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# **ROTOGRAM** 2024-2025



# WEEK OF MAY 25, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

## THIS WEEK'S MEETING

## Caring for Our Community: LMHS Update



## Presented by Rob Montagnese, LMHS President

This week's Rotary meeting will feature Licking Memorial Health Systems President & CEO Rob Montagnese, who will provide an update on the state and future direction of LMHS. He will highlight recent achievements, share upcoming expansion plans, and discuss how the health system is adapting to meet the community's evolving needs. His presentation will offer insight into LMHS's commitment to innovation, patient care, and long-term investment in Licking County's health and wellness.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

June 03 – Jennifer Sansfacon Artistic Dirctor of the Weathervane Playhouse

June 10 – Lee Heckman – History of D-Day and the Normandy Invasion

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THEODORE D. GRILEY: 2001-2005

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

**President Janice LoRaso** rang the bell to open this special meeting at Rotrary Park in Newark. **Susan Leithauser** kicked things off with the singing of "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Tony Adams** led us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests: **President-Elect Nate Adams** introduced today's guests. **Jennifer Roberts** welcomed Jesse Henry and **Mary Ann Crist** welcomed Anna Belt.

Student Guests: Student guests were welcomed from the Wilson Middle School Interact Club.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** handed out zero fines due to the special program at the park. Thanks Pat!

Last Week's Reporter: Sally Heckman

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• No announcements

## PROGRAM

This week's Rotary meeting took place not at our usual DoubleTree location, but outdoors at Rotary Park for one of our club's most meaningful traditions the annual Newark City Schools Special Needs Picnic. Rotarians gathered to share lunch, laughter, and connection with an incredible group of students, celebrating inclusion, joy, and the power of community. The event brought together members, volunteers, and school staff for a beautiful afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Rotary Park provided the perfect backdrop for the day. Built and maintained by our club, the park is a symbol of Rotary's long-standing commitment to service. In 1998, members came together to build the Rotary Pavilion, and in 2005, the park expanded with the addition of an inclusive, fully accessible playground—one of the first of its kind in Ohio. Designed so children of all abilities could play side-by-side, the playground features a rubberized surface and wheelchair-accessible equipment.

Located near the bike trail and Ohio State Newark, Rotary Park continues to serve as a community gathering space, reflecting our club's dedication to improving lives and fostering belonging. The Special Needs Picnic is one of many events that makes this space so valuable, but it's undoubtedly one of the most memorable and heartwarming.



## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." –Fred Rogers