

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

2024-2025

Rotary



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

A Call to College



Presented by Tara Houdeshell

Tara Houdeshell will join us to talk about A Call to College which provides services and programming to students from second grade through senior year in the twelve school buildings that make up the Newark City School District. Services and programming are also available to juniors and seniors who chose to attend C-TEC or NCS Digital.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 4 - Alan Miller and students - The Reporting Project

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District6690.org

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and Joyce Slater started the group singing R-O-T-A-R-Y. **Past President Jim Cooper** led us in the moment of inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Slater** and Joyce Slater in singing an additional song, "America the Beautiful".

Guests: **President-Nominee Nate Adams** introduced guests: Mike McCarthy, guest of **Carol Thress**; Sianna Elliott, guest of **Caitlin Wilson**; Micah Smith, guest of **Jennifer Roberts**; Mitch Mitchell, guest of **Tony Adams**; Maryann Crist, guest of **Kelly Jones**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** announced that today is National Drink Wine Day and National Battery Day. **Molly Ingold's** birthday was yesterday and was fined \$1. **Dustin Neely** was fined for his daughter's senior year of basketball cheer at Newark High School. **Rob Montagnese** was fined for the article in The Newark Advocate regarding how strong LMH is doing.

Last Week Reporter: **Sally Heckman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Immediate Past President Jim Cooper** led the Club's election. Elected members will take office on July 1, 2025. **Jim Ward, Pamela Watkins** and **Melissa Owens** are all nominated. Ballots were distributed and subsequently collected for tally.
- After the conclusion of Beth's presentation, **Past President Jim Cooper** announced that **Melissa Owens** was elected to serve on the Rotary board.

PROGRAM

Brad Schumaker introduced Beth Johnson, Executive Director of Honor Flight Columbus. Honor Flight Columbus's mission is to honor, share and celebrate our veterans.

Honor Flight began after the World War II Memorial was completed in 2004. Earl Morse, Springfield, OH, got 12 pilots to donate their time and resources to fly WWII veterans to Washington DC to see their memorial. Jeff Miller, Hendersonville, NC, inspired by Earl Morse's efforts and began also doing flights. They met and eventually combined organizations.

Today, there are 128 independent honor flight hubs in 43 states. The trip from Columbus is a 1-day trip, and they make 10 trips a year. Veterans can expect to be recognized and thanked all throughout the day. The most gratifying and special time is when there are 8th graders on their DC trip together with the Honor Flight veterans. To be eligible for an honor flight, one must be 65 years and older and have served full-time activity duty or any WWII veteran. Flights are chartered through Southwest. The entire plane is entirely veterans (80-86), guardians and support/medical staff. Veterans wear red shirts and everyone else is in blue.

Sights included typically are Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial, the Air Force Memorial, the Navy Memorial, the World War II Memorial (the longest stop of the day), Korean and Vietnam Memorials. Any WWII veteran in attendance receives a folded flag in a formal presentation. The Vietnam Memorial is the most powerful stop in Beth's opinion. It is incredibly emotional and many Vietnam veterans are worried about going to the wall. The wall is healing for them.

They also visit Arlington National Cemetery with press pit access. Finally, the day ends with the Military Women's Memorial. On every trip, there are 2-4 women in attendance. On the way home, they do "mail call", which is a way for friends and family members to write letters and cards to their veteran.

To end the day, there is a Welcome Home celebration in Columbus. Go to honorflightcmh.org to find the flight schedule. Please join the public at the John Glenn International Airport to honor our veterans!

The cost of one honor flight is \$100,000, which is completely free for our veterans. There is no government funding, and it is a 501c3 organization. There is a Sponsor a Veteran program, which is \$1,000. Honor Flight Columbus's biggest need is financial support and veteran referrals so that they can keep the flights full. Flights can take 50 wheelchairs in a flight; do not be deterred by health. Also, Honor Flight Columbus will fly any veteran who applies who can get to Port Columbus on flight day; they do not need to be from Central Ohio. Right now, there are 771 applications on file and all of those veterans will fly in 2025.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Heroism doesn't always happen in a burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history." -Mary Broach