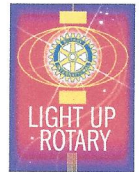


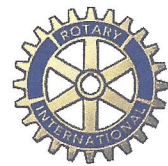
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The "Ratchet" Rotary Club of Ankeny



Tue Nov 18, 2014

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Service
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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



Venue
Map



Duty
Roster



District
Site

Speakers

Nov 18, 2014

Becky Beech, Puppy Jake
foundation

Rotarian responsible-Pat Stilwill

Nov 18, 2014

Service Project "Evening"
Serve Meals at Saint Joseph
Emergency Family Shelter in
Des Moines

Nov 25, 2014

Calvin Litwiller/Paul Harris
Steve SchraderBarchar

Nov 25, 2014

Rotarian Responsible Kristofer
Orth - "Evening"

Dec 02, 2014

No Rotary Meeting

Dec 05, 2014

Christmas Social at DMACC

Dec 09, 2014

Planning Meeting & Goal Setting
- "Evening"

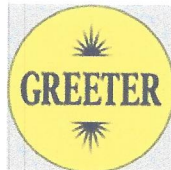
Dec 09, 2014

Rotarian responsible Kathy
Sibbel

Dec 16, 2014

Social - "Evening"

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:

11/18 - Travis Carlson
11/25 - Mary Cochran

12/2 - NO MEETING
12/9 - John Colyer
12/16 - Tim Cox
12/23 - NO MEETING
12/30 - NO MEETING
1/6 - Teri Crist



Thanksgiving Trivia

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 17, 2014

Did you know:

The date of the first Thanksgiving is not precisely known though it occurred between September 21 and November 9, 1621.
The first Thanksgiving was observed in Plymouth. The Plymouth Pilgrims dined with the Wampanoag Indians for the First Thanksgiving.
The First Thanksgiving lasted for three days.
It was not until 1941, that congress declared the fourth Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving and a national holiday.
Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, it is also celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.
Black Friday is the Friday after Thanksgiving in the United States, where it is the beginning of the traditional Christmas shopping season. This tradition has held forth since at least the 1930s.
The different nicknames for Thanksgiving Day: "Turkey Day" "T-Day" "Macy's Day" "Yanksgiving" (Canadians sometimes call the Thanksgiving in the US as "Yanksgiving" to distinguish it from the Canadian Thanksgiving holiday)
Turkey is the traditional dish for the Thanksgiving feast - 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.
Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.
The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds.
A turkey usually has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef.
Turkeys will have 3,500 feathers at maturity.
Commercially raised turkeys cannot fly.
Turkeys have poor night vision.
A 16-week-old turkey is called a fryer.
Turkeys were one of the first animals in the Americas to be domesticated.
Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.
The 'wishbone' of the turkey is used in a good luck ritual on Thanksgiving Day.



Rotary Foundation Minute

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 17, 2014

Unfortunately, it has been reported that the number of polio outbreaks in Pakistan has increased considerable this past year. At this time last

Dec 16, 2014
[Rotarian responsible Chuck Stewart](#)

Dec 23, 2014
[No Rotary Meeting](#)

Dec 30, 2014
[No Rotary Meeting](#)

Jan 13, 2015
[Rotarian Responsible Jack Pennington](#)

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year, 56 cases were reported, and this year there have been 235! In light of this, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif expressed resolve to defeat polio in six months. He instructed all the provinces to take this matter up with seriousness, adding it is about the future of the nation's children. He said that Pakistan shares the international community's concerns on polio, but that the world should also understand the issues faced by Pakistan.

"We face challenges like inaccessibility, terrorism and misconceptions in tribal areas about the campaign," he said noting that "Health workers have been targeted by militants." His chief ministers assured him that extra security measures were being taken for the protection of the polio teams. They will report to Sharif every fifteen days. We are making progress! Your contribution to Polioplus guarantees that we will not slip backward towards polio's eradication.



A Letter From Grandpa!

