



# Rotary Club of Ankeny Ratchet

Tue Mar 18, 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

Mar 18, 2014  
**Dave Stone** - Bravo Greater Des Moines  
General Overview of Bravo

Mar 18, 2014  
**"Evening"** - Service Project  
Painting rooms for a veteran

Mar 25, 2014  
**"Evening"** - Service Project

Mar 25, 2014  
**Nancy Degner**  
Iowa Beef Council

Apr 01, 2014  
**Caitlyn Lines** - Fareway Store  
Nutritionist  
Nutrition

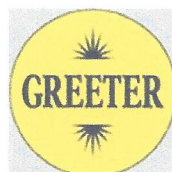
Apr 01, 2014  
**Walk About City Adopted Flower Bed** - "Evening"

Apr 08, 2014  
**Rotarian Responsible** - Ben Digmann

Apr 15, 2014  
**Rotarian Responsible** - Sharlene Dunlap

Apr 22, 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:

3/18 - Dan Kitzinger  
3/25 - Mark Land

4/1 - Andrew Larson  
4/8 - John Lowman  
4/15 - Dick Marshall  
4/22 - Dave Mercer  
4/29 - Mark Miller



### District Training Assembly on March 29th

Posted by Nate Burnham on Mar 16, 2014

The annual District 6000 Training Assembly will take place on Saturday, March 29th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Newton DMACC Campus. This training is specifically for club leaders and district teams but all Rotarians in District 6000 are invited to come and learn more about Rotary, meet other Rotarians from other clubs and "Light Up Rotary". Registration is available on line at the District 6000 web site.



### Rotary Luau Nets \$22,633

Posted by Nate Burnham on Mar 16, 2014

The final numbers are in for the Rotary Luau Fun-Raiser. After paying all the bills and completing the sale of the left over wine, the net income was the higher than any of the other fundraisers we have had the past four years. **The net income was \$22,633** which compares to \$20,253 in 2011, \$16,224 in 2012, and \$20,216 last year. Thanks again to everyone that contributed to the success of this fundraiser. **Have you thanked the businesses that you collected auction items from and your guests for coming and supporting the Rotary Club of Ankeny?**



### Mike O'Connor Newest Paul Harris Fellow

Posted by Nate Burnham on Mar 16, 2014

On March 11th, Mike O'Connor was presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship. He was designated to receive this recognition due to a donation in his name by Trent Frohock of the Rotary Club of East Polk.



### District 6000 is Growing

Posted by Nate Burnham on Mar 17, 2014

There is some very good news to share about the Rotary membership in District 6000. The past ten years had shown a consistent decline of members (4,434 to 3,917) but the trend has been reversed. There are now 3,960 Rotarians in our district, just 40 shy of bringing our membership back to the 4,000 mark.

Hold on, there is more encouraging news! A 5 month review (July – November) of 58 clubs reporting shows 29 of the clubs (50%) have shown a net growth in membership. In addition, 15 clubs (26%) have maintained their current membership at the same level. That is not a small feat considering most civic organizations nationwide have experienced



Rotarian Responsible - Jan Franck

Apr 29, 2014

Rotarian Responsible - Tom Friedman

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a decline in membership. A standing ovation is well deserved for all clubs who are working hard in growing their clubs and sharing the Rotary story. We do have a couple transfers pending but ***the Rotary Club of Ankeny currently has 77 members which is up two members since July 1, 2013 and up 5 members since July 1, 2012.***

In order to keep clubs active and healthy it is important that members be active and engaged. As important as it is to bring in new members, it is equally important to make sure new members are brought into a healthy, active club. Strong Rotary clubs spend 50% of their membership efforts on retention and 50% on attracting new members. Members who are not engaged typically have a low level of investment and interest in Rotary. Whatever clubs can do to minimize the spectator mentality and maximize the participant mentality will result in big membership dividends. Each member needs to do their part in helping the Rotary Club of Ankeny to be an active and healthy club by being engaged. This is as easy as maintaining a good attendance record, mentoring new members, participating in service projects and social events, attending board meetings, and participating in district activities.



### Rotary Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament

Posted by Nate Burnham on Mar 17, 2014

The 35th annual Rotary District 6000 Bunny Harper Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, May 1st prior to the 2014 Rotary District 6000 Conference. The tournament will be held at the Coldwater Golf Links golf course. Coldwater Golf Links is an 18 hole championship golf course located in Ames in the shadow of Jack Trice Stadium north of Highway 30 on the south side of Ames.

Registration is \$85 per person and includes golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Registration begins at 9:00 am with a shotgun start at 10:00 am. Lunch and awards presentation will follow golf at 2:15 pm. Golf options include **"Individual Scores"** with prizes being awarded for both gross and net scores. A minimum of 4 players from each club are needed for a team score. The second option is a **"Shamble"** with all players hitting from the best drive in the foursome and then playing your own ball for the remainder of the hole.



### March Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Feb 27, 2014

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays during March:

7th - Andrew Larson  
8th - Craig Block  
9th - Trent Murphy  
11th - Kendall Sather  
12th - Zane Smith

18th - Stacey Koeppen  
21st - Troy Murphy  
23rd - Teri Burnham  
27th - Raj Reddy



### Registration Now Available for 2014 District 6000 Conference

Posted by Nate Burnham on Feb 03, 2014

District Governor Jacques 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!**

### Jody Savage

Public Relations Co-Chair  
**Ron Bode**

Club Service Co-Chair  
**Sharlene Dunlap**

Youth Services  
**Gary Welch**

Immediate Past President  
**Teri Crist**

## Club Events

**April Rotary Board Meeting**  
Wig & Pen  
Apr 10, 2014 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

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

**Ankeny Clean Up Days**  
May 17, 2014 - May 18, 2014

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



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### 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:**

March 11th - Alice Worthington, visiting Rotarian, Ft. Myers South  
March 11th - Trent Frohock, Visiting Rotarian, East Polk  
March 11th - Glenn Oberlin, Workspace, Inc. - Speaker