



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Aug 2 2011
Club Assembly

Aug 9 2011
Gary Eischeid, GM for POET Biorefining, Gowrie
"The POET Biorefining Process in Gowrie"

Aug 16 2011
Denise Andreas
"Hidden Treasures, Oddities and Antiques - Big Bucks at Auction"

Aug 23 2011
Josh Carper - Director of Operations,
"ISU Women's Basketball Recruiting "

Aug 30 2011
Steve Gibbons - Ankeny Service Center
"Update on the work of the Service Center and where they are headed."

Upcoming Events

Root Beer Float Sales at Hy-Vee
Aug 20 2011

DG Don Patterson official visit.
Sep 20 2011

Christmas Social
Dec 1 2011

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Club Assembly During August 2 Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

The By-Laws for the Rotary Club of Ankeny require us to have four club assemblies each fiscal year. A club assembly is a meeting, open to all club members, to discuss the club's programs, goals, and activities. The goal of the first club assembly, which will be this week, **August 2nd**, is to form committees and establish goals and objectives for the coming year. These goals should incorporate the Rotary International theme, "**Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**". During later club assemblies, progress towards completing these goals will be determined and the club's plan for the rest of the year will be reviewed.



President Beech has stated that he would like to put an emphasis on membership, fundraising, foundation, establishing guidelines for fundraising, and a special service project during the 2011-2012 year. **In which area would you like to serve?**

Volunteers Needed to Sell Root Beer Floats

by Burnham, Nate



Mark your calendars to help sell root beer floats at the Ankeny Hy-Vee to benefit **Special Olympics** on Saturday August 20th. A sign up sheet will be available the next couple weeks. We need at least three people to work each shift. The shifts will be from 10:45 to 12:30, 12:30 to 2:15, and 2:15 to 4:00. For more information contact

Tom Friedman.

August Rotaran Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate

The following Ankeny Rotarians will be celebrating birthdays in August:

- 6th - Reggie Eischeid
- 6th - Patty Hoffman
- 16th - Mark Land
- 18th - Gary Welch
- 20th - Marcy Davis



Ankeny Rotary Receives \$500 for Summerfest

by Burnham, Nate



Kim Schaaf, representing the Summerfest Committee, was our guest at our regular meeting on July 19th and presented the club with a check for \$500 as a thank you to the club for helping with the set up of the Summerfest parade.

Youth in Parks Kids Present Program

by Burnham, Nate

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The Rotary Club of Ankeny was the **"Program Sponsor"** for the Ankeny **"Youth in Parks"** program. On July 26th, the 13 kids that participated this summer and their counselors were guests at our meeting and made a presentation to us describing the activities they completed this summer. Our \$500 donation helped reduce the fees each participant had to pay to participate in this program.



The **"Youth in Parks"** program is designed for students entering grades six through nine. During each week-long session the participants participate in a half-day of community service and a half-day of recreation. Participants will develop a sense of community pride through service. The community services included flower bed maintenance, public clean-up, retirement home assistance, help Ankeny service organizations, and some park projects. The recreation activities included swimming at the Aquatic Center, fishing, bowling and other fun activities.

District Simplified Grants

by Burnham, Nate

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) is a grant to District 6000 from the Rotary Foundation. This grant is a tool that District 6000 uses to support short-term humanitarian or civic projects. Districts may choose to undertake a large district wide project or support the endeavors of individual clubs. Funds are distributed to clubs through application to the District 6000 DSG Committee which decides the merit of each application and the degree to which they should be funded. **The deadline for submitting a DSG application is October 1, 2011.**

Each grant is evaluated on four criteria including: Club contribution ratio, member's hands-on involvement, benefit to disadvantaged people, and club's support for the Rotary Foundation both current and historical. While Rotary has a rich history of both humanitarian and civic work, due to the way these criteria are structured, grants viewed as humanitarian in nature will likely be funded in preference to civic projects. The maximum grant is \$5,000 per club and each club must fund at least one dollar cash or sweat equity for each dollar of DSG funds requested. Grants cannot be for bricks and mortar and cannot benefit Rotarians or a specific group of people.

Anyone with an idea for a project that may qualify for a DSG that the Rotary Club of Ankeny could sponsor, should visit with President Beech or any of our other board members.

Bruce Kimpston - Proposed New Member

by Burnham, Nate

Bruce Kimpston has been proposed for membership to the Rotary Club of Ankeny. Bruce is the Associate Superintendent of Schools for Ankeny Community School District and is being proposed for membership by Gary Welch.

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

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate



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

8/2 - Carmen Davis
8/9 - Marcy Davis
8/16 - Shar Dunlap
8/23 - Reggie Eischeid

8/30 - Jan Franck
9/6 - Tom Friedman