



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet

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Future Speakers

Mar 20 2012
GSE Team From New Zealand

Mar 27 2012
Penny Brown-Ankeny Women's Connectio - Art Moeller
""Helping Women Connect in Today's World""

Apr 3 2012
Rotarian Responsible-Trent Murphy

Apr 10 2012
Todd Eipperle
""My Experiences in Iraq""

Apr 17 2012
Rotarian Responsible-Doug Ripley

Apr 24 2012
Club Assembly

May 1 2012
Matt Wendt
""Ankeny Superintendant of Schools""

May 8 2012
Rotarian Responsible-Jody Savage

May 15 2012
Marvis Baehr-Metlife Home Loans
""Reverse Mortgages 101""

May 22 2012
Rotarian Responsible-Sally Schroeder

May 29 2012
Curtis Dean
""Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities ""

Jun 5 2012
Rotarian Responsible-

Welcome GSE Team From District 9910 New Zealand!!

by Burnham, Nate

The Rotary Club of Ankeny is honored to be hosting the Rotary Group Study Exchange team from D9910 New Zealand at our meeting on March 20th. The members of the team are:



- Damian Dixon** - Agriculture, dairy and horticulture
- Phillipa Bolton** - Civil Engineer, project design
- Nirav Shah** - Portfolio Manager, financial planning
- Duane Wells** - Horticulture, orchards, cold storage
- Laura McKenzie** - Secondary school teacher
- Warren Paterson**, Team Leader - Educator, on line learning

Denny Hanson and Valley Bank will host a reception for the group from 5:30-7:00 pm at Valley Bank, 210 NE Delaware, Ankeny. All Rotarians and their spouses are invited to attend.

The Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of young participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Welcome New Member - Pat Timmons

by Burnham, Nate



Pat Timmons was inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny on March 13, 2012. Pat is transferring her Rotary membership from Algona where she had been a member since 2004 and also served as secretary-treasurer. Pat is retired from owning a McDonald's restraurant. She is being sponsored for membership by Julie Cooper.

Rotary to 2012 Golf Ball Drop

by Burnham, Nate

The Rotary Board has decided the club will again facilitate the golf ball drop at this summer's Ankeny Summerfest Celebration to be held July 12-15, 2012. A portion of the proceeds will again be donated to the Ankeny Service Center.



Cathy Spenceri

Jun 12 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Bill Sprague

Jun 19 2012

Rotarian Responsible-Chuck Stewart

Upcoming Events

GSE Team Reception

Mar 20 2012

District 6000 Training Assembly

Mar 31 2012 - Mar 31 2012

District 6000 Conference

Apr 12 2012 - Apr 14 2012

2012 Rotary International Convention in Bangkok

May 6 2012 - May 9 2012

Annual Meeting & Golf Outing

Jun 14 2012

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Volunteers are need to serve on the **"Golf Ball Drop"** committee. Contact Doug Beech if you would like to chair this committee or serve on it.

Hanson Receives Memorial Paul Harris Fellowship for Father

by Burnham, Nate



Dennis Hanson purchased the Paul Harris Fellowship that was auctioned at the Rotary Round Up on February 4th to honor his father. The PHF he requested is a memorial certificate that reads, **"This gift will provide a living memorial through the Foundation's program to further international understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."**

Sally Schroeder Presents Father-in-Law with Paul Harris Fellowship

by Burnham, Nate

Sally Schroeder used 1,000 of the recognition points she has accumulated to purchase a Paul Harris Fellowship for her father-in-law, Asher Schroeder. Mr. Schroeder is a member of the Rotary Club of Maquoketa and was already a Paul Harris Fellow. Sally's donation made his a PHF plus-one.



Recognition points are credited to each Rotrian when they make donations to the Rotary Foundation. Until recently, points were awarded only after a member has become a Paul Harris Fellow. Now one point is awarded for each dollar contributed even if you have not yet achieved Paul Harris status.

The Rotary Club of Ankeny has 19 former and current members with more than 1,000 recognition points. These points can be donated to another Rotarian or non Rotarian to make them a Paul Harris Fellow. Contact Denny Hanson if you would like to utilize your recognition points to honor a family member or friend or if you would like to know how many recognition points you have available.

Ankeny Rotary Makes Donation to Ankeny Community Chorus

by Burnham, Nate



On March 6th, a check in the amount of \$500 was presented to Bill Konnath, Founder and current President of the Ankeny Community Chorus. These funds will be used to assist with the purchase of new gowns for the ladies.

The Ankeny Community Chorus has been serving the Ankeny Community for the past 11 years. The chorus has 80+ members and has performed for many civic and community entities including the city, school district, and Chamber of Commerce. Program activities include two major concerts per year.

Donation to Dollars for Scholars

by Burnham, Nate



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The Rotary Club of Ankeny presented **Kathy Weatherwax, Dollars for Scholars President** with a check for \$600 to fund scholarships for two Ankeny seniors on March 13th.



Dollars for Scholars is a nationwide network of more than 1,200 grassroots, community-based scholarship foundations, 111 of which are in Iowa. It is a program of Scholarship America, the nation's premier nonprofit private-sector scholarship and educational assistance organization. In 2011, Dollars for Scholars presented 130 Ankeny seniors with \$56,900 in donated scholarships. Ankeny Dollars for Scholars has been a chapter since 1984 and in that time provided scholarships totaling \$688,800.

Meeting Sites needed for July 10 & July 24

by Burnham, Nate

The Ankeny Golf & Country Club has other events scheduled for July 10th and July 24th which gives us the opportunity to meet at a different location. If you have always wanted to give Ankeny Rotarians a tour of your business or have an idea for an alternative meeting location, please contact Dirk Westercamp.

Rotary Greeters

by Burnham, Nate

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

- 3/20 - Jody Savage
- 3/27 - Steve SchraderBachar
- 4/3 - Sally Schroeder
- 4/10 - Kathy Sibbel
- 4/17 - Cathy Spenceri
- 4/24 - Bill Sprague
- 5/1 - Chuck Stewart
- 5/8 - Pat Stillwill
- 5/15 - Kraig Vry
- 5/22 - Nathan Wahl



March Rotarian Birthdays

by Burnham, Nate



The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in March:

- 7th - Andrew Larson
- 8th - Craig Block
- 9th Trent Murphy
- 11th - Kendall Sather
- 12th - Zane Smith
- 21st - Tropy Boelman