



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Future Speakers

Jul 26 2011
2011 Youth in Parks
Summer Program Kids

Aug 2 2011
Club Assembly

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

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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Christmas Social - Save the Date

by Burnham, Nate

Arrangements are being made for this year's Christmas social. It will be dinner at a downtown Des Moines Hotel followed by the opportunity to attend the award winning Broadway musical **"Wicked"**, the untold story of the witches of Oz, at the Des Moines Civic Center as a group. The exact times and other details will be provided soon but be sure to make your calendar and save the date of **Thursday, December 1** and plan to join your fellow Rotarians for a **"Wickedly good time"**.

Thank You - Faith Baptist Bible College

by Burnham, Nate



Thank you to Dr. James Maxwell for hosting our meeting on July 19th at Faith Baptist Bible College & Theological Seminary. Those that were not there may have missed the best meal we have been served since our Christmas dinner at DMACC. We also had the opportunity to learn the history of Faith Bible College in Ankeny and its current activities.

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.

Golf Ball Drop Winner - Cory Kelly - Receives Check

by Burnham, Nate



Tom Friedman had the privilege of presenting Cory Kelly with a check for \$1,000 for winning first place in the **"Summerfest Golf Ball Drop"**. The ball with her number on it was the only one that went in the hole. She had purchased her willing ticket from Trent Murphy.

Golf Ball Drop Second Place Winner - Vicki Gocke

by Burnham, Nate

Vicki Gocke won the second place prize of \$500 when the golf ball with her number on it came to rest on the very edge of the hole. She had purchased her ticket from Jim Gocke.



Message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

by Burnham, Nate



The following are excerpts from a message from RI President Kalyan Banerjee that was in the August 2011 Rotarian.



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There is an old saying in India: "When you help your neighbor's boat across the water, you find that your own has reached the shore." By helping others, we often find that we have helped ourselves as well.

Each of us came to Rotary to serve - and found the joys and satisfactions of friendship and fellowship. In August, the month we dedicate to membership and development, we focus on spreading the message of Rotary, By serving well, without hiding our Rotary light under the proverbial bushel, we find ourselves closer to our own goal: a stronger, more vibrant Rotary for generations to come.

Public image and membership go hand in hand. Too many people - intelligent, educated, involved people - simply have no idea what Rotary is. This is something we need to confront. We have heard again and again about communities where, despite all the good work that Rotary clubs do, many people are unaware that those clubs even exist. This is not the way forward for our organization.

Serving well is the essential first step - but it is only the beginning. We have to raise our profile with all the tools that are available to us, and there are more tools today that there have ever were. We have to use social media such as Twitter and Face book, and we have to be up to date, it must be appealing, it must reflect the work we are doing. And it must offer a way for prospective members, once they see what we do and become interested, to take the next step.

Rotary has so much to offer, It is up to us to let others know what a fantastic organization we have, and to show people how they can integrate Rotary into their lives. Service does require time, and time is something nobody has enough of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with Rotary is worthwhile - that it is rewarding and never wasted. When we reach within ourselves and our clubs, when we learn what we are capable of and harness that power we will elevate our communities as never before - and elevate Rotary as well.

Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

- 7/26 - Teri Crist**
- 8/2 - Carmen Davis
- 8/9 - Marcy Davis
- 8/16 - Shar Dunlap
- 8/23 - Reggie Eischeid
- 8/30 - Jan Franck
- 9/6 - Tom Friedman



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