

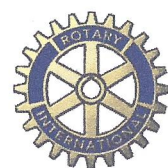


# Rotary Club of Ankeny

## Ratchet



Tue Feb 04, 2014

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Service  
Above Self

We meet  
Tuesdays at  
11:45 AM at  
AG&CC & 5:45  
PM at Wig &  
Pen  
Ankeny Golf &  
Country Club  
314 SW  
Irvindale Dr.  
Ankeny, IA  
50023  
United States



Venue  
Map



Duty  
Roster



District  
Site

### Speakers

Feb 04, 2014

"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible  
- Chad Sorensen

Feb 04, 2014

Dr Cynthia Knight and Donald  
Jordahl

Changing lives through a new  
graduation program for Iowa high  
school drop outs.

Feb 11, 2014

Dave Bradley, Executive Director  
Meals from the Heartland

Feb 11, 2014

"Evening" - Social Event

Feb 18, 2014

Denise Carleton  
Boston Marathon

Feb 18, 2014

"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible  
- Carl Koedam

Feb 25, 2014

Rotarian Responsible - Tim Cox

Feb 25, 2014

"Evening" - Service Project

Mar 04, 2014

Club Assembly

### Stories



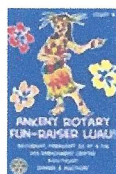
#### Rotary Meeting Greeter and Sheriff

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 09, 2013

The Rotarians that are scheduled to be the "**Greeter**" and "**Sheriff**" for the next several weeks is as follows:

2/4 - Gabe Glynn  
2/11 - Jim Gocke

2/18 - Tim Hawkins  
2/25 - Patty Hoffman  
3/4 - Richard Job  
3/11 - Bruce Kimpston  
3/18 - Dan Kitzinger  
3/25 - Mark Land



#### Auction Items Still Needed for Fun-Raiser

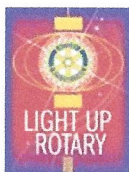
Posted by Nate Burnham on Feb 02, 2014

**We are now less than three weeks from the date for our Fun-Raiser and we are still in need of many more auction items.** As of the end of last week, we only had 22 auction items in hand. We have about 11 more items that have been promised but this is still far less than the 151 items received last year. Also, the total value of the items received or promised is about \$6,541. This compares to a total value of \$26,400 last year. These items have been submitted by or been promised from 20 of our members. That leaves 45 members that we have not received anything from yet.

The brochure must be completed and sent to the printer by Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and, of course, the auction committee must package, select the items to be live verses silent and choose the order of the auction prior to the brochure being completed. **There is a lot of work to be done and we are running out of time.**

**Thank you if you have submitted an auction item**, but we would appreciate your getting another item. If you have not submitted an item, please get one or two or more and get them to Carman Davis this week. For this fundraiser to be a success each member must do their part and help obtain auction items and sell tickets.

We have had 200 tickets handed out. This compares with about 280 last year. Hopefully, many of you will be picking up your tickets at this week's meeting and few will be turned back in next week.



#### Light Up Rotary Chosen as 2014-2015 Theme

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 19, 2014

During the opening session of the five-day training meeting at the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California, RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose "**Light Up Rotary**" as his theme for 2014-15. Huang, was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "**It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness.**" "The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan. Huang is urging club members to "**Light Up Rotary**" by hosting a Rotary Day in their community, continuing their fight against polio, and increasing club membership.

**Registration Now Available for 2014 District 6000 Conference**

Mar 04, 2014  
["Evening" - Rotarian Responsible](#)  
 - Mike Rooney

Mar 11, 2014  
[Rotarian Responsible - Teri Crist](#)

Mar 11, 2014  
["Evening" - Social Event](#)

Mar 18, 2014  
[Rotarian Responsible - Jeff Damman](#)

Mar 18, 2014  
["Evening" - Rotarian Responsible](#)  
 - Steve Wieneke

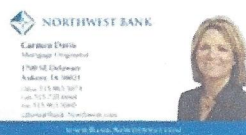
Mar 25, 2014  
["Evening" - Service Project](#)

Mar 25, 2014  
[Nancy Degner](#)  
 Iowa Beef Council

Apr 01, 2014  
[Rotarian Responsible - Ben Digmann](#)

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Posted by Nate Burnham on Feb 03, 2014

District Governor Jacquie Andrew invites all District 6000 Rotarians to **BE INSPIRED** at the **2014 District Conference, May 1-3 in Ames at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center!** The theme **"Keys to Rotary's Future"** will be the focus of featured speakers which will include Rotary International Vice President Anne Matthews of South Carolina, RI Director-Elect and International Assembly Trainer Brad Howard of California and RI President's Representative Alana Bergh of Alaska.

