



Service Above Self

# Rotary Club of Ankeny

## Ratchet

Tuesday, June 05, 2012

Club Web Site

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

### Future Speakers

**Jun 5 2012**

Jarryd Widhalm

"Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar  
Monterrey, Mexico"

**Jun 12 2012**

CANCELLED DUE TO  
ANNUAL MEETING 6/14

**Jun 14 2012**

Ankeny Golf and Country  
Club

"Annual Meeting"

**Jun 19 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-  
Chuck Stewart

**Jun 26 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-Pat  
Stilwill

**Jul 3 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-Kraig  
Vry

**Jul 10 2012**

MEETING AT ANKENY  
POLICE STATION

"Rotarians Responsible-Nathan  
Wahl & Todd Wehr"

**Jul 17 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-  
Jennifer Walter

**Jul 24 2012**

MEETING AT CASEY'S-Tour  
of Facility

**Jul 31 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-Gary  
Welch

**Aug 7 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-  
Sarah Williford

**Aug 14 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-  
Sharlene Dunlap

**Aug 21 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-Doug  
Beech

**Aug 28 2012**

### Bill Sprague Died on May 22, 2012

by Burnham, Nate

Ankeny Rotarian, **Bill Sprague**, died unexpectedly on May 22, 2012. Bill had been a Rotarian since November 1992 and a member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny since transferring from the West Des Moines club in February 2010. Bill was a Paul Harris Fellow plus two. The following is his obituary.



William Russell Sprague was born to Cleo and Dorothy (Malcom) Sprague in Carroll, Iowa, November 27, 1944. Raised in Glidden, he graduated high school in 1963, lettering in track and football. He then attended and graduated from both Northwest Missouri State College with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree and the University of South Dakota with a Masters of Natural Sciences. Bill was a science teacher in the Adair-Casey, Grand Junction, and United Community of Boone schools before joining Iowa Electric and then finally retiring from Mid-American energy in 2009. He was a member of Rotary International, an avid fisherman and outdoorsman, rock collector, accomplished gardener, and a world traveler.

He is survived by his wife, Lyn; his daughter, Amy; his son, Jamison; his brother, Ken; his sister, Mary Jean; numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

In following with Bill's request and wishes, no services or memorial will be held, and the family requests that anyone wishing to celebrate his life to plant a tree or flower in his memory.

### Rotary Meeting Greeters

by Burnham, Nate



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

6/5 - Todd Wehr

**6/12 - No Meeting**

6/19 - Gary Welch

6/26 - Dirk Westercamp

### Annual Meeting and Golf Outing - June 14th

by Burnham, Nate

The Rotary Club of Ankeny's annual meeting and golf outing will be held **Thursday, June 14, 2012**, at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club. Online registration through our web site is now available. Plan to attend and find out who had the most fun on the golf course, see Teri assume the Presidency from Doug, and help recognize the "Rotarian of the Year" and members with perfect attendance.



For those golfing, registration will begin at 5:00 pm with a shotgun start at 5:30 pm. The format is a four-person best shot (golfer designate foursomes or sign up individually and you will be assigned to a team). The

## Club Assembly

**Sep 4 2012**

Rotarian Responsible-Craig Block

## Upcoming Events

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

**Golf Ball Drop at Summerfest**  
Jul 15 2012

**2013 Rotary Dinner/Auction Fundraiser**  
Feb 2 2013

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cost for golf is \$20 per person for both Rotarians and guests. The golf is designed to be a fun-oriented event with no skill required. Golf sponsorships are available at \$50 each and donations of prizes are always welcome.

Dinner is free to members and one guest and will be served at approximately 8:00 pm after golf. The charge for additional guests for dinner is \$10 per person. Golf prizes, our annual meeting, and awards will follow dinner. You may register by logging on to our web site and clicking on "**Annual Meeting & Golf Outing**" under "**Upcoming Events**". When registering, please indicate the name of your guest(s), if any, and if you and/or your guest(s) will golf. Also, indicate if you are willing to sponsor a hole or provide some prizes.

