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

DISTRICT GOVERNORS FROM NEWARK ROTARY

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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 MAY 10, 2026

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

A Picnic With Purpose



Presented by Newark Rotarians

This week's Rotary meeting will be held at Rotary Park for our Annual Children's Picnic. Please join us for an afternoon of food, fellowship and fun as we gather together, enjoy something good to eat and take the opportunity to spend time playing with our children.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 19 - Sandy Knoesel, District Governor

May 26 - Adam Shilling, 150th anniversary of Licking Co YMCA

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Brendan Underwood rang the bell to open the May 5th, 2026, meeting of the Newark Rotary Club. **Tom Slater** led members in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y." Fellow Rotarian and Past President **Janice LoRaso** delivered the Moment of Inspiration and led the Pledge of Allegiance. An additional song, "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, was led by fellow Rotarians **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater**.

Guests: **President Elect Nate Adams** introduced the day's guests. Visiting Rotarians included David Alspach of Columbus and Samuel Heinze of Gahanna.

Recognitions: **Lauren Harvey** delivered her 3-minute speech, finishing with a total time of 3 minutes and 10 seconds.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept the meeting lively with fines, recognitions and humor. Members celebrated Taco Tuesday and Cinco de Mayo, as well as "May the 4th Be With You" from the previous day. Fines were issued for members without pins or badges, and Pat also self-fined for bad handwriting. Birthdays were celebrated for **Maryann Crist**, **Jim Francis** and **Pat Murphy**. Club anniversaries were recognized for **Stacey Gellar**, **Jennifer Roberts** and **Tom Mallady**, who marked 22 years. **Tom Henderson** was also recognized for welcoming a new great-grandchild last week, bringing his total to three great-grandchildren.

Last Weeks Reporter: **Ben Mitchell**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ride and Walk for Polio: **Heather Powell** reminded members that the annual Ride and Walk for Polio will take place on June 6. Those interested in participating are encouraged to email Heather or connect with her after the meeting.
- Rotary Awards Nominations: **Susan Leithauser** shared that nominations for Rotary Awards are being accepted through next week's meeting. Members can now submit nominations using a new online form.
- Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra: **Kevin Connell** highlighted the NGSO concert on May 9 at the Midland Theatre, featuring a triple-header of musical guests, including a composition by fellow Rotarian **Ben Shirley**.

PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Kim Manno** introduced this week's speaker, Kate Shannon, Associate Professor of Art at The Ohio State University Mansfield and Ohio State University's 2025-26 Artist Laureate. Kate delivered a thoughtful and visually engaging presentation titled "When This You See, Remember Me," exploring how historic photographs can connect communities across Ohio through memory, storytelling and shared history.

Kate began by sharing her background as an artist and educator specializing in image-based studio art. Her digitally manipulated photographs have been exhibited across the United States, and her creative work has received several grants, including a Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant for Research on Women, Gender, and Gender Equity. Her teaching and scholarship have also been recognized with Ohio State Mansfield awards for excellence in both teaching and scholarship.

As Ohio State's Artist Laureate, Kate is leading hands-on workshops across the state that invite community members of all ages to engage with the history of photography and consider its role in cultural memory. Through these programs, participants explore early photographic techniques and reflect on how photography has evolved from careful physical processes to the digital images that shape everyday life today.

A major focus of Kate's presentation was the historical and emotional importance of early photographs, including tintypes, ambrotypes and cased portraits. Using examples from the Licking County Library and Licking County Historical Society, she showed how even faded, damaged or unidentified photographs can still carry meaningful stories about families, communities and the passage of time.

Kate also discussed how contemporary artists can reinterpret historic images by asking whose stories are preserved, whose stories may be missing and how old photographs can be reexamined as tools for connection and storytelling. Her work encourages viewers to look beyond the image itself and consider the memory, identity and community history each photograph represents.

Kate concluded by emphasizing the importance of preserving and revisiting historic photographs as a way to build connections across generations. Her presentation gave Rotary members a deeper appreciation for photography's role in remembering people, places and stories that might otherwise be lost.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"If life gives you limes, make margaritas." -Jimmy Buffett (in honor of Cinco De Mayo)