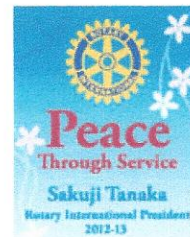




Rotary Club of Ankeny

Ratchet



Tue Jul 30, 2013

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We meet
Tuesdays at
11:45 AM
Ankeny Golf &
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314 SW
Irvinedale Dr
Ankeny, IA
50023
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Venue
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Speakers

Jul 30, 2013

Chad Klar
Bridges Program

Jul 30, 2013

"Evening" - Teri Burnham,
Regional Sales Consultant
Sterling Long Term Care
Pharmacy

Aug 06, 2013

Coleen Tierney
"Iowa Coalition Against Domestic
Abuse"

Aug 06, 2013

"Evening" - Julie Cooper
Ankeny Area Chamber of
Commerce

Aug 13, 2013

Gary Welch and RYLA
Representatives
RYLA Presentation

Aug 13, 2013

"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible
Sue Gibbons

Aug 20, 2013

Sarah Willeford - Ankeny Public
Library
Ankeny Public Library and New
Program for Rotary Speakers

Stories



Bonus Ratchet

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 29, 2013

The Rotary Club of Ankeny's newsletter is normally published twice each month during the first and third weeks. Three or four times a year, including this July, there are five Tuesdays in the month that makes this edition of the Ratchet a **"Bonus"** edition. The next **"Regular"** edition of the Ratchet will be sent next week, the first week of August.



Rotary Meeting Greeters

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 09, 2013

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

7/30 - Art Moeller
8/6 - Luke Nelson
8/13 - Del Mohler

8/20 - Trent Murphy
8/27 - Mike O'Connor
9/3 - Jack Pennington
9/12 - Terry Peter



Dennis Hanson Named Ankeny's 2013 Rotarian of the Year

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 25, 2013

Tom Friedman, Ankeny's "2012 Rotarian of the Year" had the honor of presenting **Dennis Hanson** with a crystal plaque stating he was our choice for **"2013 Rotarian of the Year"**. For those that may have missed his presentation, here are Tom's comments;

There is an old saying that those who can't, teach and those who can't teach, teach PE. Our Rotarian of the year proves this saying wrong, kind of. Our Rotarian also has trouble keeping a job and living in the same house for very long. You see he has had 12 job changes during his varied careers and lived in 22 different houses. His wife gave me much more information than I can possibly share with you tonight, but I really appreciated the time and effort she gave to me.

Our Ankeny Rotarian grew up in Mapleton, MN (population 1,756 in 2010 AND the curling capital of SW MN) and was shy as a child. So shy that the first time he went to Sunday school, his younger sister had to go with him and hold his hand. He was a multi-sport athlete but basketball was his love. Rumor has it that for a long time he held the record at his high school for most points scored in a single game.

He continued his education and basketball career at Luther College in Decorah. Because of his jumping ability (and I assume not his style) he was tagged by an opponent with the nickname of "frog legs". The name stuck and because of this ability, the Luther coach moved him to play center against taller opponents.

He met his wife during his college days, "on the rebound". He was dumped by one of her best friends, when the friend met a guy who was "doctor potential". Apparently this girl felt that her future was going to be better with a doctor vs. a PE teacher. I would say she was wrong. Our Rotarian was engaged one year later and married 6 days after graduating from Luther. After sending out 75 resumes, he finally got a job teaching PE and coaching basketball in N.

Aug 20, 2013
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible
Carl Koedam

Aug 27, 2013
Rotarian Responsible - Jody
Savage

Aug 27, 2013
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible
Kristofer Orth

Sep 03, 2013
Rotarian Responsible - Kim
Schaaf

Sep 03, 2013
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible
Mike Rooney

Sep 10, 2013
Rotarian Responsible - Steve
SchraderBacher

Sep 10, 2013
"Evening" - Rotarian Responsible
Chad Sorenson

Sep 17, 2013
Rotarian Responsible - Jim
Schroder

Sep 24, 2013
Rotarian Responsible - Sally
Schroeder

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Winneshiek, where he lasted 2 years. Then came coaching stints in Ft. Dodge and Grinnell, where he reached the pinnacle of his coaching career with a 2nd place finish in the state tournament.

