



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Ankeny

## Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

### Future Speakers

**Aug 17 2010****Dr. Wendt***"Superintendent of Schools"***Aug 24 2010****Rita Perea***"The Importance of Membership Recruitment and Retainment"***Aug 31 2010****Todd Rendenius***"Director of Parks & Rec in Ankeny"***Sep 7 2010****Del Mohler****Sep 14 2010****Jim Oppelt****Sep 21 2010****Terry Peter****Sep 28 2010****Vaughn Noring, Bank  
Bureau Chief Division of  
Banks***"Current State of Banking and  
How the reform legislation will  
impact local Banks"*

### Upcoming Events

**Sell Root Beer Floats at Hy-Vee**

Aug 21 2010

**Official DG Visit**

Nov 9 2010

**2011 District 6000 Convention**

Apr 28 2011 - Apr 30 2011

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### Ankeny Rotary Survey

*by Burnham, Nate*

Each member of the Ankeny Rotary Club should have received an email last week inviting them to participate in a short, 10 question survey. As of Monday morning, August 16th, 50% of our members have responded.

That you to those that have responded and we look forward to hearing from the rest of our members. The more members that respond the more meaningful the information will be to your board. The link to the survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LS9HN85>

If you should have any issues with the link, please contact Dirk Westercamp at [dirkw@woodruffcompanies.com](mailto:dirkw@woodruffcompanies.com).

### Greeters

*by Burnham, Nate*

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

#### 8/17 - Judy Hines

8/24 - Bob Hokscho

8/31 - Kendall Kruger

9/7 - Corinne Lambert

9/14 - Mark Land

9/21 - Andrew Larson

9/28 - Mike Lydon

10/5 - James Maxwell

### Root Beer Floats Sales - August 21

*by Burnham, Nate*

Mark your calendars to help sell root beer floats at the Ankeny Hy-Vee to benefit **Special Olympics** on Saturday August 21, 2010.

Last year we raised over \$300 but our goal this year is \$500. A sign up sheet will be available beginning with our August 3rd meeting. We need at least three people to work each shift. The shifts will be from 10:45 to 12:30, 12:30 to 2:15, and 2:15 to 4:00. For more information contact Tom Friedman.

### Rotarians with Birthdays in August

*by Burnham, Nate*

The following Ankeny Rotarians will be celebrating birthdays in August:

6th - Patty Hoffman

6th - Reggie Eischeid

8th - Audrey Sunner

16th - Mark Land

18th - Gary Welch

20th - Marcy Davis

### RI Policy on Political Requests

*by Burnham, Nate*

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At this time of year many service clubs receive requests from political candidates to make presentations at their meetings. The following is a message from our District Governor, Gary Welch on RI position on this subject.

I have recently been asked by several clubs how to handle political requests. Since I am in politics I understand the need to get your name before the public to be elected. Rotary International has taken a position of being accepting of all religions and being non political. Below are quotes from the Rotary International Manual of Procedure and the RI Constitution pertaining to political activity. As you are faced with multiple requests for "face time", I would request that you follow the RI Policy and share it with your membership. **At no point may they ask for political contributions at a Rotary Club meeting.** Many clubs have decided to offer the candidate the opportunity to present their information after the election. Not surprisingly, most have declined.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

Page 24 "RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities. However, it is the duty of Rotarians:

1. In their clubs, to keep under review political developments in their own communities and throughout the world insofar as they affect service to their vocations and communities as well as the pursuit of the Rotary objective of world understanding and peace. They are expected to seek reliable information through balanced programs and discussions so that members can reach their own conclusions after a fair, collective examination of the issues.
2. Outside their clubs, to be active as individuals in as many legally constituted groups and organizations as possible to promote, not only in words but through exemplary dedications, the awareness of the dignity of all people and the respect of the consequent human rights of the individual."

Page 154 - "Rotarians may not use the name and emblem, Rotary club membership lists or other lists of Rotarians for the purpose of furthering political campaigns. Any use of the fellowship of Rotary as a means of gaining political advantage is not within the spirit of Rotary."

Page 260 in the RI Constitutional Documents Article 13 Section 2 No endorsements -

"This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office and shall not discuss at any club meeting the merits or demerits of any such candidate. "Section 3 Non-Political a. "Resolutions and Opinions. This club shall neither adopt nor circulate resolutions or opinions, and shall not take action dealing with world affairs or international policies of a political nature." b. Appeals. This club shall not direct appeals to club, peoples, or governments, or circulate letters, speeches, proposed plans for the solution of specific international problems of a political nature."

Most clubs have adopted the RI Constitutional as their own Club Constitution which has the above Articles. If you have any questions let me know.

Serving With A Purpose  
WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE?  
Gary Welch, DG