**There will be no regular meeting on Tuesday June 12th.**

## New Members to Take Attendance and Greet

by Burnham, Nate



The Membership Committee has introduced a new program to help new members get to know other members and for other members to get to know them.

The plan is to ask new members to assist with the taking of attendance for two weeks and then to act as the greeter for two weeks. If you have not already met the new member, be sure to introduce your self to them.

## Back Ups to Secretary Needed

by Burnham, Nate

The club is in need of some back up support for set up and taking attendance at weekly meetings. Occasionally, Nate Burnham may be unable to attend a meeting and we need some individuals who are familiar with the responsibilities to fill in.

The plan is to assemble a list of 2 or 3 individuals who would be willing to set up, take attendance and count money occasionally. Let Nate Burnham know if you are willing to help and he will add your name to the list and provide training.

## June Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate



The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in June:

6th - Ben Norman  
14th Sue Gibbons

17th - Dave Mercer  
20th - Steve Van Oort  
21st - Mike Lydon  
26th - Carmen Davis

## Golf Ball Drop Tickets To be Available at June 5 Meeting

by Burnham, Nate

The Ankeny Rotary Club will again be in charge of the golf ball drop at this year's Ankeny Summerfest, July 12-15. Tickets for the sale of balls will be available to distribute to members at our June 5th meeting. Each member will be expected to sell at least 10 tickets. The cost of each ticket is \$10 but there will be two coupons on each. One is for a **"free single topping pizza with the purchase of any**



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**large specialty pizza from Casey's" and the other for "\$5.00 off the purchase of two entrees from Outback Steakhouse".**

Each ticket is numbered and will correspond to a number on a golf ball. At approximately 9:00 PM on Sunday evening, July 15th, at the conclusion of Ankeny Summerfest, all the balls are placed in a bucket and taken about 60 feet in the air by the Ankeny Fire department ladder truck. They are then dropped, all at the same time, towards a hole. The first ball in the hole, or closest to the hole if none goes in, wins \$1,000 for the person with the ticket matching the number on the ball. The second ball in the hole, or closest, wins \$500 and the third ball in the hole, or closest, wins \$250.

We will be selling tickets at the **Chamber Golf Outing on June 13th** at Brairwood and Otter Creek golf courses. In addition, the club has reserved a vendor space during Summerfest to sell tickets as well as provide information about Rotary and our club. Please contact Tom Friedman or Sue Gibbons with questions or if you are available to help sell tickets at the Chamber Golf Outing on June 13th.

### **June Board Meeting Canceled**

*by Burnham, Nate*

Since the Annual Meeting and Golf Outing will be held on Thursday June 14th, which is also the regular date for the monthly board meeting, **the board meeting for June has been canceled.** The next board meeting will be on July 12, 2012.

### **District Governor Geiger to Visit Ankeny on September 18th**

*by Burnham, Nate*

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our September 18th meeting when District Governor Terry Geiger and his wife and Rotary Partner, Peggy, will make their official visit to Ankeny.



### **Donations Collected at Ankeny Clean Up Days Total \$1,125.87**

*by Burnham, Nate*



Thank you to the nineteen Ankeny Rotarians who helped unload trash and collect donations at Ankeny Clean Up Days on May 19th and 20th. A total of \$1,125.87 was collected. Also, thank you to Justin Carlton for coordinating this project.

Thank you to everyone that helped

### **Ankeny Rotary Wins Award for Website**

*by Burnham, Nate*

At the 2012 District 6000 Conference, the Rotary Club of Ankeny was presented with an **"Outstanding Club Website Award"**. Ankeny was one of four club websites recognized in the district. The award reads:

***"Outstanding Club Website Award - For achievement in graphic design, overall content, access of club information, and information for non-members, in support of Rotary Club, District and International goals."***