



Rotary Club of Ankeny

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Meeting at On With Life July 12th

by Burnham, Nate

Remember our meeting this week, **July 12th**, will be at **On With Life** and hosted by Pat Stillwell.

On With Life is located at 715 SW Ankeny Rd. To get there, go to Oralobor Road and turn south on Snyder Blvd. which is located next to Snyder & Associates. Go south on Snyder Blvd and turn right on to Ankeny Road. On With Life will be on your left. We have been asked to park in the main parking lot and enter through the doors under the large canopy.

Todd Eipperle Wounded in Afganistan

by Burnham, Nate



Todd Eipperle joined the Ankeny Rotary Club in September 2009 through a transfer of his membership form the Marshalltown club. He was the Director of the Mid-Iowa Boy Scouts and a member of the Iowa National Guard. He has been on a leave of absence since he was called to duty to go to Afghanistan last August. Todd was involved in a gun fight in Afghanistan on July 10th and was shot in the shoulder and near the knee. He was scheduled to come home in two weeks.

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 got out of his vehicle and returned fire, killing the attacker. Todd is reported to be doing well after being treated in an Afghan hospital and then being taken to Germany. Todd is still in Germany for further medical care, but he is expected to be back in the US at Fort Riley in Manhattan, KS in the next few days. Todd's biggest injury is emotional right now. He lost two friends in this attack and also had to take a life himself and that is weighing heavily on him.

We have been asked to not to try to call the family at this time. Julie and the family want to take care of some things and prepare for Todd's return. If you would like to send him a note please, use this email address: Lakeside2148@mchsi.com. Julie will be monitoring it and will read all of the email's to Todd when she sees him in Kansas.

July Rotary Board Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

The July board meeting for the Ankeny Rotary Club will be:

When: **Thursday, July 14th**

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Wig N Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.





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

Golf Ball Drop Results

by Burnham, Nate



The preliminary results of the "Golf Ball Drop" are in. A total of 674 tickets were sold for a total of \$6,740. **The net proceeds after the distribution of prize money will be \$4,990!**

The winners were: **First Place** - \$1,000 Cory Kelly, ticket sold by Trent Murphy, **Second Place** - \$500 Vicki Gocke, ticket sold by Jim Gocke, and **Third Place** - \$250 Sean Saxton, ticket sold by Beth Sexton.

The top seller for the Rotary club was Gary Welch with 57 tickets sold. So Gary will be keeping his \$100 that he offered to anyone that could out sell him.

Thanks to everyone that sold tickets, worked the vendor booth, and helped during the golf ball drop. A special thanks to Tom Friedman for his organization of this project.

Gary Welch - Ankeny Rotarian of the Year for 2010-2011

by Burnham, Nate

Gary Welch has been named Ankeny Rotarian of the Year for 2010-2011. Gary was born in Clarinda, Iowa and grew up on a farm just outside Braddyville, Iowa. He received a Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Nebraska and is a licensed Independent Social Worker.



Gary has been an Ankeny resident for over 30 years and has been extremely active in the community. He is currently serving his third term on the Ankeny City Council and is on several other local boards including the Metro Waste Authority Board, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Community Education Advisory Board and the Mayor's Youth Council. He was also the founding chair of the Nevelyn Community Resource Center.

Gary served as the president of the Ankeny Rotary club in 2004-2005 and has also served on several District 6000 committees. During the past year, 2010-2011, he served as the District Governor for Rotary District 6000.

Gary and his wife, Colleen, have two sons, Eric and his wife Jennifer and Jason and his wife Kay. They have two adopted grandchildren from Russia, Jozy - age 13 and Luke age 11.

Thank You Rotarians

by Burnham, Nate



Thanks you Ankeny Rotary for your assistance in the 2011 Summerfest Grand Parade. I would especially like to thank the members and family members who assisted in the parade staging and in particular Steve

SchraderBacher who led the Rotary efforts. Community events like the parade can only be successful with volunteer efforts like yours and for that I and the community are grateful.

As the parade is constantly evolving so are our efforts to make it better. I look forward to your input and comments on ways we can improve staging, advance organization and the parade itself. Please let me know what suggestions you have.

Sincerely, **Doug Ripley, Summerfest Parade Chair and Proud Ankeny Rotarian**

Thank You to Golf Outing Sponsors

by *Burnham, Nate*

The following members/businesses provided sponsorships or prizes for our annual golf outing on June 30th. Thank you to these members/businesses and also to Tim Cox for organizing the golf outing and presenting the prizes.



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July Rotarian Birthdays

by *Burnham, Nate*



The following Ankeny Rotarians will be celebrating birthdays in July:

1st - Jim Maxwell
2nd - Pat Stilwill

3rd - Brad Botos
9th - Jim Ramsey
17th - Gene Hill
18th - Cathy Spenceri
22nd - Gerry Bair
28th - Dirk Westercamp

Greeters

by *Burnham, Nate*

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

7/12 - Meet at On-With-Life
7/19 - Meet at Faith Baptist Bible College
7/26 - Teri Crist
8/2 - Carmen Davis
8/9 - Marcy Davis