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 11, 2014

Grandpa, smelling like beer after another night of visiting his buddies, sat down on the subway next to a priest. Grandpa's tie was stained, his face was plastered with red lipstick, and a half empty bottle of gin was sticking out of his torn pocket. He opened his newspaper and began reading. After a few minutes Grandpa turned to the priest and asked "Father, what causes arthritis?"

The priest retorted, "My son, it's caused by loose living, being with cheap wicked women, too much alcohol, contempt for your fellow man, sleeping around with prostitutes, and lack of a bath!" To which grandpa muttered, sheepishly in response, "Well I'll be darned." Then returned to his paper.

The priest, thinking about what he had just said, nudged grandpa after a moment and apologized. "I'm very sorry I did not mean to come on so strong. How long have you had arthritis?" Grandpa answered, "I don't have arthritis but it says here that the Pope does!"



Warm Coats Received and Distributed

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 10, 2014

On Friday October 31st, Dave Mercer, with the assistance of a donated truck from Storey Kenworthy picked up 42 boxes containing 286 coats in Des Moines. The attached photo was taken at the warehouse in front of the boxes of coats. In the picture is Dave Mercer and his dad, Ted Mercer, and Dylan Dyer from Storey Kenworthy.

The coats were delivered to Dave Kissinger of Project Fresh Start and were distributed to needy families in Ankeny on November 2nd and 3rd.



Thank You from Project Fresh Start

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 14, 2014

The following thank you was received from Dave Kissinger of Project Fresh Start:

Dear Ankeny Rotary Club:

On behalf of the Project Fresh Start Staff, Ankeny Service Center, Ankeny Community Schools and more than 10,000 students, we would like to express our appreciation for your support and assistance with the 2014-2015 Project Fresh Start's newest program, the F.E.W.D. Program (Faith and Education Winter Program). Your generous tax deductible gift of close to 300 winter coats was very instrumental in the delivery of this program.

The continued efforts of your great organization are very important to many service groups and many recipients in our community. PFS looks forward to working with you in the future. We know that your group will continue to make a positive impact in Ankeny.

Sincerely, Dave Kissinger, Project Fresh Start

The following are excerpts from an article on the Ankeny Community Schools website regarding their winter clothing drive:

"With the assistance of the District Community Service grant, the Rotary Club of Ankeny

Youth Services
Gary Welch

Immediate Past President
Dirk Westercamp

Technology Chair
Rich Job

Club Events

Ankeny Rotary Christmas Social
DMACC - Bldg. #7
Dec 05, 2014 06:30 PM

Polio Plus Night at Iowa Energy
Wells Fargo Arena
Feb 07, 2015 07:00 PM

2015 Rotary Fundraiser - "Hollywood Nights"
FFA Enrichment Center
Mar 07, 2015

Grant Management Seminar - Des Moines Area
TBD
Mar 07, 2015

District Training Assembly
DMACC Campus - Newton
Mar 28, 2015

District 6000 Conference
Coralville Marriott Conference Center
Apr 16, 2015 - Apr 18, 2015

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



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was able to purchase 286 warm coats to be distributed to needy families in Ankeny in conjunction with Project Fresh Start. In total Ankeny residents donated more than 2,300 winter clothing items to help students in need during the first ever F.E.W.D winter clothing drive. More than 300 students have already received coats, hats, mittens, and other winter wear, and more are expected to be helped throughout the course of the winter. F.E.W. D. distributed the clothing on November 2nd and 3rd and is supported by Project Fresh Start through the Ankeny Community Education Department. During their drive in late October, Ankeny students, staff, and parents collected nearly 1,500 items of winter clothing at their 16 schools to contribute to the project.

This was truly a community undertaking as members of Ankeny's churches also donated more than 600 items, and Ankeny citizens provided winter wear to TAKE, (The Ankeny Clothing Exchange) at the Neveln Center. The Ankeny Rotary Club received a grant in collaboration with the Ankeny Service Center to help purchase 286 new coats."



Christmas Social Menu

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 10, 2014

The 2014 Christmas social for the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be on **Friday night, December 5th** and will be prepared for us by DMACC's Culinary Arts Program students. The menu will be as follows:

6:30 pm - Champagne Reception, 7:00 Dinner
Shrimp and Citrus Cocktail
Caesar Salad with Bacon
Sweet Potato Vichyssoise
Gunpowder Crushed Beef Tenderloin,
Potatoes Romanoff
Caramelized Rainbow Carrots
White Chocolate Tangerine Mouse Cake
Assorted Breads

If you have not signed up yet but would like to attend, sign up on line or let Tim Cox or Nate Burnham know and they will get you signed up.



Shred Day Donations Total \$540.81

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 10, 2014

"Shred Day" in Ankeny, sponsored by Northwest Bank, was held on October 25th. The bank allowed Rotarians to assist with unloading items to be shred and to also collect donations. A total of \$540.81 was collected. This was more than twice as much as was collected last year. At the November Ankeny Rotary board meeting, it was decided these funds would be donated to the Ankeny Service Center to aid with their Holiday Assistance program.

Thank you to Jim Ramsey for leading this project and to Rotarians Troy Boelman, Tim Hawkins, and Doug Beech for their help. Also, thanks to former Rotarian Wade Steenhook and his wife, owners of Info Dog Security (the shred company) for staying onsite the entire time to assist.



Understanding Rotary Foundation Recognition Points

Posted by Nate Burnham on Oct 17, 2014

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. Foundation points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Program Fund or PolioPlus. Donors are recognized by being named **"Paul Harris Fellows"** or **"Multiple Paul Harris Fellows"** at increments of 1,000 Foundation points. In addition, a donor receives one Foundation **"recognition"** point for every U.S. dollar contributed.

Recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, or until the donor uses the points. Donors can transfer these recognition points to other Rotarians or non Rotarinas, to help them become or to be named as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. You can even recognize a deceased individual by requesting a Memorial Paul Harris Fellowship. A minimum of 100 Foundation recognition points must be transferred at one time and an authorized signature is required when completing the transfer form. The Rotary Club of Ankeny has several members with over 1,000 recognition points. **Have you considered making your spouse or**

parent a Paul Harris Fellow? If you would like more information on donating your points, contact Steve SchraderBachar, Ankeny Foundation Chairman.



Each Ankeny Rotarian has Option to Receive 200 Recognition Point

Posted by Nate Burnham on Nov 17, 2014

The Rotary Club of Ankeny has received recognition points for the Polio Plus contributions made to the Rotary Foundation during the past several years and now has accumulated nearly 10,000 recognition points. The Board of Directors of the Club has approved a proposal to donate these recognition points to its members under the following terms:

- All members, both Active and Honorary, are eligible to receive 200 recognition points from the Club.
- If the member is currently *not* a Paul Harris Sustaining Member (***committed to contributing at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation***), they must agree to become a Sustaining Member to receive the 200 points.
- All new members will be given 200 recognition points, at the time they join the club, if they agree to become Paul Harris Sustaining Members.
- The club will continue to match cash donations made by members until they become Paul Harris Fellows.

Each member will be asked complete a form to either agree to become a Paul Harris Sustaining member and receive the recognition points or to decline this offer. More information will be provided on November 25th following the presentation by Cal Litwiller, Past District Governor and current District 6000 Foundation Chairman.



November Rotarain Birthdays

Posted by Nate Burnham on Oct 17, 2014

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in November:

3rd - Steve Wieneke
4th - Nate Burnham
16th - Gabe Glynn

25th - Jan Franck
25th - Del Mohler
26th - Kathy Sibbel



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:

October 28th - Jane Lamfers, Speaker
October 28th - Dean Lange, Speaker
October 28th - Gina Lange, Guest of Raj Reddy
November 4th - Sue Mixdorf, Speaker
November 11th - Brian Egslund, visiting Rotarian from Ames Morning Club
November 11th - Caryline Clark, American Cancer Society, Speaker