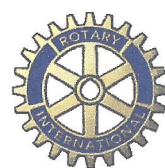




The "Ratchet" Rotary Club of Ankeny

Tue Jun 03, 2014

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We meet
Tuesdays at
11:45 AM at
AG&CC & 5:45
PM at Wig &
Pen
Ankeny Golf &
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314 SW
Irvinedale Dr.
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Speakers

Jun 03, 2014

**Dr. Matt Adams - Assistant
Superintendent**
"Bullying--We Don't Do That
Here!"

Jun 03, 2014

"Evening" - Cathi VanNote
Red Rock Area Community
Action Prog

Jun 10, 2014

Emily Fish
Children's Cancer Coalition

Jun 10, 2014

"Evening" - Food Drive

Jun 17, 2014

**Wade Greiman - Snyder &
Associates**
Overview of Roundabouts

Jun 24, 2014

No Meeting
Annual Meeting on June 26th

Jun 24, 2014

"Evening" - No Meeting
Annual Meeting on June 26th

Jul 01, 2014

Jessica Jensen
USA Exchange Student to Italy

Jul 08, 2014

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 are as follows:

6/3 - Mike O'Connor
6/10 - Luke Nelson
6/17 - Jack Pennington
6/14 - No Meeting
7/1 - Terry Peter
7/8 - Raj Reddy

Zane Smith - 40 Years an Ankeny Rotarian

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 01, 2014



Zane Smith has been a member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny longer than any other member. He joined the club on June 10, 1974 which was only 17 months after the club was chartered January 19, 1973. **Congratulations Zane on being a Rotarian for 40 years!!**



2014 RYLA Students To Be Guests at Rotary

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 31, 2014

In January, 2014, the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Ankeny agreed to sponsor eleven students to attend the 2014 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy which will be held the week of July 13-18 on the campus of Grinnell College. Eleven well qualified applications were received plus the Board agreed to sponsor our exchange student Silvia Pellegrino who also indicated an interest in attending. These twelve students, plus some of their parents, will be our guests at the noon Rotary meetings over the next three weeks.

The twelve award winners are: Samantha Akers, Jessica Ault, Sydney Bakke, Brett Bolte, Austin Cox, Lydia Elson, Kory Ford, Zyanya Hernandez, Andrew Kottra, Bertha Mahama, Silvia Pellegrino, and Lindsey Settle.



Host Needed for July 15th Noon Meeting

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 15, 2014

Here is your chance to show off your business to fellow Rotarians. The Rotary Club of Ankeny will not be able to meet at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club on **July 15th** due to another scheduled event at the club. If you would like to host the club at your business or have a suggestion for another location for us to meet, let President Westercamp know.

Jul 08, 2014
District Governor Visit

Jul 08, 2014
"Evening" - District Governor
John Ockenfels

Jul 15, 2014
Rotarian Responsible - Dan
Kitzinger

Jul 15, 2014
"Evening" - Greg Franck
Climate Change

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Membership Co-Chair
Ben Digmann

Membership Co-Chair
Sally Schroeder

June Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 01, 2014



The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in June:

6th - Ben Norman
14th - Sue Gibbons
17th - Dave Mercer
20th - Steve Van Oort
21st - Mike Lydon
25th - PJ Colyer
26th - Carmen Davis

SignUp for Annual Meeting & Golf Outing

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 15, 2014



The annual golf outing followed by the annual meeting of the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be held at the Ankeny Golf & Country Club on Thursday, June 26th. The golf will be a four person best shot (golfers may designate their foursome or sign up individually and you will be assigned to a team) designed to be a fun oriented event with no skill required. ***Serious golfers are not allowed to play with us!***

Check in will be 5:00-5:30 pm with a shotgun start at 5:30 pm. Dinner will follow the golf at approximately 8:00 pm. The cost will be \$20 per person for golf. There is no additional charge for dinner for members and one guest. Additional guests are \$10 each for dinner. Golf sponsorships are available at \$50 each and donations of golf prizes are welcome. Registration is now available on line. When registering, please indicate the name of your guest(s) if any, and if you and/or your guest will golf. For more information or to sponsor a hole, contact Tim Cox.

Jason Gassmann - Prospective New Member

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 27, 2014

A new application for membership to the Rotary Club of Ankeny has been received from Jason Gassmann. Chuck Gassmann plans to transfer his membership to the Des Moines noon club and he would like his son, Jason, to take his place in the Ankeny club. Jason is the Vice President of the Residential Division of Bell Brothers Heating & Air Conditioning.

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

Joe Gardyas - Prospective New Member

Posted by Nate Burnham on May 31, 2014

A new application for membership to the Rotary Club of Ankeny has been received from Joseph Gardyas. Joe is a business Journalist with Business Publications Corp Inc. in Des Moines. He and his wife Emily live in Ankeny, Joe is being proposed for membership by Ben Digmann

Comments regarding Joe's proposed membership may be submitted to any board member.

Are You Contributing to the Rotary Foundation?

