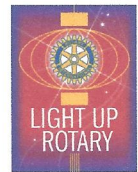


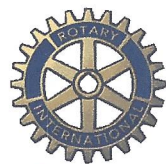
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# The "Ratchet" Rotary Club of Ankeny

Tue Aug 19, 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  
 Irvinedale Dr.  
 Ankeny, IA  
 50023  
 United States



Venue  
 Map



Duty  
 Roster



District  
 Site

## Speakers

Aug 19, 2014  
 Gary Welch  
 RYLA Program

Aug 19, 2014  
 RYLA Students - "Evening"

Aug 26, 2014  
 Cindy Meek/Amanda the Panda  
 Coping with grief of losing a  
 family member

Aug 26, 2014  
 Rotarian Responsible - Kristofer  
 Orth "Evening"

Sep 02, 2014  
 Rotarian Responsible - Stacey  
 Keoppen "Evening"

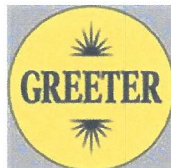
Sep 02, 2014  
 Mike Leighton, PR Iowa Energy  
 NBA Team

Sep 09, 2014  
 Leukemia and Lymphoma  
 Society  
 Light the Night Walk

Sep 09, 2014  
 Rotarian Responsible - Steve  
 Wieneke "Evening"

Sep 16, 2014  
 Adam Tolander, CFA, CFP

## 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:

8/19 - Zane Smith  
 8/26 - Pat Stillwill

9/2 - Pat Timmons  
 9/9 - Kraig Vry  
 9/16 - Todd Wehr  
 9/23 - Gary Welch



### Root Beer Float Sales Sets Record

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 17, 2014

Thank you to Sally Schroeder, Tim Hawkins, Kristofer Orth, Anne Porter, Mary Cochran, Dick Marshall, Stacey Koeppen, Art Moeller, Jan Franck, Patty Hoffman, Steve Wieneke, Mark Miller, and Nate Burnham for their service in selling root beer floats at the two Ankeny HyVees last Saturday and a special thank you to Tom Friedman for coordinating this event. Their efforts resulted in \$403.80 at the Prairie Trail HyVee and \$265.46 at the Ankeny Blvd HyVee being raised for **Special Olympics**. ***This total of \$669.26 was significantly more than we have ever raised before.***

The totals for the previous 5 years, when we were at just one site, were: \$357.41 in 2013, \$234.59 in 2012, \$344.55 in 2011, \$243.20 in 2010 and \$314.47 in 2009. This makes a total of \$1,494.22 raised for Special Olympics by the Rotary Club of Ankeny during the past 5 years.



### "Hollywood Night" Selected as Theme for 2015 Fundraiser

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 17, 2014

ICommittees have been formed for the 2015 fundraiser and during the club assembly on August 12th they met to start planning for this event. The Tickets & Theme committees announced the theme they have selected is "**Hollywood Night**". It is still early in the planning, but they anticipate the tickets may look like movie tickets, there may be a red carpet, Oscars, popcorn, and even some paparazzi present.

Thanks to Ben Digmann and Rich Job for agreeing to co-chair the 2015 fundraiser and to the following for agreeing to chair the committees:

Tickets & Theme - Dirk Westercamp & Shar Dunlap  
 Decorations - Teri Crist  
 Logistics - Doug Beech & Kevin Brooks  
 Fundraising & Donations - Dick Marshal & Carmen Davis  
 Registration & Checkout - Mark Miller & Todd Wehr



### Evening Club Mentors

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 15, 2014



Financial investment risks during current economy

Sep 16, 2014  
Social - "Evening"

Sep 23, 2014  
Rotarian responsible- Art Moeller

Sep 23, 2014  
Rotarian Responsible - Anne Porter "Evening"

Sep 30, 2014  
New Member Orientation - "Evening"

Sep 30, 2014  
Rotarian responsible -Del Mohler

Oct 07, 2014  
Rotarian responsible -Terry Peter

Oct 14, 2014  
Rotarian responsible -Luke Nelson

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**Damon Miller**

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**Nate Burnham**



The Ankeny Evening Rotary Club is seeking 6-8 members of the Rotary Club of Ankeny to consider giving priority to attending the evening meetings rather than the noon meetings. When District Governor Ockenfels made his official visit to our club he suggested members from the "Noon" club serve as mentors to the new "Evening" club for a period of 12 months. The goal for the mentors is to provide guidance and leadership as the new club works to grow to 20-25 new members and seeks their charter. With a larger membership base the "Evening" club will be more attractive to prospective new members and speakers that are invited to the meetings. The "Evening" club meets Tuesdays from 5:45-7:00 pm at Wig & Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd. The club is committed to participating in a service project each month and, when possible, these service opportunities will occur during the regular meeting time.

