



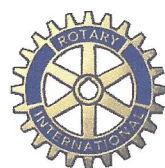
# Rotary Club of Ankeny Ratchet



Tue Jan 21, 2014

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



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## Speakers

Jan 21, 2014  
[Kristi Knous](#)  
Community Foundation of  
Greater Des Moines

Jan 21, 2014  
"Evening" - Service Project

Jan 28, 2014  
[Sylvia Presents on Youth  
Exchange Program](#)  
Rotary Youth Exchange

Jan 28, 2014  
"Evening" - New Member  
Orientation

Feb 04, 2014  
Rotarian Responsible - Kevin  
Brooks

Feb 04, 2014  
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible  
- Chad Sorensen

Feb 11, 2014  
[Dave Bradley, Executive Director](#)  
Meals from the Heartland

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"Evening" - Social Event

Feb 18, 2014  
[Denise Carleton](#)  
Boston Marathon

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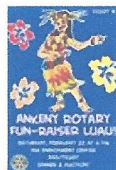
2/4 - Gabe Glynn  
2/11 - Jim Gocke  
2/18 - Tim Hawkins  
2/25 - Patty Hoffman

### 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:

1/21 - Tom Friedman  
1/28 - Chuck Gassmann



### Fun-Raiser Update

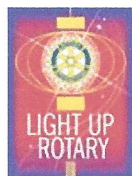
Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

Committees are hard at work for our Fun-Raiser Luau to be held on February 22 at 6:00 pm at the FFA Enrichment Center. Here is an update:

**Ticket Sales:** We would like to sell out the 300 tickets we had printed. So far 146 tickets have been picked up by members. If you do not have yours yet, plan to pick them up at next week's meeting or contact Nate Burnham, [nfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:nfburnham@gmail.com).

**Auction Items:** Items for both the live and silent auctions need to be brought to a Rotary meeting or delivered to Carmen Davis at Northwest Bank's, Delaware location. Many more items are needed. Currently only 9 items have been submitted. We need 20-25 large items for the live auction and 60-70 items for the silent auction. **Please obtain an auction item, or two or more, this week. We would like to have most items in by the end of January so the auction committee can start working on the auction brochure.**

**Catering:** *Jethro's* has been selected to be the caterer. The menu will include appetizers of coconut shrimp and pineapple glazed wings, Sides of potato-mac salad, sesame vinegar coleslaw, and mixed vegetable medley. The entrées will be "Kalua Pork", pork salted then smoked in Ti or banana leaves, Macadamia crusted white fish and pineapple chicken served over abed of fried rice.



### 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 in 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.



### Bob Hokscho Retires

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Bob Hokscho at its meeting on January 9th. The following message had been received from



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

Mar 04, 2014  
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible  
- Mike Rooney

Mar 11, 2014  
Rotarian Responsible - Teri Crist

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"Evening" - Social Event

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Rotarian Responsible - Jeff  
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- Steve Wieneke

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him:

For over 14 years, it has been an honor and privilege to be a member of the Ankeny Chapter of Rotary International. Throughout that time, I have benefitted greatly from the fellowship and programs shared at our weekly meetings. I treasure the relationships that have been formed. Furthermore, I am proud to have been associated with an organization that has accomplished great things both locally and internationally in pursuit of "service above self". As I begin my retirement from Ankeny Hardware seeking an inactive lifestyle, I humbly request that my membership status in Rotary become "inactive" as well. Wishing you all the best in 2014 and THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME!!!

Sincerely, Bob



### Kristin McHugh-Johnston To Relocate

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

Kristin McHugh-Johnston forwarded the following letter to President, Dirk Westercamp:

It is with great sadness that I must resign my membership to the Rotary of Ankeny, effective immediately. Late last year, my husband accepted a promotion that requires relocation to Greater Peoria, Illinois. The move, while somewhat anticipated, happened very quickly, including but not limited to, the 24-hour sale of our Ankeny home. Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend meetings during the fourth quarter, as I am presently living between two states as I try to find my replacement and make the appropriate transition at the Iowa Architectural Foundation.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the service and friendship the Ankeny club has afforded me since I joined in 2011. Ankeny's membership is strong and I know the club will continue to perform wonderful services the Greater Ankeny area for years to come. I plan to transfer my membership to a Greater Peoria club once I am permanently settled in Illinois.