Early bird discount for FULL CONFERENCE registration is available through March 14. First time conference attendees will receive a reduced fee for full conference registration. Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament and the Governor's Reception to meet VP Anne Matthews will be Thursday, May 1. Dueling pianos team "Pianopalooza" featuring Tony Bohnenkamp and the conference auction will highlight Friday night's dinner and fun! "Engaged Learning" table topics will include membership, fundraisers, grants, project ideas, sharing Rotary stories and more. Registration is available on-line on the District 6000 web site. Make plans to attend and **BE INSPIRED as we celebrate the success of our clubs and district!**



### Underware Needed

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

At last year fundraiser, Kathy Sibbel purchased the trip to Shikwaru, South Africa donated by Blessman Ministries. She will be leaving on February 14th and would like to take a gift from the Rotary Club of Ankeny to distribute to the children served by Blessman Ministries. She has decided to take a large duffel bag full of children's underwear, sizes 2-14. She will have the opportunity to help distribute these gifts and also attend Rotary meetings with Dr. Blessman while in South Africa. The Ankeny Rotary Board agreed at it's January meeting to donate \$100 for Kathy to purchase the underwear. All members are welcome to help by purchasing children's underwear, sizes 2 to 14, or Kathy will accept cash and purchase the underwear to take with her.



### AMP Commitments Exceed \$1.1 Million

Posted by Nate Burnham on Feb 02, 2014

Recent commitments of \$100,000 from Prairie Meadows and \$200,000 from Albuaugh have pushed the total cash and pledges received for the Ankeny Market and Pavilion project to \$1,101,028. Additional pledges are expected soon that will put the total over \$1.3 million. The City is expected to begin the site plan in March with approval to be requested at the May 20th meeting. The committee will begin to request in-kind donations in March.



### February Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 26, 2014

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in February:

2nd - Mike Goedeke  
 8th - Terry Peter  
 26th - Jody Savage  
 26th - Steve SchraderBachar



### News From Jessica Jensen - Ankeny Rotary Exchange Student to Italy.

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 26, 2014

The Rotary Club of Ankeny is sponsoring Rotary exchange student to Italy from Ankeny, Jessica Jensen. Gary Welch has received the following two emails from her:

**December 12, 2013** - I apologize for not writing sooner. There is no excuse for my tardiness. I hope to email you every one or two months (or more if you prefer) to keep the Ankeny Rotary Club in tune with everything going on with my exchange to Italy.

I've been in Italy now for about 3 and half months. Biella, the town that I've been living in is great. I'm loving school and my host family. I've had a bit of trouble with this current host family, but I change families in about a month so it's working out. I've joined one of the music schools in Biella, continuing my violin. The family that owns the music school I'm attending will be my next host family for the next 6 months, so I'm pretty excited about that. On November 8th, I went back to the US for the weekend to Boston for and audition at the Berklee School of Music. The audition went extremely well and I'll hear about their admissions decision on January 31st.

I have been to the Rotary Club that is hosting me - The Rotary Club of Valle Mosso. The other exchange student from Australia and I presented ourselves in front of the club during a lunch. They gave both of us a banner from their Rotary club, so when I return back to the US in June or July I would love to present it to you and the club.

