

Newark Rotary Committees 2024-2025

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

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•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 JUNE 15, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Rotary Recognition & Awards 2025



This week's Rotary meeting will feature the announcement and presentation of our 2025 Rotary Club of Newark Awards. Join us as we recognize and celebrate fellow Rotarians who have gone above and beyond in service, leadership, and commitment to our club and community. It's a time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and honor those who make Rotary thrive.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 24 - Carol Apacki - Bazooka Charlie

July 01 - Passing of the gavel/New Officer Swearing In

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell to open the meeting. **Peter Larson and Tom Hall** led the group in singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y," followed by **Barb Quackenbush**, who delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Peter and Tom** returned to lead the group in singing "God Bless America."

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

Red Badge Exchange: **Jay Snyder**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** was back at it this week with another round of creative fines and recognitions. In honor of National Iced Tea Day, anyone who enjoyed a glass was asked to toss in a dollar. Missing pins or badges also came at a cost. **Jay Snyder** and **Barry Riley** were both fined—Barry twice, since Pat missed the first one. Wedding anniversaries were celebrated for **Tony Adams** (41 years) and **Dr. Tom Beattie** (45 years). **Jerry Nethers** donated \$100 after proudly sharing accomplishments of his grandchildren. **Mike Massaro** chipped in a dollar for Newark Catholic's win on their way to state, and Licking Valley grads got a shoutout for their regional baseball victory. **Gisele James** was recognized for an article highlighting Par Excellence's STEM designation—first in the state! **Melissa Owens** marked five years with Licking County Aging Programs.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President-Elect Brenden Underwood** announced a save the date for the "Suns Out, Fund\$ Out to End Polio on Saturday, July 12 at Papa Boo's at Buckeye Lake! The event starts at 5:30pm and the band, Red Light Go will begin playing at 6pm. Cost is \$50 which includes a full dinner menu, games and prizes!
- **President Janice LoRaso** reminded new Rotary members that the next club board meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 at 10:30am in the Buckeye Room at the Double Tree Hotel. Perfect opportunity to cross off a red badge requirement from your to do list!
- Congratulations to our new 125 pin recipients! **Kristen Evers, Tom Hall and Eriech Horvath**

PROGRAM

Rotarian Sally Heckman introduced her husband, fellow **Rotarian Lee Heckman**, who delivered a powerful and personal presentation on D-Day and Operation Overlord. A longtime World War II historian and former educator, Lee brought both historical insight and a family connection to one of history's most pivotal events.

During his teaching years, Lee would begin his WWII unit by wearing his grandfather's uniform to class, helping students connect emotionally to the era. That same sense of connection carried through his presentation, as he described the scale, strategy, and legacy of the June 6, 1944 invasion.

Lee opened with background on the planning and scope of Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious assault in military history. On D-Day, over 156,000 Allied troops landed across five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the Normandy coast. Within days, more than 300,000 troops were ashore, supported by 5,000 ships, 12,000 aircraft, and 19,000 paratroopers. He also highlighted key moments in the lead-up, including the Tehran Conference and Eisenhower's appointment as Supreme Allied Commander in December 1943.

Lee explained the importance of Allied deception tactics—particularly Operation Fortitude, which tricked the Germans into thinking the invasion would come at Pas de Calais. Fake radio transmissions, dummy equipment, and a fictitious army "commanded" by Patton diverted German forces from Normandy.

He walked the club through each of the five landing beaches—Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword—with particular focus on Omaha, where American forces faced fierce resistance and heavy losses. He discussed the challenges of weather, terrain, and coordination, all of which played crucial roles in the outcome.

Lee also shared personal photos from a trip he and his family took to Normandy, including visits to Omaha Beach and the American cemetery. These images made the history even more poignant, especially given his grandfather's own wartime experience—shot down, captured, and held in a German POW camp for over two years.

The presentation concluded with a reflection on D-Day's legacy: it marked the beginning of the end of Nazi Germany and demonstrated the extraordinary courage, cooperation, and determination of the Allied forces. Through storytelling, visuals, and personal reflection, Lee delivered an engaging and meaningful tribute to one of the most consequential days in modern history.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." – Malcolm X