

## 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

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## WEEK OF MAY 04, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Newark's Future in Focus



### Presented by Newark Mayor, Jeff Hall

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Newark Mayor Jeff Hall, who will provide an update on the health of the city and share key developments shaping Newark's future. Mayor Hall will highlight recent accomplishments, discuss upcoming infrastructure and community projects, and outline his administration's ongoing priorities to support growth, economic vitality, and quality of life for Newark residents.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

May 20 - Special Needs Picnic

### A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

[newarkohiorotary.org](http://newarkohiorotary.org)

[District6690.org](http://District6690.org)

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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." **Richard Wright** led us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater** then returned to lead the group in singing "Sing Out a Song to Rotary".

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's guests. **Mike Schmidt** welcomed Al Gettler who performed at the district conference. **Kristen Evers** welcomed Brent Swartz.

Student Guests: **Dr. John Berry** introduced the students from COTC: Nicholas Carnihan and Madeline Bethard and read their bios. **Dr. Matt Smith** introduced the students from OSU-N: Dia Bailey and Emilio Rojas.

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Last Week's Reporter: **Caitlin Wilson**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Heather Powell** reminded members the Ride for Polio is this Saturday. Tickets for the raffle basket are \$20 and had to be purchased by Tuesday, April 29. She also shared a touching story from John Germ at the Polio conference.
- **Pat Jeffries** announced the upcoming Rotary Awards. Nominations are still needed, so please consider submitting names soon.
- **Molly Ingold** led Paul Harris recognitions. Seven Rotarians were honored. **Janice LoRaso** made a generous donation in honor of **Carol Thress** as a new Paul Harris Fellow. Additional awards went to: **Heather Powell** (PHF+1), **Joe Sensibaugh** (PHF+3), **Tom Hall** (PHF+8), **Gary Baker** (PHF+6), **Kristen Evers** (PHF+1), and **Al Gettler** (PHF+1), the last granted by the club in recognition of his contributions at the recent conference.
- **Brendan Underwood** shared that the Big Brothers Big Sisters Clippers event took place this past Friday. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event—it was a great success.

## PROGRAM

**Rotarian Pamela Watkins** introduced **Judge Tom Marcelain**, whom many know as the "king of hospitality" and top-notch bartender at Rotary events.

Judge Marcelain has served the legal community in Licking County for decades, including 13 years as a Municipal Court Judge. He earned degrees from Ashland University and Temple University School of Law, and his career includes time at Reece, Pyler and Myer, as well as Nationwide Insurance Company. He is currently the Vice President of the Ohio Sentencing Commission and a member of both the Ohio State Bar Association and the Licking County Bar Association. He and his wife have three children and three grandchildren.

Judge Marcelain began this week's program by guiding members on a short walk from the DoubleTree Hotel to the Licking County Courthouse. Once inside the recently renovated West Courtroom, he shared details about the extensive renovation efforts, which took nearly nine months. Funded by county commissioners and guided by a 2015 study, the updates included everything from lighting and architecture to historical restorations. Judge Marcelain highlighted significant artwork, including allegorical ceiling paintings, stained glass portraits of U.S. presidents, and newly commissioned pieces depicting the Magna Carta and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

He offered a rich history of the courthouse, originally built in 1876 and partially destroyed by a fire in 1879. The fire severely damaged the original wooden bell tower and courtroom interiors, erasing early artistic elements whose appearance is still unknown today. During the most recent renovations, several long-hidden ceiling paintings were uncovered, one signed by an Italian artist from New York. These paintings, along with the careful use of color and light, now enhance the courtroom's atmosphere, making it both beautiful and dignified. The project cost totaled just over \$3 million and also included refinishing the judge's office and adjacent conference room in traditional wood paneling.

In addition to its aesthetic improvements, the courtroom continues to handle the weighty responsibilities of justice, including over 1,000 felony cases per year. Judge Marcelain walked members through the trial setup, explaining where each party sits and how the courtroom functions during proceedings. He reminded attendees that despite the grandeur, this is a space where justice is served and where the community's values are reflected daily. The presentation concluded with an open invitation for members to explore the courtroom, offering a firsthand look at this restored Licking County landmark.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken" –Oscar Wilde*