

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 26, 2026

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Advancing Agriculture Across Ohio



Presented by Adam Sharp, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Adam Sharp, Executive Vice President of the Ohio Farm Bureau. As the organization's chief executive, Adam leads statewide efforts to support Ohio farmers and strengthen communities. He will provide an update on the current state of agriculture in Ohio, highlighting key challenges, opportunities, and innovations shaping the industry's future.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 05 - Kate Shannon, Artist Laureate, OSU

May 12 - Children's Picnic - Rotary Park

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the April 21st meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** led members in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y." Fellow Rotarian **Deb Tegtmeyer** delivered the Moment of Inspiration and led the Pledge of Allegiance. An additional song, "When You Wore a Tulip (Spring Time)," was led by **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater**.

Guests: **President Elect Nate Adams** introduced several guests, including Holly Lafteman, guest of **Stephanie Crockatt**; Blake Talbot, guest of **Molly Ingold**; and Amy Hall of Gahanna, a guest of the speaker, Rene Red. Visiting Rotarians included Melissa Anderson of the Newark-Heath Rotary Club, Kirk Homrighouse, President of the Newark-Heath Rotary Club, and Anne Haning of the St. Clairsville Rotary Club.

Recognitions: A Red Badge Exchange was held for **Whit Miller**, mentored by **Heather Powell**.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept the meeting lively with a blend of humor, friendly fines, celebrations, and club updates. Birthdays were recognized for **Tim Fitterer** and **Talia Greathouse**, and **John Berry** was acknowledged for seven years as a Rotarian. Members were also highlighted for their involvement in the Coalition of Care event, and **Stephanie Crockatt** provided an update on Dawes Arboretum.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Clippers Game Volunteers: **Tony Adams** reminded members of the upcoming Big Brothers Big Sisters outing at the Columbus Clippers game next Friday evening. Rotarians are encouraged to attend and support this fun and impactful community event.
- Service Committee Meeting: **Deb Tegtmeyer** shared that the Service Committee will meet following the May 26th Rotary meeting. Members interested in getting involved are welcome to attend or connect with Deb for more details.
- Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra: **Brendan Underwood** highlighted the Symphony Orchestra's Season Finale on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 PM at the Midland Theatre. The performance will celebrate American music and feature Gershwin's Piano Concerto in F Major, the world premiere of Un baiser by Newark composer and fellow Rotarian **Ben Shirley**, and Dvořák's Symphony No. 8.
- Rotary Awards Nominations: Members were reminded that nominations are now being accepted for the June 16th Rotary Awards.

PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Pamela Watkins** introduced this week's speaker, Rene Red, Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio Chapter. Rene delivered an informative and impactful presentation on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, focusing on prevalence, early detection, treatment advancements, and available community resources.

Rene began by explaining that dementia is an umbrella term for cognitive decline, with Alzheimer's disease accounting for 60 to 80 percent of cases. She emphasized that Alzheimer's is a progressive disease and not a normal part of aging, currently affecting more than 7 million Americans, with nearly 12 million individuals serving as unpaid caregivers.

She outlined the importance of recognizing early warning signs, including memory loss, confusion, difficulty completing familiar tasks, and changes in mood or behavior. Rene stressed that early detection is critical, as it allows individuals and families to access treatments sooner, plan for the future, and take advantage of support services.

Rene also highlighted promising advancements in treatment, noting that while there is no cure, new therapies are emerging that may help manage symptoms and, in some early-stage cases, slow disease progression. She reinforced the importance of brain health through lifestyle choices such as regular physical activity, healthy eating, cognitive engagement, and management of chronic conditions.

The presentation also addressed the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer's on certain populations, including Black and Hispanic communities and women, and emphasized the Alzheimer's Association's commitment to health equity and access to care.

Rene concluded by sharing the wide range of resources available through the Alzheimer's Association, including a 24/7 helpline, educational programs, support groups, and opportunities to participate in research. Attendees were encouraged to raise awareness, support those affected, and consider getting involved through volunteerism or advocacy.

Additional remarks were shared by Amy Hall, Fundraising Manager for Do What You Love to End ALZ, along with Kirk Homrighouse, who highlighted an upcoming fundraising opportunity to be held next year at Dawes Arboretum.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The political problem of mankind is to combine three things: economic efficiency, social justice, and individual liberty." – John Maynard Keynes