West Point, and ultimately receiving a commission as a First Lieutenant through President Ulysses S. Grant. Clem went on to have a long military career and remains notable as the last Civil War veteran to serve on active duty.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We do not remember days, we remember moments." – Cesare Pavese