



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Club Web Site

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Future Speakers

Dec 6 2011

Jon Heistercamp Ankeny Christian Academy

Dec 13 2011

Dr. Demming
"Mt. Everest"

Dec 20 2011

Polio Plus/Iowa Energy

Dec 27 2011

Christmas Week-No Meeting

Jan 3 2012

Linda Brewer-National Pork Board

Upcoming Events

Polio Plus Night at Iowa Energy

Jan 21 2012

Rotary Round Up

Feb 4 2012

District 6000 Conference

Apr 12 2012 - Apr 14 2012

2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

May 6 2012 - May 9 2012

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Women Win the "Battle"

by Burnham, Nate

Thanks to a last minute application of membership submitted by Sally Schroeder, the women out scored the men 27 to 19 in the "**Battle of the Sexes**". The date for the men to serve steak to the women will be set soon.



A total of 23 prospective new members were guests of our club during this campaign for new members. Thanks to everyone that brought these guests. Even though the competition is now over, don't forget to follow up with these prospective new members to see if they have made a decision regarding membership in the Rotary Club of Ankeny.

Chris Brooks Awarded Paul Harris Fellowship

by Burnham, Nate



Following dinner at the Des Moines Hotel Savory and prior to going to the Civic Center, Chris Brooks was surprised by President Doug when he called her and Kevin to the front of the room and announced that she was being awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship. Kevin had secretly donated 1,000 recognition points to her so she could receive this award. This had special meaning to Chris since her father had suffered from polio during his lifetime.

Foundation recognition points are accrued by each member when they make donations to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Ankeny has several members with over 1,000 points that could be donated to another individual to make them a Paul Harris Fellow. If you would like to know how many recognition points you have, contact Denny Hanson, Foundation Chairman or Nate Burnham.

December Rotary Board Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

To allow Board members to also attend the Chamber Christmas luncheon, please note the **time for the Rotary Board meeting will be changed to 12:30**. The December board meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be:



When: Thursday, December 8th
Time: **12:30 PM**



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Where: Wig N Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

All members are welcome and it counts as a make-up.

Auction Items Needed for Rotary Roundup

by Burnham, Nate



The Rotary Club of Ankeny's **"Rotary Round Up"**, barbeque and auction fundraiser will be Saturday, February 4, 2012 in the FFA Enrichment building on the DMACC campus. Items are needed for both a silent and a live auction.

A high level of participation from our membership will be required to make this fundraiser a success. It is hoped that each member will provide at least one item to be auctioned. Remember, these items do not have to be donated by the member. There are many businesses in Ankeny that are willing to donate an item for our fundraiser if we just ask.

Auction items can be given to Carmen Davis or dropped off at her office at Northwest Bank, 1700 SE Delaware in Ankeny. Don't forget to provide an estimate of the items retail value for the brochure.

Prospective New Member - Sarah Willeford

by Burnham, Nate

Sarah Willeford has been proposed for membership to the Rotary Club of Ankeny by Sally Schroeder. Sarah is the Director of the Kirkendall Public Library.

Comments regarding Sarah's proposed membership may be submitted to any board member.

Donations to Ankeny Service Center's Holiday Assistance Program

by Burnham, Nate

The Holiday Assistance Program directed by the Ankeny Service Center, provides gifts and food cards to families and children in Ankeny that may not otherwise have any gifts for Christmas. The Rotary Club of Ankeny has committed to adopt a family and a team of shoppers, headed by Shar Dunlap, is busy purchasing gifts for the family assigned to us. Other individual Rotarians have anonymously also adopted other families.

President Beech announced at our Christmas dinner that the club would also match the first \$200 donated by individual club members to the Holiday Assistance Program. These funds will be used by the Ankeny Service Center to purchase gifts and food cards for families that have not as yet been adopted. A special collection will be taken at our meeting on December 6th.

Welcome New Member Mike Rooney

by Burnham, Nate

Mike Rooney was inducted as a new member of the Ankeny Rotary Club on November 15, 2011. Mike is a Financial Advisor for Royal Bank of Canada. He is also a newly elected member of the Ankeny School Board. Mike



was proposed for membership by Damon Miller.

December Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate



The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in December:

2nd - Chuck - Stewart

12th - Doug Beech

12th - Ron Heldt

12th - Bob Hoksch

14th - Tim Cox

16th - Doug Ripley

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

12/6 - Mike Lydon

12/13 - Vikki Martin

12/20 - James Maxwell

12/27 - No Meeting

1/3 - Kristin McHugh-Johnson

1/10 - Dave Mercer

1/17 - Damon Miller

1/24 - Dekl Mohler

1/31 - Trent Murphy



Dinner & Wicked

by Burnham, Nate



A total of 36 members and 47 guests enjoyed a delicious meal at the Des Moines Savory Hotel and then walked over to the Des Moines Civic Center for a performance of **"Wicked"**. Thank you Julie Cooper and Tim Cox for making all the arrangements for this event.

Pictures of the event may be viewed on our web site at www.ankenyrotary.org by clicking on **"2011 Dinner & Wicked"** under **"Photo Journals"** on the right side of the **"Home Page"**.

Rotary in Tournament of Roses Parade

by Burnham, Nate

The theme for the 2012 Rose Parade is **"Just Imagine"**. This year will mark the 33rd consecutive entry by the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee. Rotary's theme is **"Inching Towards the End of Polio"** and will highlight the progress of Rotary and its partners in our quest to eradicate Polio.



The Rose Parade is viewed by approximately 700,000 live spectators and a television audience of over 40 million in the United States and another 300 million around the world in more than 200 countries which provides a great opportunity to reach millions of people with the message of Rotary's commitment to service and dedication to peace.

No Rotary International funds are used in the construction of the float. The committee's ability to enter a float depends entirely on volunteers and donations. If you would like more information or to make a contribution visit the web site www.rotaryfloat.org.

Assistant Governor Chuck Briegel Passes on November 17th

by Burnham, Nate

Chuck Briegel was an architect in the Moline office of ShiveHattery and specialized in commercial retail. Chuck was also a past Rotary President and was serving as the Assistant Governor for the Rotary Clubs of Clinton, Iowa Quad Cities, Tipton and West Liberty. He will be missed by Rotarians from across District 6000.

Chuck's Funeral service was held on November 23rd at the Christ United Methodist Church in Davenport. Condolences can be sent to Sherri Briegel and Family at 2327 W. 60th Street, Davenport, IA 52806.
