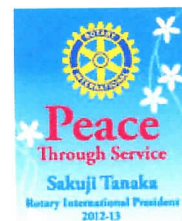


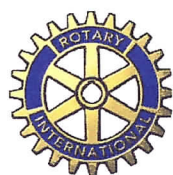


# Rotary Club of Ankeny Ratchet



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We meet  
Tuesdays at  
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Ankeny Golf &  
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## Speakers

May 07, 2013

[Kent Stock](#)

The Final Season, Coach Kent Stock

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["Evening Club" - Lance Henning](#)  
Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity

May 14, 2013

[Meeting for AMP Event to be held May 15](#)

May 21, 2013

[Sheri Sorensen](#)  
Search and Rescue Dog Training

May 28, 2013

[Team Martin and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#)  
The Battle of Leukemia & Lymphoma

May 28, 2013

["Evening Club" - Mike O'Connor,](#)  
District Director  
Mid Iowa Council BSA

Jun 04, 2013

[Dr. James D. Maxwell, President of Faith Baptist](#)  
Mission Trip to Myanmar and Turkey

Jun 04, 2013

["Evening Club" - Rita Perea](#)  
Lessons Learned in Chartering a New Rotary Club - Rotary Club of Greater DM

## Stories



6/11 - NO MEETING  
6/18 - Mike Lydon

### Rotary Meeting Greeters

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 29, 2013

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

5/7 - Andrew Larson  
5/14 - NO MEETING  
5/21 - Vikki Martin  
5/28 - Jon Lowman  
6/4 - James Maxwell

### AMP It Up In Uptown

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 15, 2013



The Ankeny Market Pavilion. AMP, will serve as the epicenter of community activity as a trailhead, event pavilion, and home for Ankeny's bustling Farmer's Market. The

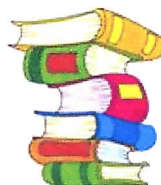
AMP Campaign Launch/Community Challenge/Kickoff Event/Fundraiser will be held at **Parkview Middle School, 105 Pleasant Street on Wednesday, May 15th**. Outdoor events will start at 6:00 pm and the indoor program will begin at 7:00 pm. Those in

attendance, will include Governor Brandstad, Ankeny Mayor Gary Lorenz, several farmer's [market vendors](#), and the Ankeny Fire Department.

**Both the noon and evening Rotary meetings on Tuesday May 14th will be cancelled and all Rotarians are encouraged to attend this event.**

### Ankeny Service Center Book Drive 2013

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 05, 2013



The Ankeny Service Center is holding a book drive for children Pre-K through 5th grade. Many families have limited access to books and reading during the summer months. We hope to help fill in the gap by sending books home to families for the summer months. Ankeny school personnel will distribute books to families in need at the end of the school year.

If you have some new or gently used books that you can donate please drop them off **by May 13th** at one of the following locations:

**The Ankeny Service Center, 406 SW School St.**

**First National Bank, 1205 N. Ankeny Blvd.**

**Ankeny Fareway Stores**

**Any Ankeny Community State Bank**

**Ankeny Community Ed office, 306 SW School St.**

### Registration Open for Annual Meeting & Golf Outing

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 05, 2013



Each member should have received an email inviting them to register for the annual golf outing followed by the annual meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny which will be held at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club on **Thursday, June 13th**. Please respond to the email to indicate if you are planning to attend or not. You may also go online to our web site to register. The golf is designed to be a fun-oriented event with no skill required.

Here are the details:

**Check In:** 5:00-5:30 pm **Shotgun Start:** 5:30 pm

**Format:** Four-person best shot (golfer designate foursomes or sign up individually and you will be assigned to a team)

**Cost:** \$20 per person for golf

**Dinner:** After golf, approximately 8:00 pm. Dinner is free to members and one guest. Additional guests are \$10 each. Fees will be added to your next Rotary invoice.