Sincerely, Kristin McHugh-Johnston



### Silvia and Gisa Visit Evening Club

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

On January 14th, the evening club had a surprise visit from Gisa Cardosa Costa our Rotary Exchange student from Bom Despacho, Brazil in 2008-2009 and this year's exchange student, Silvia Pellegrino from Ragusa, Italy. Trent and Renee Murphy were taking them to dinner at Wig & Pen and stopped by the evening Rotary meeting to introduce them to the Rotarians.



### Polio Plus Night at Iowa Energy - February 8th

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

The sixth annual Rotary Polio Plus / Iowa Energy Basketball Fundraiser will be on Saturday, February 8, 2014. This partnership with the Iowa Energy will help raise funds for the eradication of polio worldwide. Polio exists today in only three countries; Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria. **A 60 cent immunization** will keep a child from contracting polio.

The Iowa Energy has priced their sideline \$20.00 tickets at \$16.00 to Rotarians and their friends and will give back to Rotary \$8.00 for each ticket we sell to this event. The game will be 7:00 PM against the Erie Bayhawks at Wells Fargo Arena. Purchasing two tickets for \$32.00 would provide Rotary's Polio Eradication effort with a \$16.00 rebate from Iowa Energy, and more importantly, immunize 27 children from the polio virus. **In addition, there will be a pregame Rotary reception in the Iowa Hall of Pride with complimentary appetizers, beer and wine beginning at 4:45 and the Chicago Boyz Acrobats will perform at halftime.**

The Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Team is a professional gymnastics troupe consisting of talented young men and boys from the Chicagoland area. Their performance includes amazing acrobatic stunts and tricks inside twirling jump ropes, catapulting off mini trampolines and thundering tumbling routines with impeccable timing. **They were an "America's Got Talent" Season 8 Semifinalist.**

Tickets are available at each Rotary meeting. If you would like to support PolioPlus but are unable to attend the game, tickets can be purchased and donated to local youth groups and other non-profits or a contribution can be made directly to the Rotary Foundation. For details contact Nate Burnham, [nfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:nfburnham@gmail.com).

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## Directors

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Membership Co-Chair  
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Public Relations Co-Chair  
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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



## 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.



## Gisa Costa Returns for a Visit

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 15, 2014

Gisa Cardosa Costa was a Rotary Exchange student from Bom Despacho, Brazil in 2008-2009. She was back in Ankeny for a visit and attended our Rotary meeting on January 14th as the guest of Trent

Murphy.



## New Member Orientation

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jan 06, 2014

A new member orientation will be held on Tuesday evening, January 28th at 6:00 at Wig & PenWig N Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd. This meeting will provide new members with information regarding the history, services and activities of the Rotary Club of Ankeny and the responsibilities of an active member. Although it is specifically designed for new members, all members are welcome to attend.



## January Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Dec 29, 2013

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in January:

2nd - Luke Nelson  
6th - Jack Pennington  
15th - Mark Miller  
20th - Sally Schroeder  
24th - Kristin McHugh-Johnson

25th - Justin Carlton  
25th - Bruce Kimpson  
27th - Jeff Dammon  
28th - Roger Spahr  
31st - Jim Gocke



## 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 7th - Johana Botos, guest of Brad Botos  
January 14th - Colleen Welch, guest of Gary Welch  
January 14th - Ed Arnold, visiting Rotarian, NW Des Moines  
January 14th - Susan Herrick, Past DG, visiting Rotarian, Boone  
January 14th - Bob Herrick, visiting Rotarian, Boone  
January 14th - Gisa Costa, former foreign exchange student from Brazil, guest of Trent Murphy  
January 14th - Ed Arnold, visiting Rotarian from NW Des Moines, "Evening"  
January 14th - Gisa Costa, former foreign exchange student from Brazil, "Evening"  
January 14th - Silvia Pellegrino, foreign exchange student from Ragusa, Italy "Evening"