

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

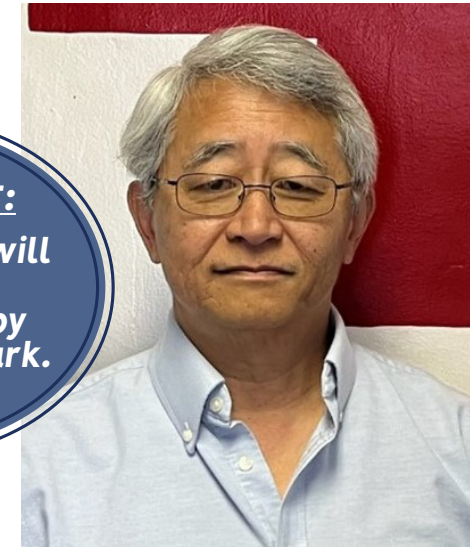


WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Ohio Blood & Platelet Donation Center



IMPORTANT:

This meeting will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton in Newark.

Presented by Rod Cook, Executive Director of the American Red Cross in Licking County

We look forward this week to hearing from Rod Cook, Executive Director of the American Red Cross in Licking County. Rod will speak to our club about the new Ohio Blood and Platelet Donation Center that will be opening in our community soon.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 10 – Matt Smith, Dean and Director of Ohio State University at Newark

MEETING LOCATION ON DECEMBER 3RD:
2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DINING ROOM

A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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District6690.org

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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. **Brendan Underwood** led us in the moment of inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led us singing the birthday song and an additional song of "Across the Field".

Student Guests: Students from Newark Catholic High School and Newark High School gave their reflections.

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's guest: Joe Leithauser, guest of **Susan Leithauser**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** fined **Angie** and her staff; All people who attended were fined. **Susan Leithauser** said if you were a club member and bid on auction items, they are downstairs. **Deb Tegmeyer** announced they were blessed with their second granddaughter. **Steve Layman** was not in attendance but had a nice article mentioned in the paper. **Ben Mitchell** was not here but his father, **Jim Mitchell**, announced **Ben** recently got engaged. **John Berry** was in a publication. Hospice of Licking County had their event, Keys of Life. The crowd got involved and during the performance people were brought up to dance and a few were Rotarians – **Richard Wright** and **Jim Ward**.

Last Week Reporter: **Caitlin Wilson**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Peter Larson** announced that on December 13, the special needs bowling party at Park Lanes 9:00–11:30 a.m. The club needs volunteers.
- **Deb Tegmeyer** announced that for those who love bell ringing, it is scheduled for Saturday, December 21. There are sign up-sheets and an email with a special link to sign up via Sign-Up Genius, thanks to Melissa Owens.

PROGRAM

Heather Powell introduced David Deibel, Co-Executive Director of the Land Bank.

Land Bank is formally known as Land Reutilization Corporation, a quasi-governmental organization. Ohio's county land banks were first established in 2008. As of 2024, 69 of the 88 counties in Ohio have Land Banks.

In Licking County, there are three employees at the Land Bank and works under the auditor's office. Licking County's Land Bank was established in 2015. In 2016, the Land Bank started cleaning and purchasing properties. They do have a board of directors. There is a county treasurer, two county commissioners and representatives. Tax foreclosures are one of the biggest ways that they acquire properties. There are judicial foreclosures, expedited foreclosures through the board of revision and private tax lien foreclosures. Land is also acquired through donations and deeds-in-lieu of foreclosure and also, forfeited properties. The Land Bank can also purchase property, but they do not do that often.

Land Banks are funded in a variety of ways. These include Delinquent Tax and Assessment Collection fund (DTAC), income from property sales and from Federal/State/Private grant funding. Land Banks are the designated lead entity. It looks like they spend millions but they front the money and get reimbursed. The desired outcome for the Land Bank is to increase values and promote sustainable neighborhoods, facilitate new development consistent with community plans and maintain existing housing where feasible and preserve historic structures for future redevelopment and strategically eliminate blight. The acquired properties are often consistent with demolition. This can be due to the fact that rehabilitation is not an option, elimination of flight helps create safer and healthier neighborhoods and land banks sometimes have the ability to apply for funding to help with demolition costs. There are rehabilitation projects. This includes partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Licking County Housing Coalition, Community Groups and Local Investors. This helps create work for local contractors, first time homeowners and volunteer opportunities. Sales are granted to responsible, qualified buyers. They can sell as side lots, buildable/acreage lots, improved lots and commercial lots.

The commercial lots are relative to market value but everything else is sold substantially less. Every now and then, the Land Bank keeps lots for future development and collaboration. The Licking County Land Bank is the best solution to a problem. There are endless possibilities for some of these properties including urban gardens, playgrounds and additional parking for businesses, schools or churches.

Recent and current projects include 325 W. Main St., Newark, 390 E. Main St., Kirkersville, 10 Jefferson St., Newark, 250 Mill St., Pataskala and 3447 Raccoon Valley Rd., Granville.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
– Winston Churchill