**Sponsors:** Sponsorships are available at \$50. Donations for prizes are welcome.

Jun 11, 2013

[No Meeting June 11 due to Annual Meeting June 13](#)

Jun 18, 2013

[John Bachman](#)  
Blue Zones Project and the Healthiest State Initiatives

Jun 25, 2013

[Speaker TBD](#)

Jul 02, 2013

[Rotarian Responsible - Art Moeller](#)

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When [registering](#), please indicate the name of your guest(s), if any, and if you and/or your guest will golf. Also, indicate if you are willing to sponsor a hole or provide some prizes. Don't forget to click on **"Confirm"** after you register and **"Save"** after entering your guests name.



### May Rotary Board Meeting

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 05, 2013

The May board meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be:

When: **Thursday, May 9th**  
Time: 12:00 PM

Where: Wig N Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

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

### Rich Job Makes New Visitors Register

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 06, 2013



Several weeks ago, Nate Burnham gave Rich Job a brass Rotary emblem that he found in the closet. Rich decided to use it to make a new guest registry for the club. On April 30th he presented the finished product to the club.

### Ankeny Agrees to Host Rotary Exchange Student

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 05, 2013



Subject to becoming certified as a *"host club"*, the Rotary Club of Ankeny has agreed

to host a Rotary exchange student for the 2013-2014 school year. **She is Silvia Pellegrino from Ragusa, Italy.** Ragusa is a city of 80,000 people, in the south of Italy, on the island of Sicily. Gary Welch will be the Youth Exchange Coordinator and Patty Hoffman will be the International Student Counselor. Mark and Sallie Martin and Trent and Renee Murphy are planning to be host families. Thank you to these Rotarians for making what will be a great experience for Silvia and our club happen. We are still in need of a third host family. Let Gary Welch know if you are willing to host Silvia and participate in this rewarding experience.

Silvia will be 17 years old in September 2013 and speaks English fluently having studied it since she was six and been to the USA before several times with her family. She states her family is quite well off with her father being an orthopedist surgeon and her mother an elementary school teacher. She has three brothers, all older, with one still living at home. In her free time she likes to books and hanging out with her two best friends or doing shopping. She has traveled to many countries including Spain, Russia, Morocco, Canada, Tunisia, and Ireland. She has also been to Paris where her parents have a time share, to London twice to improve her English and to the USA six times including Miami where her parents are building a home.

Silvia would like to keep studying languages after graduation and attend a language university and study journalism in other parts of the world. Her ideal job would be a journalist in a big USA newspaper.

### Meeting Hosts for July 9th & 16th Meetings

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 05, 2013

The Rotary Club of Ankeny will not be meeting at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club on July 9th and 16th due to some other scheduled event at the club. Jim Gocke has made arrangements for us to meet at the **Ankeny Regional Airport on the 9th** and Dave Mercer has agreed to host the meeting on **July 16th at the offices of Iowa Realty** with the program to be presented by Sue Navaratil, Wine Specialist at HyVee on the 16th.

### Welcome New Member Gabe Glynn

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 30, 2013



Cooper.

Gabe Glynn became the newest member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny when he was inducted at the April 30th meeting. Gabe is a former member of the Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines and is employed by Slash/Web Studios in Ankeny. His classification will be Web Development and he was proposed for membership by Julie

### 2013 Ankeny Clean Up Days

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 15, 2013



The Rotary Club of Ankeny will again be helping with **"Ankeny Clean Up Days"** which will be **Saturday, May 18th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** and **Sunday May 19th from noon to 4:00 pm** at the Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center, 1220 NW Prairie Ridge Drive. Rotary will again be able to collect donations during the clean-up days.

