

Newark Rotary Committees 2024-2025

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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

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WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Driving Ohio's Economic Future



Presented by Mark Kwamme, Co-Founder of Drive Capital

This week's Rotary Meeting will feature Entrepreneur Mark Kwamme, a seasoned venture capitalist and entrepreneur who has significantly influenced Ohio's economic landscape since relocating from Silicon Valley in 2011. Mark is a co-founder/partner of Drive Capital and a founder of the O.H.I.O Fund.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 25 - Club Member Steve Layman of Shai-Hess Commercial Real Estate - Commercial development in Licking County

April 1 - Jordan Davis - Executive Director of Smart Columbus

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** started us singing "R-O-T-A-R-Y." **Matt Smith** led us in an Irish-themed invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. **Peter Larson** and **Tom Slater** then led us in the singing of "My Wild Irish Rose."

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's guests. **Rob Klinger's** guests were Joe Ciminello, Peggy Johnson, and Mary Vickner. **Pat Prescott's** guest was Colin Prescott. **Kelly Jones's** guest was Maryann Crist; **Jon Bafford's** guest was Tiffany Bafford; **Sally Heckman's** guest was Ryan West; **Gisele James's** guest was Crystal Stamper; **Chuck Moore's** guest was Jay Snyder. Eddie Hunt and Mark Johns were visitors from the Newark-Heath Rotary Group.

Student Guests: **Barb Quackenbush** introduced our students from Licking Heights High School, and **Heather Powell** introduced our students from Northridge High School.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** announced that today is National Oatmeal Nut Waffle Day. **Kelly Jones** was fined for her raffle win. Birthdays and anniversaries were fined. **Peter Larson's** birthday is this week, and **Bob McGaughy's** birthday is today.

Last Week's Reporter: **Sally Heckman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Heather Powell** announced that Ride for Polio will occur on May 3 and we are looking for a few more riders and walkers. See Heather if interested.
- **Caitlin Wilson** announced our support for Operation Feed this month. Bring in food or monetary donations to club meetings. We are looking to improve on last year's efforts.
- **Brendan Underwood** reminded everyone that Soles for Souls is our monthly fundraiser. Every \$20 will go toward purchasing shoes for in-need children in Ohio. **District Governor Gary Baker** sent out an email with the information.
- **President Janice LoRaso** announced that **Jack Neely** will be in a pie baking contest next week. To vote, it will cost \$1 and all proceeds go to Operation Feed.
- **Molly Ingold** recognized **Kelly Parker** as a Paul Harris Fellow. She has generously donated (or had someone donate in her name) over \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation over time.
- **Tom Mullady, Chad Brown, Jim Dellner, John Wallace, Sarah Wallace** and **Tom Slater** were all recognized as members of the 125 Club.

PROGRAM

Fellow Rotarian **Jennifer Roberts** introduced our speaker, Amy Albery, CEO of Wallick Communities. Wallick builds and manages affordable and senior living communities, focusing on addressing the housing shortage and improving housing affordability.

Albery explained that housing affordability is defined as paying less than 30% of your income on rent or a mortgage. A key metric used to determine affordability is Area Median Income (AMI), which for Central Ohio is \$72,400. Affordable housing is defined for those earning between 31% and 80% of AMI. Workforce housing applies to those earning 81% to 120% of AMI, and market-rate housing is for those earning more than 120% of AMI.

The "missing middle" refers to people who earn too much to qualify for housing subsidies but not enough to afford market-rate housing. For example, extremely low income is defined as \$21,720 annually, which allows for a housing budget of \$543 per month. Low income is \$43,440 annually, with a \$1,086 monthly housing budget. Workforce housing is \$65,160 annually, with a \$1,629 monthly budget.

Albery highlighted how the housing supply and demand were balanced until the Great Recession in 2008, which caused a significant disruption. After 2008, construction slowed dramatically, lending practices tightened, and foreclosures spiked. Between 2010 and 2020, the housing deficit grew steadily, contributing to today's affordability crisis.

The lowest earners have been hit hardest, with 98% of the population now spending more than 50% of their income on housing. Central Ohio's housing shortage was delayed compared to other regions, which means the impact of the recession was slower to surface but still significant.

Albery discussed Wallick's upcoming housing project in Heath, which aims to address this shortage by providing a range of affordable options. The development will cover 47 acres of a larger 300-acre project located behind the Heath Wal-Mart. It will feature 424 one- and two-bedroom apartment units priced between 75% and 120% of AMI.

The project will also include 42,000 square feet of commercial and retail space across four mixed-use buildings, creating a downtown-style atmosphere for Heath. Additionally, the project will include adult cottages for seniors. Construction is set to begin in the coming months, with leasing expected to start in 2026. The first phase should be completed by 2028, with a second phase focused on assisted living to follow.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The secret of making dreams come true can be summarized in 4 Cs. They are Curiosity, Confidence, Courage, and Consistency. The great of these is Confidence."
- Walt Disney