



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Mar 16 2010

Bruce Hansen & Dave Bradley

*"Meals from the Heartland"***Mar 23 2010**

Todd Eipperle

*"100 Years of Scouting"***Mar 30 2010**

Annette Vance

*"Ankeny Art Center"***Apr 6 2010**

Interact students

*"Xicotepec, Mexico, trip report"***Apr 13 2010**

Sandy Sanderson

*"Life after the Ankeny Press Citizen"***A. 20 2010**

Sue Gibbons

May 4 2010

Lt. General Ron Daris

"The Rebuild Iowa Program"

Upcoming Events

PETS Training

Mar 26 2010 - Mar 27 2010

District 6000 Convention

Apr 23 2010 - Apr 25 2010

RI Convention

Jun 20 2010 - Jun 23 2010

2011 District 6000 Convention

Apr 28 2011 - Apr 30 2011

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Still No 50-50 Winner!!

by Burnham, Nate

We have been counting down the cards the last few weeks but no one has drawn the winning **ace of hearts** yet in our 50-50 drawing!

The 50-50 pot is now at its maximum of **\$599** and there are only **two cards left**, the **"queen of spades"** and the **"ace of hearts"**. What are the chances of going down to the last card?? Will we have a winner this week? Don't miss this week's meeting and opportunity to purchase tickets and have a chance to win the pot!!



2011 District Convention - Organizational Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

Gary Welch is planning an organizational meeting for the 2011 Rotary District 6000 Conference for Thursday, March 18, in the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce meeting room at 210 S. Ankeny Blvd at 5:30 PM.

Gary would like to thank everyone that has indicated a willingness to help with the District Conference that will be held June 28-30, 2011 in Ankeny. A special thanks to Cathy Spencer and Sue Gibbons for agreeing to be co-chairs for this event. If you are willing to help but have not as yet indicated so to Gary, let him know and plan to attend this first meeting. Future meetings will be held approximately once a month. At this first meeting, a rough outline of the conference will be presented and there will be the opportunity to sign up for specific tasks.

Early Registration Deadline for Conference

by Burnham, Nate

If you have not already registered for the District 6000 conference to be held in Burlington April 23-25, the early bird discount for the District 6000 Conference ends March 26th.

When you register early, the total cost for the entire conference including all meals (Friday dinner through Sunday brunch) is only \$100. After March 26th, the cost goes up to \$150. If you are interested in participating in the golf tournament, there is a separate cost of \$65 for this activity. The registration form can be found under "Downloads" on the Ankeny Rotary website Home page or on the District website www.rotary6000.org.

Any Prospective New members??

by Burnham, Nate

We had 16 guests at our meeting on February 23rd and several of them picked up new member packets but we have not as yet received any completed applications.

If you have recently invited a guest to one of our meetings, please follow-up with them to see if they would like to submit an application for membership. If they are still not sure, invite them to attend another meeting. As a prospective new member, you do not have to pay for their lunch since they would be a guest of the club. **If you have not invited a prospective new member to a meeting recently, now would be a good time to make use of our new "Please Be My Guest" cards.**

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Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

The greeting schedule for the next several weeks is as follows:

3/16 - Jeff Byrn

3/23 - Justin Carlton
3/30 - Julie Cooper
4/6 - Mary Cochran
4/13 - Tim Cox
4/20 - Teri Crist
4/27 - Jeff Damman

District 6000 Breakfast in Montreal

by Burnham, Nate

District 6000 will be hosting a breakfast buffet on Monday, June 21, at the Rotary International Convention in Montreal for all District 6000 Rotarians attending the convention.

The breakfast will be from 7:30 to 9:30 in Maisonneuve A at the Marriott Chateau Champlain. The cost is \$25 per person and is guaranteed until May 1. If the exchange rate changes after that date, the price may change. Pre-registration is required. If you plan to attend the convention and this breakfast, you can pick up a registration form from Nate Burnham or download it from the District website.

St Patrick's Day Jokes

by Burnham, Nate

In honor of St. Patrick's day tomorrow, here are some Irish jokes.

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, 'So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?' She says, 'Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night.' The priest says, 'Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?' She says, 'That he did, Father.' The priest says, 'What did he ask, Mary?' She says, 'He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun.'

Another one--

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, When Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. 'Brenda, may I come in?' he asks. 'I've somethin' to tell ya'. 'Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?' 'That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda. There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery' 'Oh, God no!' cries Brenda. 'Please don't tell me.' 'I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry.' Finally, she looked up at Tim. 'How did it happen, Tim?' 'It was terrible, Brenda.. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout, and drowned.' 'Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me true, Tim, did he at least go quickly?' 'Well, Brenda, no. In fact, he got out three times to pee.'

And one more ---

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention, but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, 'Ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either.'