

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



WEEK OF MARCH 2, 2025

All Meetings At Noon Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

The Reporting Project



Presented by Alan Miller

This week's Rotary Meeting will feature Denison professor Alan Miller, former Editor of the Columbus Dispatch, who will be joined by three of his students to give an update on the progress of The Reporting Project, Denison university's non-profit news source for in depth Licking County news.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 11 - Amy Albery, CEO of Wallick Communities
 Mar 18 - Mark Kwamme - Business Entrepreneur and Venture Capitalist

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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 Spahr** led us in the moment of inspiration and Pledge of Allegiance. **Tom Slater** and **Peter Larson** led us in singing the birthday song for February birthdays and then an additional song, "Sing Rotarians".

Guests: **President-Elect Brendan Underwood** introduced today's guests. **Eschol Curl's** guest was Amy Dell. **Chuck Moore's** guests were Patrick Harry and Jay Snyder. **Janice LoRaso's** guest was Cheri Hottinger. **Gisele James's** guest was Crystal Stamper. **Jennifer Roberts's** guest was Micah Smith. We also welcomed visiting Rotarians Ben Broyles (Granville) and Scott Welker (Zanesville).

Student Guests: Students from Johnstown and C-TEC gave their reflections.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Pat Jeffries** fined **Molly Ingold** for her announcement. Rotarians without pins and badges. **Tom Slater** was fined for today's song. Cheri Hottinger was fined for coming back and being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. So was **Tom Mullady**. **Eschol Curl** and **Adam Schilling** for February birthdays. **Chuck Moore** was fined for his 21 years of club membership. **Jerry Nethers** and **Tom Hall** were fined for a recent speaking engagement. **Molly Ingold** was fined again for being appointed to the corporate board of Otterbein/Kendal. **Rob Montagnese** was fined for LMH's recent award for cancer recognition.

Last Week Reporter: **Lee Heckman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **President Janice LoRaso** announced that they are looking for help with the invocation and pledge in March. Irish encouraged to apply.
- **Heather Powell** announced that Ride for Polio will occur on May 3 and we are looking for riders and walkers. There will be fun changes this year including a uniform start time for all. See **Heather** if interested.
- **Joe Sinsabaugh** announced a new international project for our club to provide clean water at a school in Uganda. We can drill a well, build toilets, sinks, and washing facilities and this aligns with Rotary's Clean Water initiative. See **Joe** to get involved in the committee working on this project.
- **Molly Ingold** recognized **Tom Mullady** (+4) and Cheri Hottinger (+1) for their substantial gifts to the Rotary Foundation with recognition as Paul Harris Fellows. **Molly** also mentioned that all those who have contributed \$10,000 or more to Rotary Foundation over their lives will be recognized at this year's District meeting.

PROGRAM

Jennifer Roberts introduced today's guest, Tara Houdeshell, Executive Director of A Call to College. Tara joined A Call to College in 2014 and became Executive Director in 2018.

A Call to College (ACTC) was founded in 1991 by Lou Mitchell and Jane McConnell as a college access program for Newark City Schools, based on Columbus City Schools' "I Know I Can" program. The Mission of ACTC is "To assure every NCS student the opportunity to pursue and complete education after high school." ACTC provides programming in 7 grade levels at NCS, starting in 2nd grade. 48% of its budget goes to scholarships and 41% is for direct services provided to students.

In working with 2nd graders, ACTC promotes reading and dreaming. The Denison Football program partners with ACTC to read in the classroom to second graders. In 4th grade, ACTC runs a multi-week program about financial literacy where students earn real money to donate to local charities. In 6th grade, every NCS student takes a field trip to a local college campus. In 8th grade, students work on career exploration increasing their knowledge of career options and possibilities. Programming is provided at Newark High School for 9th, 11th and 12th graders. In 9th grade, students learn the importance of school attendance, GPA and extracurricular activities.

For upperclassmen, there are 12 staff members at ACTC who meet one-on-one with juniors twice and four times for seniors. They help students create and execute a plan with regard to their college search, career search, campus visits, scholarships and the FAFSA form. A Call to College provides significant ACT preparation and programming complete with practice tests and study sessions.

A Call to College is also a huge help to Newark HS students navigating the college application process. The "College Application Blitz" is an event like a college fair where seniors complete their applications on the spot. College representatives are there to help with scholarship applications and FAFSA completion and many students get their application fees waived.

ACTC is famous for its last dollar grants provided to NHS students pursuing post-secondary education. In 2024, ACTC set 2 new records: most students helped, and most dollars awarded. ACTC awarded last dollar grants to 327 students and the total dollars awarded was just shy of \$600,000!

Currently, ACTC is in the middle of executing its Strategic Plan, which includes revising their advising program to meet with more students. They are looking to raise college retention and completion rates and reduce student unmet financial need. Finally, ACTC is working to improve their messaging to ensure that everyone knows they help with education after high school, not just the traditional four year degree.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair."
-Shirley Chisholm.*