

# **Rotary Club of Ankeny**

# **Ratchet**

Tuesday, September 21, 2010



**Editor:** Nate Burnham

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

# **Future Speakers**

# Sep 21 2010

Andrew Martin
"School Board President"

# Sep 28 2010

<u>Vaughn Noring, Bank</u> <u>Bureau Chief Division of</u> Banks

"Current State of Banking and How the reform legislation will impact local Banks"

#### Oct 5 2010

Doug Ripley

Oct 12 2010

TBD

Oct 19 2010

Jody Savage

#### Oct 26 2010

Steve SchraderBachar

#### Nov 2 2010

Sally Schroeder

#### Nov 9 2010

**District Governor** 

#### Nov 16 2010

Kathy Sibbel

#### Nov 23 2010

Cathy Spenceri

#### Nov 30 2010

Bill Sprague

#### **Upcoming Events**

# **Rotary Shred day**

Sep 18 2010

# **October Board Meeting**

Oct 14 2010

# Rotary Members After Hours

# **Social**

Oct 21 2010

#### **Official DG Visit**

Nov 9 2010

## **Rotary Christmas Social**

Dec 9 2010

# White Oaks Vineyards Fund Raiser

# **Prospective New Member**

by Burnham, Nate

**Dennis Hanson** has submitted an application for membership to the Ankeny Rotary Club.

**Dennis** is the Regional President for Valley Bank. He is a former Rotarian having first joined Rotary in Prior Lake, MN in 1987, and later in Cannon Falls, MN, Iowa Falls, IA, Grinnell IA, and Sioux City, IA. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and was a Group Study Exchange participant to Austrailia in 1982.

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

# **Rotary Members After Hours Social**

by Burnham, Nate

A social event for all Ankeny Rotary Club members and their guests is being planned for **Thursday October 21, 2010**, It will be from 5:00 to 7:00 at Chips. This event will be in addition to the regular meeting that week and will count as a make up for those members attending. Members are encouraged to bring a guest that may be a prospective member. their spouse, significant other, More information will be available soon!!

#### **Prospective New Members**

by Burnham, Nate

**Sandy Strong** and **Mike O"Connor** have submitted applications for membership to the Ankeny Rotary Club.

**Sandy** is the owner of Strong Farms. She raises sustainable crops with an emphisis on organics.

**Mike** is the District Director for Mid-Iowa Council of The Boy Scouts of America. He is presently a member of the Meto-North Cedar rapids Rotary Club and will be transferring his membership.

Comments regarding these proposed memberships may be submitted to any board member.

#### **Greeters**

by Burnham, Nate

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

# 9/21 - Andrew Larson

9/28 - Mike Lydon

10/5 - James Maxwell

10/12 - Dave Mercer

10/19 - Del Mohler

10/26 - Trent Murphy

11/2 - Terry Peter

11/9 - Jim Ramsey

Jan 22 2011

**2011 District 6000 Convention** Apr 28 2011 - Apr 30 2011

RI Convention - New Orleans May 21 2011 - May 25 2011

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# **Rotary Fall Training Seminar**

by Burnham, Nate

A great interactive fall training event will be held at five regional locations throughout District 6000 with one session on Wednesday September 29th at the DMACC Ankeny campus, Building 7. **The deadline for registration** is **September 20**, **2010**.

Each session will begin at 6:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM with a light meal being provided. It is expected that each club should receive attendance from from their, **President, President Elect, Rotary Foundation Chair, Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Rotary Youth Exchange Officer.** If these committe chairs can not attend a committee member may attend. All other interested Rotarians from District 6000 are also welcome to attend. To register go to <a href="https://www.rotary6000.org">www.rotary6000.org</a>. The agenda for the Seminar is as follows:

#### 6:00 Registration

- Food
- Each youth Exchange participant will take a plate of food and immidiately go to separate training room.
- Youth exchnge will remain in separate room and take breaks as needed.
- Table talk.

6:15 Welcome by DG Gary Welch (all except Youth Exchange)

6:30 Break-out Sessions (all except Youth Exchange)

- Appoint a reporter for large group session
- Use chart to capture 3-5 important dialogue points

8:00 Reconvene in Large Group (all except Youth Exchange)

- Reporters to report Share ideas generated with large group
- District Announcements
- Door Prizes

#### 8:45 Adjourn

#### **Rotary Survey Results**

by Burnham, Nate

Dirk Westercamp presented the results of the survey at the September 14th meeting. Thanks to Dirk for organizing the survey. The results were as follows:

**Quality of Speakers** - 23.9% Superior, 76.1% Standard, 0% Unsatisfactory

**Preferred meeting day of the week** - Tuesday 71.7%, Second choice Wednesday, Third choice Thursday, Fourth choice Monday, and least preferred Friday.

Would you prefer a breakfast meeting over a lunch meeting? Yes 23.9%, No 76.1%.

**Quality of Food** - 39.1% Excellent, 60.0% Good, 6.5%Fair, and 4.3% Terrible.

Would you like to see a larger varity of meals? - 23.9% Yes, 76.1%

**OK with the price of meal?** - Yes 80.4%, Yes but would pay more for better selection 8.7%, No, price does not match quality. 8.7%, No, would like to see price go down even if means fewer varieties. 2.2%.

Is the AG&CC location easily accessable when going to and from work? - Yes 84.8%, No 15.2%.

Would you be in favor of moving one meeting per month to a business after hours social? - Yes 55.6%, No 44.4%.

Do you like the order of the meeting with speaker first? - Yes 91.1%, No 8.9%.

Would you prefer to meet every other week instead of every week? - Yes 35.6%, No 64.4%

#### **Ankeny Rotary Club Dues**

by Burnham, Nate

At our meeting on September 14th, Nate Burnham made a presentation on dues for the Ankeny Rotary Club. Here is a summary of his remarks.

The dues for an active member of the Ankeny Rotary club is \$150 per quarter (\$600 per year). An Honorary member or member on leave pays \$50 per quarter (\$200 per year) and pays \$10 for any meals eaten. For all members we must pay the following:

Annual Dues to RI	\$50.00
Rotarian Magazine	12.00
Legislative Levy	1.00
Annual D & O Ins.	1.15
Club GL Ins.	2.06
District 6000 Dues	30.00
Total	\$95.71 per member per year = \$23.93 per quarter

Our meal cost at Ankeny Golf & Country Club is \$8.00 plus tax & gratuity which equals a total of \$9.68 per meal. If you assume 52 meals per year, this equals \$503.36 per year per member. Total dues and fees of \$95.71 plus meals of \$503.36 equals \$599.07 which is only \$0.93 less than the annual dues of \$600 per year.

A sampling of other Rotary clubs in the Central Iowa area showed that Ankeny's dues are lower than other clubs. Clubs responding included Ames Noon - \$198.50 per quarter, Johnston - \$185 per quarter, DM AM - \$200 per quarter, NW DM - \$225 per quarter, DM Noon - \$325 per quarter, and Greater DM \$120 semi-annually. The Greater DM club does not have meals at their meetings.

The last time our dues were increased was July 1, 2002, when they were increased from \$125 to \$150. At last week's meeting, the Board recommended dues for an Active member be increased to \$175 per quarter effective January 1, 2011. Dues for Honorary members and members on leave would remain at \$50 per quarter. A final vote on this recommendation will take place at the October board meeting.

Please contact any board member with any comments, suggestions, or questions regarding this recommendation or plan to attend the meeting.