Rotarians are needed to assist Ankeny residents with the unloading of their vehicles. Each shift will be for 2 hours. Please sign up at this week's meeting or send an email to Justin Carlton to tell him when you are available to work. The Ankeny Clean Up Days has become one of our signature events which



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## Club Events

[AMP Kick Off Event](#)  
May 15, 2013 05:30 AM

[Ankeny Clean Up Days](#)  
May 18, 2013 - May 19, 2013

[Annual Meeting & Golf Outing](#)  
Ankeny Golf & Country Club  
Jun 13, 2013 05:30 PM

[Rotary International Convention](#)  
Lisbon, Portugal  
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

[RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award](#)  
Wartburg College  
Jul 07, 2013 - Jul 12, 2013

[District Governor Jacques Andrews Official Visit](#)  
Oct 01, 2013

[2014 Fundraiser](#)  
FFA Enrichment Center  
Feb 01, 2014

[2014 Rotary District 6000 Annual Conference](#)  
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center  
May 01, 2014 - May 03, 2014



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has given the club significant visibility and a fund raising opportunity. Last year, we collected \$1,125.87. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can make sure we have all shifts covered.



May 22nd - Julie Skou  
May 26th - Jon Lowman  
May 27th - Chad Sorensen  
May 28th - Dan Kitinger

### May Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 15, 2013

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in May:

May 1st - Karl Koedam  
May 12th - Damon Miller



### Why Join Rotary??

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 17, 2013

Have you ever been asked "Why should I join Rotary?" If so, Richards King, Rotary International President 2001-02 suggests the following 20 answers:

- 1. Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship.
- 2. Business Development:** Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
- 3. Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people, learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
- 5. Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
- 6. Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and works.
- 7. Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
- 8. Public Speaking Skills:** Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communications and the opportunity to practice and perfect skills.
- 9. Citizenship in the World:** There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome - even encouraged - to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
- 10. Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
- 11. Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Also, conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
- 12. The Development of Social Skills:** Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
- 13. Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs, high school and college clubs for future Rotarians, opportunities for spouse involvement, and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
- 14. Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to serve on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation.
- 15. The Development off Ethics:** Rotarians practice the "4-Way Test" that governs one's ethical standards.
- 16. Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background.
- 17. Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people - leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world.
- 18. Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but is is important to be nice.
- 19. The Absence of an "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official

creed, no secret meetings or rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

**20. The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian, the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-fulfillment that comes in the process and return of the satisfaction to one's own self. It is richly rewarding.

#### [Rotary Riverwalk Park Donation](#)

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 15, 2013

The board for the Rotary Club of Ankeny approved a donation of \$500 to the Rotary River Park in Downtown Des Moines. ***In addition, the club will match any personal donations, made prior to May 15, 2013, from Ankeny Rotarians or their businesses up to an additional \$500 in total.*** Please give your check to Jim Ramsey if you or your business would like to make a donation.

The Rotary Riverwalk Park will be adjacent to the recently completed Center Street Bridge, a key component of the Des Moines Riverwalk that links the east and west side of the city at the northern edge of The Riverwalk loop. The final design is to be completed and approved by late summer, ground breaking this fall with construction beginning in the spring of 2014. Brochures are available from Nate Burnham.

#### [Rotary Club of Ankeny Guests](#)

Posted by Nate Burnham on Apr 29, 2013



**Special guests attending the Rotary Club of Ankeny regular meetings during the past couple weeks were:**

April 16th - Deb Malson - Visiting Rotarian, Ames Noon

April 16th - Matt Cole - American Institute of Architects, Iowa Chapter - Speaker

April 16th - Kerry Criskey, Hospice of Iowa - Speaker, "Evening"

April 23rd - Dick Marshall, guest of Dan Kitzinger

April 23rd - Jim Mather, visiting Rotarian, NW Des Moines

April 23rd - Ashley Johnson, DRA Properties - Speaker

April 23rd - Jeff Russel, Rotary Riverwalk Park, Speaker, "Evening" and Visiting Rotarian Des Moines AM

April 23rd - Phil Hodgen, Rotary Riverwalk Park, Speaker, "Evening" and Visiting Rotarian Des Moines AM

April 30th - Dr. Jim Blessman, Blessman Ministries, guest of Rich Job

April 30th - Bill Gardner, guest of John Lowman

April 30th - Marty Lester, Iowa Mentor - Speaker

April 30th - Steve Gibbons, Ankeny Service Center - Speaker, "Evening"