While in Grinnell he made friends with a local banker who offered him a job. Apparently he thought anyone could be a banker! But being a banker after being a successful coach came with some difficulty. People in town called him coach, but he felt that he wasn't taken seriously as a banker. From Grinnell our Rotarian had banking stops in Baraboo, WI; Prior Lake, MN; Iowa Falls; back in Grinnell; Sioux City; West Des Moines and now Ankeny.

It is hard to believe, but he started out as a Kiwanian, but a Rotary exchange trip to Australia in 1983 changed his thinking. Some might say helped straighten him around!

Of all his accomplishments he is probably most proud of his 3 children, all daughters who followed in their father's footsteps playing college basketball at Central. He helped build 3 or 4 churches during his many stops and have served on many church boards. His favorite meal is a pork chop at Ranallo's; according to his wife, he is organized and neat; kind and generous; and owned a Harley for a number of years, complete with the whole black leather outfit. He is now into kayaking and like his other hobbies, has to have "all the gear".

Our 2012-2013 Rotarian of the year obviously was not the typical PE teacher and "can". We hope that he keeps his roots, energy and caring in Ankeny for a long time to come. Please join me in welcoming our 2012-2013 Rotarian of the year, Denny, **frog legs**, Hanson.



Polio Eradication Suffers A Setback in Somali

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 26, 2013

Somalia had not had a case of polio for nearly six years but in the past few months, the virus has come back. Now, the East African country has the worst polio outbreak anywhere in the world.

Twenty new cases of polio were reported this week in Somalia by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. That brings the total number of cases in the Horn of Africa to 73. The rest of the world combined has tallied 59 cases so far this year. Health workers are worried that the virus could gain a foothold in the Horn of Africa and jeopardize the multibillion effort to wipe out the virus worldwide. Until this recent outbreak, global efforts to eradicate polio appeared to be making remarkable progress. Last year, the number of children paralyzed by polio hit a record low at 223. This year it was looking like there were going to be even fewer cases. The last significant pockets of the virus appeared to be isolated in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

Then in May, a 2-year old girl in Mogadishu became the first confirmed case of polio in Somalia in more than six years. The number of polio cases in Somalia is increasing by the day says Dr. Nasir Yusuf who leads UNICEF's immunization efforts in eastern and southern Africa. Part of the problem he says, is that the majority of children in Somalia have never been immunized against polio. "We have an outbreak in a population that has been quite vulnerable for quite some time," Yusuf says.

In response to the current outbreak, there have been five emergency polio immunization campaigns in Somalia since May. The Somalia government directs the campaigns, but it doesn't control or have access to vast swaths of the country. Some of the most recent polio cases have occurred in areas that are considered off limits to vaccination teams due to the lack of security for health workers in this region.

The World Health Organization traced the poliovirus in Somalia to one in West Africa. Nigeria is the only place where polio is still endemic. Before these cases in Horn of Africa, the end of the multibillion effort appeared to be in sight. The Somali outbreak is now forcing UNICEF, the WHO, and other international agencies to dedicate vast resources to boost polio vaccination coverage throughout East Africa and parts of the Middle East. These are resources that now can't be used to attack the virus in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, which appeared, until now, to be the last few places where polio had a foothold.

New Rotary Shirts!!

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 29, 2013

Our club will be ordering a supply of new Rotary shirts. The club will pay for the shirt for new members and those that have not received a shirt from the club since they joined. Shirts will also be ordered for those members that already have an Ankeny Rotary shirt but would like to purchase another shirt. For them the cost will be \$25.00. The shirts will be a **Royal blue, short sleeve, Sport-tek dry zone raglan polo, 3.8 oz. 100% polyester, loose athletic fit, with a flat knit collar and flat finish dyed-to-match buttons and**

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Doug Beech

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Club Events

August Board Meeting
Wig & Pen
Aug 08, 2013 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

September Board Meeting
Wig & Pen
Sep 12, 2013 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

District Governor Jacque Andrews Official Visit
Oct 01, 2013

October Board Meeting
Wig & Pen
Oct 10, 2013 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

double needle sleeves and hem. Both men's and women's sizes XS to 4XL are available.