## Directors

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**Julie Cooper**

President Nominee  
**Denny Hanson**

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**Nate Burnham**

Treasurer  
**James Ramsey**

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**Steve SchraderBachar**

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**Ben Digmann**

Membership Co-Chair  
**Sally Schroeder**

Social  
**Tim Cox**

Public Relations Co-Chair  
**Jody Savage**

Public Relations Co-Chair  
**Ron Bode**

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**Sharlene Dunlap**

Youth Services  
**Gary Welch**

Immediate Past President  
**Teri Crist**

## Club Events

**Polio Plus Night at the Iowa Energy**  
Wells Fargo Arena  
Feb 08, 2014 07:00 PM

**2014 Fun-Raiser**  
FFA Enrichment Center  
Feb 22, 2014

**2014 Rotary District 6000 Annual Conference**  
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center  
May 01, 2014 - May 03, 2014

**2014 RI Convention**  
Sidney  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014



I gave a very brief explanation of my time in Italy thus far, here is the link to my blog that I keep updated about every 2 weeks or so: [jessicajensen94.blogspot.com](http://jessicajensen94.blogspot.com) If you need anything else, more information or something from me just let me know! Again, I apologize for not keeping in better touch! Jessica Jensen

**January 16, 2014 - Ciao Gary!**

How were your holidays? Also, how's the weather in Iowa? I heard things got pretty chilly over Christmas. All of the festivities in Italy have wound down and school is back in swing! Thankfully the weather isn't so cold.

This past Saturday I changed host families and they're fantastic! I moved in with the family that runs the music school I attend, so I'm with them at the school almost all day, every day. It couldn't be more perfect. Saturday, the 25th I'm returning to the Rotary Club of Valley Mosso and I'll (hopefully) be presenting the flag from the Rotary Club of Ankeny!

A few days ago I updated my blog about Christmas, New Years, and all the festivities in between. Here's the link: [jessicajensen94.blogspot.com](http://jessicajensen94.blogspot.com). Hope all is well!

### Prospective New Member - Travis Carlsen

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 26, 2014

A new application for membership to the Rotary Club of Ankeny has been received from Travis Carlsen. Travis was a member of the Rotary Club of Camasville, California from 2004-2006. He is an accountant with OneSource Tax & Accounting Services in Ankeny. Travis and his wife Amy live at 3103 SW Timberline Dr. He is being sponsored for membership by Julie Cooper.

Comments regarding Travis' proposed membership may be submitted to any Board member.



### RYLA Applications Now Available

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 26, 2014

the Rotary Club of Ankeny awarded 8 young women with Rotary Youth Leadership Awards to enable them to attend RYLA in July 2013. They experienced leadership development, self-discovery, communication skills and made many life long friends from around Iowa. McKayla Sturtz said **"RYLA and the people at RYLA changed my life"**. Many students that attended indicated it was the **"best week of their lives, yet"**. They had fun and learned new skills at this **world class** Leadership Academy.

The six-day Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Academy will be held from Sunday, July 13, to Friday July 18, 2014, at Grinnell College, in Grinnell, Iowa. Attendees must attend the entire academy. Room and board and supplies will be provided. To learn more, or to apply, go to: [www.rylaiowa.org](http://www.rylaiowa.org). The application will be available and registrations will open on February 15, 2014. The deadline for applying is April 30th. Sophomores and juniors may apply. If you are selected, the Rotary Club of Ankeny will pay all the fees for you to attend.

For more information, please talk to last year's participants, McKenna Pierson, Bailey Youngblade, Katelyn Melcher, Amber Smith, McKayla Sturtz, Bri Devin, Richelle Manuel, and Madison Noble., or contact: Patty Hoffman, 1101 Waterfront Dr. Ankeny, Iowa 50023, phone 515-964-1999, email at [tphoffman99@gmail.com](mailto:tphoffman99@gmail.com); or Gary Welch, 3002 NE Briarwood Dr., Ankeny, Iowa 50021, phone 515-419-3707, email at [gwelch3002@msn.com](mailto:gwelch3002@msn.com).



### Rotary Club of Ankeny Guests

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 20, 2013

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

January 21st - Kristi Knous, Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines, Speaker  
January 28th - Silvia Pellegrino, foreign exchange student from Ragusa, Italy, Speaker  
January 28th - Colleen Welch, guest of Gary Welch  
January 28th - Sara Closson, guest of Teri Crist  
January 28th - Jean Oliver guest of Steve SchraderBachar