



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Mar 29 2011

Colonel Steve Wieneke
"Iowa National Guard"

Apr 5 2011

Jessica Peters, Service
"Epilepsy Foundation
North/Central Illinois, Iowa,
Nebraska"

Apr 12 2011

Chuck Palmer
"Iowa Human Resources"

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"

May 10 2011

Julie Cooper

Jun 14 2011

Justin Carleton

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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50-50 Chance of a 50-50 Winner This Week

by Burnham, Nate

Jim Ramsey failed to draw the "**Ace of Hearts**" last week and we are now down to **only two cards** left in the deck. There is now a 50% chance that we will have a winner this week. **It could be you that wins the \$599, if you buy tickets!!**

Register NOW for district 6000 Conference

by Burnham, Nate



Online registration is now available for the 2011 Rotary District 6000 Conference to be held Thursday, April 28, 2011 - Saturday, April 30, 2011. To register go to www.rotary6000.org. Then, on the right side under

District Events click **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2011**, then on the left in the blue section click **Conference Registration ONLINE**. Each Rotarian should complete a separate form by **March 31 to take advantage of the early bird discount**.

Highlights of the conference include a best shot golf tournament at Otter Creek on Thursday April 28th with lunch at 11:00 and a shotgun start at noon, Simon Estes singing "God Bless America" at the Friday District-wide luncheon, silent auction items, tour of DCI Crime lab for spouses, live auction Friday evening, and a performance by the Ankeny Community Choir Saturday evening.

New Paul Harris Fellows

by Burnham, Nate

On March 22nd, Marcy Davis and Jeff Damman were awarded certificates and lapel pins signifying that they have been named Paul Harris Fellows.



The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris who founded Rotary with three business associate in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. These programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding.

District-Wide Meeting - Friday, April 29th

by Burnham, Nate

The Ankeny Rotary Club has **cancelled the regular meeting on Tuesday April 26th** so all members can attend the district-wide Rotary luncheon on Friday, April 29th during the District 6000 conference at the Ankeny Courtyard by Marriott. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 with the flag ceremony.

All Rotarians are encouraged to attend the entire District 6000 conference but if you are not able to attend the full conference, **plan to at least attend the Friday luncheon**. One of the highlights of the luncheon will be the singing of a couple songs including "**God Bless America**" by **Simon Estes**. You can register on-line or, **if you are only attending**

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the Friday luncheon, add your name to the sign up sheet that will be available the next couple weeks and you will be included in a group registration.

The cost of the luncheon is \$32 but the club will pay this for those attending. If you register for the entire conference or register yourself for the luncheon, you will receive a credit for the cost of the lunch on your next quarterly Rotary bill. Those attending the luncheon will also be credited with a make-up. **The final deadline for signing up and receiving the early bird discount is March 31, 2011.**

Donation to Dollars for Scholars

by Burnham, Nate

At our March 15th regular meeting, the Ankeny Rotary Club presented Kathy Weaterwax and pat Quinlin with a check for \$600 for "Dollars for Scholars".



Ankeny Dollars for Scholars is celebrating its 28th year serving Ankeny High School's graduating seniors. More than 1892 seniors have received awards in the past. This year 177 scholarship applications were received. Donations by generous civic organizations, such as the Ankeny Rotary Club, local businesses and individuals provide the scholarship money.

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

3/29 - Dirk Westercamp

4/5 - Gerry Bair
4/12 - Doug Beech
4/19 - Craig Block
4/26 - No Meeting
5/3 - Ron Bode
5/10 - Troy Boelman
5/17 - Brad Botos

March Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate

The following Ankeny Rotarians celebrate birthdays in March:

7th - Andrew Larson
8th - Craig Block
8th - Tamera Robinson
9th - Trent Murphy
11th - Kendall Sather
12th - Zane Smith
21st - Troy Boelman

Japan Disaster

by Burnham, Nate

We have all witnessed the horrible devastation caused by the earthquake and resulting tsunami that hit Japan last week. Obviously, we all want to step forward and assist. No doubt many Rotarians are wondering how best to help. Here is what you can do through Rotary.

District 6000 is setting up a line item through our Humanitarian Fund to deposit donations for Japan's recovery and assist our fellow Rotarians' recovery in Japan. To make a contribution, please forward your check to:

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