An order form/sign up sheet will be available at meetings through September 3, 2013 when the order will be placed. Contact Teri Crist, tcrist@workspaceinc.net or 515-964-9892 with questions.



Thank You Iowa Realty

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 26, 2013

The regular noon meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny on July 16th was held at the offices of Iowa Realty. Thank you to Dave Mercer for making all the arrangements and hosting the meeting.



Ankeny Rotarians Donate \$53,518 During Past Year

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 26, 2013

During the past year, July 2012 through June 2013, the Rotary Club of Ankeny completed donations totaling \$53,518. This includes \$19,800 to complete the club's commitment to the AMP project and \$12,286 to Rotary International for Polio Plus and Paul Harris contributions. Two international grants totaling \$1,000 were also funded. The remaining \$20,432 went to other special projects and organizations in our community. These totals do not include the contributions individual members made to the AMP project.

This level of donations is the highest on record. The total for the previous two years was \$29,278 in 2011-2012 and \$14,735 in 2010-2011.,



Ankeny Donates \$50,000 to AMP

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 26, 2013

The Ankeny City Council voted unanimously on July 15th to provide \$50,000 to the Ankeny Market and Pavilion project from the city's hotel/motel tax fund. This donation brings the total donated or committed for this project to approximately \$550,000.



Save the Date - Nov 9th - Rotary Foundation Dinner

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 09, 2013

The District 6000 Foundation Dinner Team asks that you save the date of November 9, 2013 for an evening of celebration for the past, present and future good works of Rotarians throughout our District. All Rotarians are invited to join us! The event will be held at the West Des Moines Marriott and will begin at 6:00 PM. More info will be provided soon.



Registration Open for RI 2014 Convention in Sydney

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 12, 2013

A message from new RI President Ron Burton, now that the 2013 RI Convention is over.

Dear Friends:

G'day from Sydney! Jetta and I want to see you in **Sydney, Australia, 1-4 June 2014, for the 105th Rotary International Convention**. Sydney is the perfect venue for our convention as we celebrate and share the many ways each of us has found to **Engage Rotary, Change Lives**. Sydney is a vibrant international hub as well as a gateway between East and West. From the iconic Sydney Opera House to the Harbour Bridge, from the legendary beaches to the majestic Blue Mountains, from Kiama Beach to the Hunter Valley, Sydney has it all. You can visit virtually every one of these sites using free public transportation provided by the New South Wales government for up to three days before and one day after the convention. And, since you will already be in Australia, you might

**Rotary 6000 Foundatin Dinner
- Making an Impact**

West Des Moines Marriott
Nov 09, 2013 06:00 PM - 10:00 PM

2014 Fundraiser

FFA Enrichment Center
Feb 01, 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



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want to make plans to visit other great places, such as the Great Barrier Reef, the Great Ocean Road, Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Adelaide, and Perth.

These are just a few of the many options available to you. So join us and enjoy Rotary down under, where we promise great fun, even greater fellowship, an educational and inspirational program, exciting entertainment, wonderful Aussie cuisine, and incredible, unmatched scenery in one of the most beautiful cities and most exciting countries in the entire world. Don't miss this opportunity to personally **Engage Rotary, Change Lives.**

Sincerely,

Ron D. Burton
RI President, 2013-14

Online registration is now available for the 2014 Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia to be held June 1-4, 2014.



July Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 27, 2013

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in July:

1st - James Maxwell
2nd - Pat Stilwill
3rd - Brad Botos
9th - Jim Ramsey
22nd - Gerry Bair
23rd - Sarah Williford
28th - Dirk Westercamp