

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Economic & Workforce Development



Presented by Ohio Lt Governor Jon Husted

As Ohio's 66th Lt. Governor, Jon Husted will speak on his focus on economic and workforce development and the administration's efforts to strengthen the Ohio economy

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 1 - Sally Heckman - First Federal's 90th birthday and History
 Oct 8 - Susan Larson, Exec Dir of NGSO, & Kathy Lorenz, art teacher at NHS on their collaboration for the NGSO Season Opener

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LAST WEEK'S MEETING NOTES

President Janice LoRaso rang the bell. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** started the group singing R-O-T-A-R-Y. **Jon Bafford** led us in the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led us in the singing an additional song, "Home on the Range".

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced guests: Bobby Persinger, guest of **Mike Schmidt**; Mark Mauter, Adrienne Eskins and Trina Woods, guests of **Melissa Owens**; Luke Kellet, visiting Rotarian from Newark-Heath Club

Student Guests: Students from Licking Valley High School and Heath High School

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** asked who **Eschol Curl's** favorite singer was and he said Chris Stapelton; Anyone without a pin or badge; **Matt Smith** for becoming a member; **Beth Graff** and **Tom Hall** were thanked for their continued support and the sponsorship of the people becoming Paul Harris fellow; **Dan DeLawder** thanked Rotarians for the support for the Newark Arcade; **Jon Spahr** stated the Good Lord blessed him with 85 years, and he made a donation; Heath fans were fined for losing to Licking Valley.

Last Week Reporter: **Caitlin Wilson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Jack Neely** announced Newark Foundation meeting is at the Elements at 3:30 this Thursday followed by third thursday in the same location. All are welcome.
- **Heather Powell** announced an update on Polio. There has been a report on paralyzing Polio in an infant in Gaza. The Gaza Humanitarian Pause campaign was completed yesterday. 195,747 children were immunized in Gaza. Rotary has donated \$500,000 for this Gaza effort. Upcoming Polio event is on October 30th at Newark Station to eliminate polio across the globe. Gahanna, Pataskala, Newark-Heath and our club are all coming together for this event.
- **Molly Ingold** called **Tom Hall** and **Beth Graff** to receive Paul Harris' fellows. Lori Hubble and **Melissa Owens** were recognized by **Tom Hall** as Paul Harris fellows.
- A new member was added to our club - **Matt Smith**.

*Welcome to the Newark
Rotary Club, Matt!*



Matt Smith

PROGRAM

Melissa Owens introduced Carly Boose, the Executive Director of Central Ohio - Affordable Housing Alliance. The way that they view housing is an economic development issue. It is a membership organization. There are 40 groups that make up the alliance now and is an invitation only organization. Each one of the 40 members' mission is to put themselves out of business by making their work obsolete.

Housing is affordable if it costs no more than 30% of a family's gross income, including utility costs. There are 70,000 households in Licking County, so there are 70,000 definitions of affordable housing. The government is precise in their definitions for affordable. 80,000 Central Ohio households paying 50%+ of their income to housing. Central Ohio should be building 21,000 homes per year, most years it is <11,000. We have dropped below New York City. The "housing wage" in Newark is \$20.19-\$23.08/hour for a modest two-bedroom. Central Ohio is a national hub of expertise for affordable housing.

Home ownership is an issue. The starter home price is \$310,000. To buy this starter home, you are looking at a mortgage that is \$2,712 per month. You have to earn 150% of the median income. You would have to work 244 hours per week to be able to buy an average home. A big part of this is the building phenomenon.

We are not preserving the homes that we have. Rent has not been torn down; they are raising their prices. We have doubled our home sales price. The evictions are at an all time record high. The home ownership Ohio gap has not closed, it has gotten bigger in terms of race and gender. The workers have lower morale and stability. 53% have increased turnover related to housing instability.

What can we do about this? This is the result of policy choices. If we keep going down the track we are now, another 20,000 families will slip into extreme housing insecurity by 2040. Right now, it is on pace to be as bad as California. We know that the upside to addressing this challenge is immense. If we cut the housing gap in half, what does it do to the education system, economic development system and healthcare system? Licking County specific: 764 more third grade reading proficiently, 80 additional high school graduates, 4 improved school district report cards, 160 fewer homeless youth. From economic improvement: 1,200 jobs added per year, 520 children escape poverty, 3,000 families join the middle class. Health improvements: 4.25 years added to life expectancy, 3 fewer infant deaths per year, 600 fewer food insecure households.

One of the successes happening in this region is the Regional Impact Fund. If you go to the bank of affordable housing, you will get the non-profit rate. You will get a non-profit interest rate that are building housing for the community.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others is immortal."
- Albert Pike*