



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

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

Darin Haack, Director of Ankeny Bands

"Highlights of the program and the transition to two schools"

Mar 15 2011

Troy Boelman

Mar 22 2011

Brad Botos

Mar 29 2011

Jamie Pollard

"Director of Athletics ISU"

Apr 5 2011

Nate Burnham

Apr 12 2011

Jeffrey Byrn

Apr 19 2011

TBD

Apr 26 2011

No meeting

"District 6000 conference this week"

May 3 2011

Rob Meinders

"State Plant Health Director, USDA, APHIS, PPQ"

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 "Bear Hug Project" Support

by Burnham, Nate

The Ankeny Rotary Club presented Shelia Dietz, President of the Iowa National Guard Officer's Auxiliary, with a check for \$500 for the Auxiliary's **"Bear Hug Project"** at last week's meeting. This check represented the proceeds of the paddle raiser dedicated to this purpose at our recent auction.



The purpose of the Bear Hug Project is to donate a huggable teddy bear to each child under the age of 13 of each deployed Iowa soldier and airman. The teddy bear becomes a link to the parent from whom the child will be separated.

The Ankeny Rotary Club has also committed to continue the practice of presenting a certificate to each week's speaker stating that, in recognition of their presentation, the Ankeny Rotary Club will be donating a "Huggable Teddy Bear", in their name, to a child of a deployed Iowa National Guard member through the Auxillary.

Club Makes Donation to YMCA's Partners With Youth

by Burnham, Nate



A check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to Kraig Vry, Executive Director of the Ankeny Family YMCA for their **"Partners With Youth"** program.

This program underwrites many youth developmental programs such as after school child care, teen clubs, and camp. It also provides program and membership scholarships to children and families who would otherwise be unable to afford to participate. It is the YMCA's goal to never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay.

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 will be worth approximately \$525 this week and there are only **seven cards left** in the deck. What are the chances of going down to the last card, again? 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!**

Thank You Del Mohler

by Burnham, Nate



For the past several years, the Ankeny Rotary Club has paid an accountant to prepare and file their taxes. This year, Del Mohler agreed to prepare and file our taxes at no charge in exchange for one of the two gift certificates he donated to

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the club's fundraiser.

The gift certificate was valued at \$200 by Del but will be saving the club significantly more than this amount. Del has already prepared and filed our return. Thank you Del for this generous donation and your prompt preparation of our tax return.

Iowa Barnstormer Opportunity

by Burnham, Nate

Jim Gocke presented a possible fundraising opportunity to our club last week. The Iowa Barnstormers have offered to schedule a **"Rotary Night"** at one of their 9 home games during their season that runs from March 19th through July 23rd.

The Barnstormers would send players and coaches with us to go to other clubs in the Des Moines area to promote the event and help sell tickets. Tickets would be offered at a discounted price with Rotary clubs from the Des Moines area sharing in the proceeds. If the club is to pursue this project, volunteers are needed to begin work on it as soon as possible. Contact Jim Gocke, if you would like to volunteer to work on this project.

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

2/22 - Kraig Vry

3/1 - Nathan Wahl
3/8 - Jen Walters
3/15 - Todd Wehr
3/22 - Gary Welch
3/29 - Dirk Westercamp
4/5 - Gerry Bair
4/12 - Doug Beech

Prospective New Member

by Burnham, Nate

Brian Hoff has submitted an application for membership to the Ankeny Rotary Club.

Brian is a State Farm Insurance Agent in Ankeny. He is also active in youth activities with two sons ages 10 and 7. His wife, Julie teaches in Norwalk. Brian is being proposed for membership by Dave Mercer.



Comments regarding this proposed membership may be submitted to any board member.

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