



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Feb 1 2011

Mark McDougal

"Ruth Harbor"

Feb 8 2011

Ankeny Chief of Police

Feb 15 2011

Terry Geiger

"District 6000 and Nigeria"

Feb 22 2011

Josh More, Alliance

Technologies

"Malware and ID theft, how to protect against it"

Mar 1 2011

Ankeny Public Schools

"Transition Team to report on the transition of the schools"

Mar 8 2011

Ron Bode

Mar 15 2011

Troy Boelman

Mar 22 2011

Brad Botos

Mar 29 2011

Kevin Brooks

Apr 5 2011

Nate Burnham

Apr 12 2011

Jeffrey Byrn

Apr 19 2011

Justin Carleton

Apr 26 2011

Mary Cochran

Upcoming Events

2011 District 6000 Convention

Apr 28 2011 - Apr 30 2011

RI Convention - New Orleans

May 21 2011 - May 25 2011

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More Auction Results

by Burnham, Nate

As of last Tuesday we were a few dollars short of \$20,000 in proceeds from the auction. With additional donations from a few members that were not able to attend the fundraiser, total income is now at **\$20,080**. Including ticket sales, total income from this event now stands at **\$25,730** and income after expenses will be approximately **\$20,700**.



If you were not able to attend the fundraiser and have not made a contribution but would still like to, it is not too late. Just give your contribution to Nate Burnham or have him add it to your Rotary bill. You may designate your contribution for one of the paddle raisers, **Teddy Bear Project**, **4th Grade Dictionaries**, or **PolioPlus** or to simply go to the fundraiser with no designation.

February Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate



The following Ankeny Rotarians celebrate birthdays in February:

2nd - Mike Goedeke

8th - Terry Peter

16th - Jen Walter

26th - Jody Savage

26th - Steve SchraderBachar

Club Attendance for Second Quarter

by Burnham, Nate

During the October-December quarter, the Ankeny Rotary club averaged 76% attendance for the 12 meetings during this period. For the first 6 months of the Rotary fiscal year we have 20 members with perfect attendance and several others are within one or two meetings of having perfect attendance. Remember you can make-up meetings by attending a board meeting, committee meeting, or online.

To complete an online make-up, sign on to our web site, www.ankenyrotary.org and then click on **"Online Make-Ups-EclubOne"** under **"Club Links"** on the left side of the **"Home Page"**. Then, click on **"Make Up Programs"** in the middle of the page. Select 2-3 programs to review. You are expected to spend 20-30 minutes reviewing programs to qualify for a make-up which usually takes 2 or 3 programs. After you have reviewed the programs, click on the **"Request Make-Up"** tab at the top of the page. You will be asked if you wish to make a donation but this is not required, just click on the **"CLICK HERE"** tab near the bottom of the page. Then click on the **"REQUEST MAKEUP FORM"** and follow the instructions. You will be asked for your name and address and some questions regarding the programs you viewed. You will then receive an email with your online make-up which you will need to forward to your secretary, Nate Burnham.

Also, each member can check their own attendance and make-ups they have been credited with by logging onto our web site and clicking on

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"Admin". Then go to **"My Attendance"** in the **"My ClubRunner"** section.

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

2/1 - Chuck Stewart
2/8 - Pat Stilwill
2/15 - Sandy Strong
2/22 - Kraig Vry
3/1 - Nathan Wahl
3/8 - Jen Walters
3/15 - Todd Wehr

FAMSCO Needs a Truck

by Burnham, Nate

FAMSCO, **Fire and Medical Supply Company**, would be very appreciative of an offer to take a gently used pick-up truck off your hands. The truck they use to pull a trailer to collect used medical supplies and fire gear is close to death. They are looking for a kind soul to donate a truck that is road-worthy and in good condition. Preferably, this would be a 1/2 ton to 3/4 ton pick-up with a towing package; automatic, not stick. Alternatively, we could use a 12' cube van with a tommy lift. They beleive 100% of book value of the truck could be a charitable donation, made through the D6000 Humanitarian & Educational Foundation to FAMSCO; however consultation with your tax adviser is recommended. Please contact John Ockenfels at 319-321-4601 if you can help them out.

FAMSCO began with a presentation by Norwood "Bud" Louis to the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club about a project in which he had participated to ship fire trucks and medical equipment and supplies to Guatemala. He had been procuring used fire trucks for Nebraska and Ohio Rotarians who would ship them to Central America.

Upon hearing of this project, members of the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club became enthused by the possibilities of undertaking such a project themselves. They organized an effort to procure fire trucks, ambulances, medical equipment and medical supplies and send them overseas. **"The Guatemala Project"**, originally conceived as a World Community Service project, received a commitment for three years of funding support from The Rotary Foundation.

The first vehicles were stuffed completely full with donated medical equipment and supplies and shipped to Guatemala. There Guatemalan Rotarians received them and distributed the vehicles and the goods packed inside them to Guatemalan fire departments, hospitals, clinics and municipalities that were most in need.

Before the three years of Rotary Foundation support were up, those working on the Guatemalan Project realized that this was an effort that could be extended indefinitely. FAMSCO, the Fire and Medical Supply Company, was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose purpose was and continues to be procuring emergency vehicles, medical equipment and medical supplies and shipping them to developing countries.

Since its beginnings over 20 years ago, FAMSCO has grown and matured and has become a source of pride for the Rotarians of District 6000. There can be no doubt that the 100 vehicles and over 300 tons of equipment and supplies that have been shipped by FAMSCO so far have helped to improve - and save - many lives.