

Newark Rotary Committees 2024-2025

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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

2024-2025

Rotary



WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Behind the Scenes: Courthouse Tour



Presented by Rotary Member and Court of Common Pleas Judge Tom Marcelain

This week's Rotary meeting will feature club member and Court of Common Pleas Judge Tom Marcelain. He will provide an overview of the recent improvements made to the courthouse, highlighting key updates and enhancements, before leading members on a tour to see the beautifully renovated facility firsthand.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 6 - Jeff Hall - Mayor of Newark

May 13 - Mike Shearer - Executive Editor of the Columbus Dispatch

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell to open the meeting. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** kicked things off with the singing of "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Mike Massaro** followed with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater** then returned to lead the group with an additional song.

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's sole guest. **John Paul Munhall** welcomed Cathy Stofac.

Student Guests: The visiting students from COTC: Nicholas Carnihan and Madeline Bethard and from OSU-N: Dia Bailey and Emilio Rojas provided their reflections on their time attending Rotary meetings in April.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept things short and sweet fining anyone on Earth Day who happened to walk on the earth!

Last Week's Reporter: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Heather Powell** reminded Rotarians the raffle for the ride for Polio. Tickets are \$20 for the basket including gift cards, party packs, summer sports, adult beverages, tumblers, sunscreen, spices, grilling tools, etc. There are 9 riders riding this year in the ride for Polio.
- **Tony Adams** reminded Rotarians Big Brothers Big Sisters is doing a Columbus Clippers on Friday, May 2. There are 10 tickets set aside for Rotarians (5 sets of 2). There is no cost to attend.
- **Carol Thress** announced that she will be offically be passing the Chaplin chair duties to fellow Rotarian **John Wilson**. A huge thank you to Carol for her many years of service to the club!
- **Brendan Underwood** announced that he and **Jack Neely** attended the OSU/ COTC scholarship dinner and awarded the Erin S. Kennedy Newark Rotary Scholarship to Abigail Caskey. Abigail will be an incoming senior for the 2025–2026 school year at The Ohio State University at Newark, where she anticipates graduating in the spring of 2026 with a major in Psychology. Congrats to Abigail!

PROGRAM

Rotarian Chan Cochran introduced J.P. Nauseef, President and CEO of JobsOhio, Ohio's private economic development corporation. J.P. has led JobsOhio's efforts to attract new businesses, support innovation, and drive job creation across the state. Under his leadership, JobsOhio maintains a private, stable funding model with \$1.77 billion in revenue and focuses on investment tools such as talent and workforce development, site readiness programs, growth capital initiatives, innovation districts, scaled marketing and branding, and small business and finance partnerships. He oversees an organization deeply invested in strengthening Ohio's strategic industry sectors, including advanced manufacturing, energy and chemicals, logistics, health and biosciences, technology, automotive, aerospace, financial services, and food and agriculture processing.

Mr. Nauseef began his presentation by highlighting JobsOhio's transformation of the state's economic landscape. In 2011, Ohio ranked near the bottom nationally in business growth, job creation, and economic performance. Fast forward to today, and the state now ranks among the top nationally for global groundwork, mega-project investments, and reshoring of manufacturing jobs. JobsOhio has led the way in achieving #1 rankings for new jobs created, payroll generated, capital investment, customer service excellence, and total projects delivered. Landmark projects with companies such as Intel, Honda, Anduril, and Joby Aviation have created thousands of high-quality jobs, generated billions in payroll, and fueled Ohio's economic resurgence.

He emphasized JobsOhio's broad statewide impact, including over 640 projects since 2020 that have supported small businesses, strengthened vibrant communities, and prepared development-ready sites across the state. Their investments have spurred a record number of construction jobs and contributed to Ohio leading the Midwest in population in-migration, reversing long-term trends. Mr. Nauseef outlined the organization's 2030 aspiration: to make Ohio the number one state in the Midwest and one of the top five states nationally for economic opportunity and quality of life. Key pillars of this vision include advancing the innovation economy, harnessing energy as a competitive advantage, capitalizing on emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, and expanding the Silicon Heartland initiative.

Finally, Mr. Nauseef spoke to JobsOhio's unique private, nonprofit structure as a major factor in its success, allowing for speed, transparency, and strategic discretion. Backed by a stable revenue stream and a highly experienced leadership team, JobsOhio continues to position the state for sustainable growth and long-term prosperity. Their achievements are not just economic wins—they represent a stronger, more resilient future for all Ohioans.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The best way to predict the future is to create it." – Abraham Lincoln