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014



The Rotary Club of Ankeny currently has 62 "Active" and 10 "Honorary" members. Of these 72 members, 40 are now Paul Harris

Social
Tim Cox

Public Relations
Jody Savage

Club Service
Sharlene Dunlap

Youth Services
Gary Welch

Immediate Past President
Teri Crist

Club Events

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

June Rotary Board Meeting
Wig & Pen
Jun 12, 2014 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

2014 Golf Outing & Annual Meeting
Ankeny Golf & Country Club
Jun 26, 2014 05:00 AM - 10:00 PM

July Rotary Board Meeting
2005 South Ankeny Blvd.
Jul 10, 2014 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

2015 Rotary Fundraiser
FFA Enrichment Center
Mar 07, 2015



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Fellows and 13 are "Sustaining Members". A Sustaining member is an individual that has agreed to contribute at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation. That leaves 19 members that are not already a PHF or currently contributing to the Foundation. Steve SchraderBachar, Foundation Chairman for the club plans to be contacting each member that is not currently contributing to the Foundation to discuss the mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International which is: ***"To enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."***

A Rotarian becomes a Paul Harris Fellow after he has contributed \$1,000 to the Foundation or a combination of recognition points and dollars totaling 1,000 has been contributed in his name. Donations made by members of the Ankeny club that are not as yet a PHF, are matched by donation from the club. A member also receives one recognition point for each dollar contributed to the Foundation. These recognition points can then be donated to another member of the club, family member, or any other non-Rotarian. Our club currently has 10 members with over 1,000 recognition points that could be donated to make someone else a PHF. You can check on the status of your recognition amounts and available recognition points by signing on the the Rotary International web site or contacting Steve SchraderBachar.



Rotary Donates \$1,000 to Ankeny Parks & Rec

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014

In each of the past seven years, the Rotary Club of Ankeny has been a major sponsor of Ankeny Parks & Recreation's Youth in Parks Summer Camp Program. Whitney Burger attended the noon meeting on April 22nd and received a check in the amount of \$1,000 from President Dirk Westercamp for sponsorship of the 2014 program.

During the past 5 years, 520 Ankeny youth have participated in the Youth in Parks Summer Camp Program in Ankeny. Each week-long session involves youth in grades 6 to 9 in a half day of community service and a half day of recreation. The program is designed for the participants to develop a sense of community pride through public service.



FTC Robotics Team Demonstrate their Robots at Rotary

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014

Rich Job is a mentor for the Ankeny High School ***"FIRST Tech Competition"*** Robotics team. On May 20th, he had his team bring their robots to Rotary and talk about this project.

FTC is designed for students in grades 7-12 to compete head to head, using a sports model. Teams are responsible for designing, building, and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against other teams. The robot kit is reusable from year-to-year and is programmed using a variety of languages. Teams, including coaches, mentors and volunteers, are required to develop strategy and build robots based on sound engineering principles. Awards are given for the competition as well as for community outreach, design, and other real-world accomplishments.



Books Arrive in Rwanda

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 01, 2014

Elizabeth Stuhr is a former outbound Rotary exchange student for the 2008-2009 school year. She is now teaching English to middle school students in Rugabano, Rwanda, a village with no electricity, as a Peace Corps volunteer. She also leads an English club outside normal school hours to familiarize the students with American culture and customs.

During her last visit to Ankeny, Elizabeth visited Ankeny schools and gave classroom presentations about her work in Rwanda. She asked students to donate books for her ship back to Rwanda for her to use in her classes. The response was so overwhelming that she needed help with the cost to ship the books. The Rotary Club of Ankeny donated \$300 in February, 2014 to ship these books. Elizabeth has forwarded pictures of the new library and says the library

is packed every break when it is open and the kids are LOVING the books. She also said **"Thanks so much for all our help!"**



Hawkeye District Mid Iowa Boy Scouts Receives \$1,000

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014

Mike O'Connor, District Director of Mid Iowa Council of Boy Scouts of America, was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Rotary Club of Ankeny for a sponsorship for the Scouting Golf Tournament to be held on June 19, 2014. The golf outing will be held at Woodland Hills Golf Course, Saylorville, Iowa and will be played as a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes green fees, cart, a barbeque dinner drink tickets and fun! Hole sponsorships are also available for \$125. To register or for more information, contact Mike at 515-954-5050.



Rotary International Convention in Sydney June 1-4

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014

Over 20,000 Rotarians and guests will be attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia this week. Gary and Colleen Welch are the only Ankeny Rotarians that are attending the convention. The 2014 RI Convention will bring together some of the world's leading experts on water, polio, and social media. We will look forward to a complete report from Gary after they return from **'Down Under'**.



Rich Job to Participate in Relay For Life

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jun 02, 2014

Rich Job is a mentor for Des Moines FRC Team 4646. He is encouraging the team to participate in the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life to be held on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM at West Lakes - Mercy Cancer Center. The Rotary Club of Ankeny has agreed to be a sponsor for his team with a donation of \$500. Rich is challenging his team to at least match this contribution. Good luck Rich!



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:

May 20th - Nancy Hering, guest of Nate Burnham
May 20th - Joe Gardyasz, guest of Ben Gigmann
May 20th - Jason Gassmann, guest of Chuck Gassman
May 20th - Sterling Hulling, speaker
May 20th - Mike Longnecker, speaker
May 20th - Zach Johson, speaker
May 20th - Sophie Burke, speaker
May 20th - Grace Gardyasz, speaker
May 20th - Caleb Thomas, speaker
May 20th - Derek, speaker
May 20th - Linda Bradbury, Inspired Guided Motion, Speaker "Evening"
May 27th - Diana Hawkins, Speaker
May 27th - Joe Gardyasz, guest of Ben Digmann
May 27th - Andrea Houk, guest of Ben Digmann