The Board has endorsed this mentoring program and has agreed to reduce quarterly dues to \$50 plus any contributions to Paul Harris for any member wishing to become a mentor of the evening group. They will, of course, be welcome to continue to attend noon meetings and pay \$10 for the meal for each meeting they attend. They will still be expected to maintain minimum attendance standards. Evening club members are on their own for any food and drink they may wish to order. ***Please give consideration to being a mentor for the "Evening" club and contact Kristofer Orth, Evening Club President Elect, [korth@designallianceinc.com](mailto:korth@designallianceinc.com), or Nate Burnham, [nfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:nfburnham@gmail.com), for more information or to sign up to be a mentor.***



### The Dictionary Project

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 15, 2014

At last week's meeting the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Ankeny agreed to participate again this year in **"The Dictionary Project"**. This will be the 9th consecutive year that our club has participated in this project and **the number of books distributed to Ankeny 4th graders by the Rotary Club of Ankeny now totals 6,024** and could hit 7,000 after this year. Since its implementation in 1995, a total of 21,720,883 children have received dictionaries through The Dictionary Project all over the United States. Sign up sheets to help hand out the dictionaries will be available as soon as the times can be confirmed with the schools. Thank you to Damon Miller for leading this project again this year.



### Evening Club Serves Agape Gardens

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 14, 2014

Agape Gardens is located on the grounds of the Faith Chapel location of First United Methodist Church in Ankeny. It's mission is to provide fresh nutritious produce free of charge to those in need. This requires a number of volunteers to assist with planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting. On August 12th, the members of the "Evening" Rotary Club of Ankeny and about 20 other volunteers harvested over 854 pounds of fresh produce including wax beans, tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, okra, Swiss chard, raspberries and a 29 pound cabbage! This puts the garden over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce delivered so far this year. Thanks to Stacy Koeppen for making the arrangements for this service project.



### Club Picnic A Success

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 18, 2014

The Rotary Club of Ankeny held it a picnic at Sunrise Shelter in Ankeny on August 12th. Both the noon and evening meetings were canceled that day to encourage all members to attend. Approximately, 70 members, guests, prospective members, and RYLA students were present. All members brought a dish to share and the club provided the hamburgers and hot dogs which were grilled by Steve Wieneke. In addition, 32 items were collected which have been taken to the Ankeny food pantry. Based on all the favorable comments, a club picnic could become an annual event.



### Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 17, 2014

Treasurer  
**James Ramsey**

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**Tim Cox**

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**Jody Savage**

Club Service  
**Sharlene Dunlap**

Youth Services  
**Gary Welch**

Immediate Past President  
**Teri Crist**

## Club Events

**September Rotary Board Meeting**  
Wig & Pen  
Sep 11, 2014 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM

**2015 Rotary Fundraiser**  
FFA Enrichment Center  
Mar 07, 2015

**2015 Rotary International Convention**  
Jun 06, 2015 - Jun 09, 2015



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The RYLA program began in Australia in 1959, when young people throughout the state of Queensland were selected to meet with Princess Alexandra, the young cousin of Queen Elizabeth II. The Rotarians of Brisbane, who hosted the participants, were impressed with the quality of the young people and decided to bring youth leaders together each year for a week of social, cultural, and educational activities. The RYLA program gradually grew throughout all the Rotary districts of Australia and New Zealand. In 1971, the RI Board adopted RYLA as an official program of Rotary International.



### August Rotarian Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Jul 24, 2014

The following members of the Rotary Club of Ankeny will celebrate birthdays in August:

6th - Patty Hoffman  
16th - Mark Land

16th - Pat Timmons  
17th - Mike Rooney  
18th - Gary Welch  
28th - Ben Digmann



### Rotary Club of Ankeny Guests

Posted by Nate Burnham on Aug 19, 2013

**Special guests attending the Rotary Club of Ankeny regular meetings during the past couple weeks have been:**  
August 5th - Chris Cullen & family, guest of Nate Burnham  
August 5th - Gustavo Hernandez & family, guest of Gary Welch  
August 5th - Numerous Rotary family members, guest of Rotarians  
August 12th - Nicole Nabity, prospective outbound Rotary exchange student, guest of Gary Welch  
August 12th - Deb Nabity, Nicole's mother, guest of Gary Welch