



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Ankeny

## Ratchet

Tuesday, April 03, 2012

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

### Future Speakers

#### Apr 3 2012

Larry DeBuse

"Residential and Business Energy Efficiency"

#### Apr 10 2012

Todd Eipperle

"My Experiences in Iraq"

#### Apr 17 2012

Kim Schaaf & 2012 Ankeny Summerfest Chairperson

"2012 Ankeny Summerfest theme "Leap Into Fun""

#### Apr 24 2012

Club Assembly

#### May 1 2012

Matt Wendt

"Ankeny Superintendant of Schools"

#### May 8 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Jody Savage

#### May 15 2012

Marvis Baehr-Metlife Home Loans

"Reverse Mortgages 101"

#### May 22 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Sally Schroeder

#### May 29 2012

Curtis Dean

"Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities "

#### Jun 5 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Cathy Spenceri

#### Jun 12 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Bill Sprague

#### Jun 19 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Chuck Stewart

#### Jun 26 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Pat Stilwill

#### Jul 3 2012

### Rotary Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

#### 4/3 - Sally Schroeder

4/10 - Kathy Sibbel

4/17 - Cathy Spenceri

4/24 - Bill Sprague

5/1 - Chuck Stewart

5/8 - Pat Stillwill

5/15 - Kraig Vry

5/22 - Nathan Wahl



### Todd Eipperle to Present Program on April 10th

by Burnham, Nate



Be sure to plan to attend our regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10th, when our program will be presented by Todd Eipperle. He will tell us of his experiences in Afghanistan as a member of the Iowa National Guard and how he survived an ambush. Todd was driving one of two vehicles when they were approached by an Afghan security person who started shooting and killed both the driver of the other vehicle and a civilian passenger. Todd, although shot twice himself, was able to return fire and kill the attacker.

Todd joined the Rotary Club of Ankeny in September 2009 through a transfer of his membership from the Marshalltown club. He was the Director of the Mid Iowa Boy Scouts. He was granted a leave of absence to go over to Afghanistan in August 2011. Recently he has transferred his membership back to the Rotary Club of Marshalltown.

### Volunteers Needed to Assist with Rotary/Uptown Trailhead/Farmers Market Fundraising

by Burnham, Nate

The Rotary Club of Ankeny has committed to donate \$25,000 to the construction of a pavilion to be used as a trail head for the bike path and a site for Ankeny's farmer's market in Uptown. Terry Peter has agreed to chair the fundraising committee but he needs help. Please contact him to let him know where you can be of assistance. In particular, Terry needs help in designing a web site, completing a tri-fold brochure, and putting together a power point and presentation packet.



### Rotary Club of Ankeny Web Site Has New Look

by Burnham, Nate

The web site and newsletter, *The Ratchet*, for the Rotary Club of Ankeny have a new look. They have been upgraded using Website Designer 2.0, which is a new and improved template designer from Club Runner. If you have not visited our club's website recently, check it out to see the

Rotarian Responsible-Kraig Vry

## Upcoming Events

**District 6000 Conference**  
Apr 12 2012 - Apr 14 2012

**2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok**  
May 6 2012 - May 9 2012

**Annual Meeting & Golf Outing**  
Jun 14 2012

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## Schroeder Attends Kofu, Japan Rotary Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

Sally Schroeder recently returned from a trip to Japan that she had been planning for a long time. Sally had planned to make the trip last year but had to cancel due to the tsunami. While visiting there she had the privilege of attending the Kofu Rotary meeting where she exchanged the flags.



## Ankeny Hosts New Zealand GSE Team on March 20th

by Burnham, Nate



The Group Study Exchange Team from District 9910 was in Ankeny on March 20th and attended our meeting where they made an informative presentation on their homeland, New Zealand.

The members of the team included:

**Damian Dixon** - Agriculture, dairy and horticulture  
**Phillipa Bolton** - Civil Engineer, project design  
**Nirav Shah** - Portfolio Manager, financial planning  
**Duane Wells** - Horticulture, orchards, cold storage  
**Laura McKenzie** - Secondary school teacher  
**Warren Paterson** - Team Leader - Educator, on line learning

Thank you to Gary Welch for all he did in making the arrangements for their visit and to everyone else that hosted and provided transportation for the team while they were in our area.

## Valley Bank hosts Reception for GSE Team

by Burnham, Nate

After a busy day of touring John Deere and other central Iowa businesses, Denny Hanson hosted the Group Study Exchange Team from D9910, New Zealand, about 25 other Rotarians and spouses including Ankeny Mayor and Rotarian, Steve Van Oort, at a reception at Valley Bank. Additional pictures area available on the club web site, [www.anken Rotary.org](http://www.anken Rotary.org) under "**Photo Albums**".



## April Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate



The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in April:

8th - John Lundstrom  
16th - Vikki Martin  
17th - Mark Giovannetti  
19th - Denny Hanson  
20th - Ron Bode  
22nd - Julie Cooper

## Rotary to Facilitate 2012 Golf Ball Drop

by Burnham, Nate

The Rotary Board has decided the club will again facilitate the golf ball drop at this summer's Ankeny Summerfest Celebration to be held July 12-15, 2012. A portion of the proceeds will again be donated to the Ankeny Service Center.



Volunteers are need to serve on the "**Golf Ball Drop**" committee. Contact Doug Beech if you would like to chair this committee or serve on it.

## 2013 Fundraiser to be Saturday, February 2

by Burnham, Nate



Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Rotary Club of Ankeny's 2013 fundraiser on Saturday February 2. The FFA Enrichment Center has again been reserved for this event.

## 2012 Rotary District 6000 Conference

by Burnham, Nate

It is still not too late to register for the Rotary District 6000 Conference to be held at Riverside Casino & Golf Resort April 12-14. The final deadline for registration is April 9th. The conference begins with golf on Thursday April 12, with meetings beginning Friday morning. Registration is available on line on the District 6000 web site or contact Nate Burnham for more information.

In recent year's, since the District 6000 Conference was being held in the Des Moines area, the Rotary Club of Ankeny has canceled their regular Tuesday meeting to encourage members to attend the Friday luncheon at the conference. Since the Conference is not in Central Iowa, we will meet on Tuesday April 10 as scheduled.

## Rotary Code of Conduct

by Burnham, Nate

**Vocational Service** is one of Rotary's avenues of service. One of the central goals of vocational service is to promote Rotary's high ethical standards. Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are the "**Four Way Test**" and the "**Rotary Code of Conduct**". The Four Way Test is recited each week at our Rotary meetings but in case you're not familiar with the Rotary Code of Conduct, it is as follows:

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational expertise and talents to serve Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from fellow Rotarians a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship