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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

2024-2025

Rotary



WEEK OF JUNE 08, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

D-Day and the Invasion of Normandy



Presented by Lee Heckman, Attorney at Reese Pyle Meyer

This week's Rotary meeting will feature local attorney, fellow Rotarian and history enthusiast **Lee Heckman** of Reese Pyle Meyer PLL, who will present a special program on the history of D-Day and the Normandy Invasion. His presentation will explore the strategic planning, heroic sacrifices, and lasting global impact of the largest amphibious assault in history.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 17 - Annual Rotary Awards Program

June 24 - Carol Apacki - Bazooka Charlie

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** kicked things off with the singing of "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Adam Shilling** led the group in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. There was no additional song due to the musically themed program to follow.

Guests: **David Alspach** was our lone guest, visiting from the Columbus Rotary group.

Three Minute Talk: **Mary Ann Crist**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** kept things lively this week with a round of well-earned fines and recognitions. **Steve Ehret** was fined for winning the raffle—on National Repeat Day, no less (which Pat made sure to mention twice). Congrats were in order for proud parents: **PJ Sullivan's** son graduated from Newark Catholic, and **Tom Cummiskey's** youngest daughter graduated from Granville. Club anniversaries were recognized for **Dan DeLawder** (33 years), **Jim Mitchell** (36 years), and **John Wallace** (44 years). **Mike Massaro** received a shoutout for his sons earning First and Second Team honors in the Buckeye League. **Mary Ann Crist** went a touch over three minutes during her remarks and was fined accordingly.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- No announcements this week!

PROGRAM

Rotarian **Brad Shumaker** welcomed back Artistic Director Jennifer Sansfacon for her fourth visit to Newark Rotary, where she previewed Weathervane Playhouse's upcoming 2025 season. Jennifer, who has proudly made Weathervane her artistic home, shared a few updates to the theatre's website and social media, encouraging members to stay connected throughout the season.

Three performers from the upcoming summer lineup entertained the club with musical numbers from Grease. Logan Mealick (New Albany) opened with "There Are Worse Things I Could Do," followed by Taylor Greny (Houston) and Madison Keally (Pittsburgh) singing "It's Raining on Prom Night," and closing with Taylor's moving rendition of "Hopelessly Devoted to You."

Jennifer also highlighted Weathervane's 2025 mainstage productions: The Fall of the House of Usher (play), Grease and Jesus Christ Superstar (musicals), and Pride & Prejudice (play). She gave special attention to the return of their popular concert experiences, including Fleetwood Gold, and the third annual fundraising play, The Villain Wore a Dirty Shirt—an intentionally over-the-top, hilariously bad melodrama where audience participation is encouraged with booing, hissing, and even tomato-throwing (all in good fun!).

She also promoted the work of the Weathervane Training Academy (WTA), which continues to nurture and develop the next generation of talented young performers.

As always, a lively and entertaining Rotary meeting, and one of our favorite programs of the year!



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You use a glass mirror to see your face; you use works of art to see your soul." George Bernard Shaw