

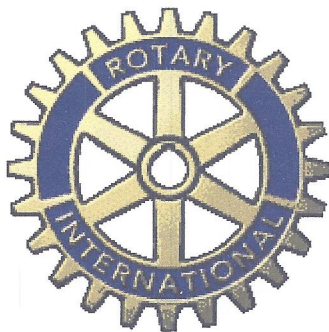


# "The Ratchet"

## Rotary Club of Ankeny

### Club Information

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ankeny!



### Service Above Self

Tuesdays at 11:45 AM at AG&CC & 6:00 PM at Wig & Pen

Ankeny Golf & Country Club

314 SW Irvinedale Dr.  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
United States

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### Speakers

Sep 15, 2015  
[Satellite Club District Governor Visit](#)

Sep 15, 2015  
[RYLA Students](#)  
2015 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Lauren Coon & Andrew Kottra

Sep 22, 2015  
[Rotarian Responsible - Kathy Sibbel "Evening"](#)

Sep 22, 2015  
[DMACC ICI - Jim Stick](#)  
Dave Mercer

Sep 29, 2015  
[Anne Porter Birthday Social](#)

Sep 29, 2015  
[Club Assembly](#)

Oct 06, 2015

### Sponsors



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### Upcoming Events

[District Governor Miller to Visit Evening Club](#)  
Sep 15, 2015 6:00 PM

[October Rotary Board Meeting](#)

Kristi Hoffman Oltman  
*Talent Inquisition*

Oct 06, 2015  
Rotarian Responsible - Jim Hudson, "Evening"

Oct 13, 2015  
Social "Evening"

Oct 20, 2015  
Rotarian Responsible - Ray Crammond "Evening"

Oct 27, 2015  
Service Project "Evening"  
*Clear City Flower Plot*

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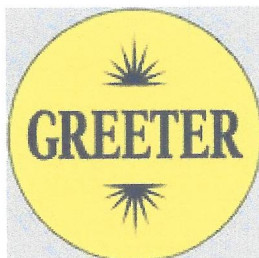
Wig N Pen  
Oct 08, 2015  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

District Rotary Foundation  
Dinner  
Blank Park Zoo  
Nov 07, 2015  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



## Articles

### Rotary Meeting Greeter & Sheriff



The Rotarians that are scheduled to be the "Greeter" and "Sheriff" for the next several weeks are as follows:

9/15 - Steve SchraderBachar  
9/22 - Sally Schroeder  
9/29 - Kathy Sibbel  
10/6 - Chuck Stewart  
10/13 - Pat Stilwill  
10/20 - Pat Timmons

10/27 - Julie Cooper Todtz

### DG Miller Makes Official Visit to Ankeny



District Governor Loring Miller and his Rotary Partner Phyllis made their official visit to the noon Rotary Club of Ankeny on September 8th. They met with the Board prior to the regular meeting. In his address to the club, DG Miller stated he wants to emphasis three areas during his year as District Governor - **Foundation**, **Membership** and **Youth Services**.

One of the goals of the Foundation continues to be to end polio. There have only been 7 new cases in Afghanistan and 29 in Pakistan during the past year. An article in the local newspaper regarding polio was suggested. Every Rotarian needs to support the Foundation. The District Designated Funds come back to the community. The District would like to encourage **every** member to contribute to the Foundation. If a member contributes \$1, or more, and has not contributed anything previously, the District will give them 100 recognition points with their first contribution. If they contribute more than \$100, the District will match their first contribution.

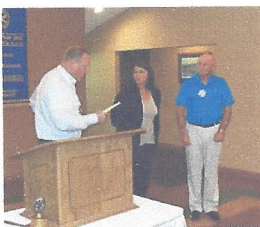


The District has lost 500 members during the past 5 years. We need to turn this around. Our youth is the next generation of Rotarians and the future of Rotary. He also wants us to focus on "Branding Projects". Make sure our current, past and future projects are branded so they are recognized as a Rotary project.

Projects the District will be working on this year include "Warm Coats" which was highly successful last year and needs to be continued another year. He would like members to contribute to a fund to purchase braces for clubfoot repair through the Ponseti non-surgical repair system. Also, 2016 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jefferson Highway that goes through Central Iowa. This was a Rotary project started by Edwin Merideth of Des Moines. The highway goes 2,300 miles from Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans. Rotarians are encouraged to join the Rotary Fellowship to help put signage on the route.

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#### Welcome Laura Luetje



President Damon Miller inducted **Lamberti, Gocke & Luetje, P.C.** into the Rotary Club of Ankeny as its first **"Corporate Member"**. **Jim Gocke**, currently a member of the club, will be the **"Primary Designee"** for the company and Laura Luetje will be the **"Secondary Designee"**. Both Jim and Laura are considered Active members of the club and their classification is **"Law"**. **Welcome to the club Laura!!**

#### Welcome New Member Kim Scavo



Kimberly Scavo was inducted into the evening Rotary Club of Ankeny as its newest member on September 8th. KIM saw the club's invitation in the paper regarding the club picnic and decided to check out rotary. Her classification will be Commercial Artist.

**Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ankeny Kim!!**

#### Rotary Christmas Social - December 3rd



The 2015 Rotary Club of Ankeny Christmas social will be at the **Hyperion Field Club on Thursday, December 3rd**. The evening is expected to include a Las Vegas quality entertainer, possibly a hypnotist. More details will be available soon!

#### Pat Stilwill Becomes Paul Harris Fellow



Steve SchraderBachar, Foundation Chairman for the club, announced at the meeting on September 1st that Pat Stilwill had become the club's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Steve presented Pat with the two emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow, the lapel pin and certificate.

**Congratulations Pat and thank you for supporting the Foundation!**

#### Thank You From New Horizons



The following thank you letter was received from Vicki Engh, executive Director of the New Horizon Adult Day Center:

New Horizons Adult day Center would like to thank you for blessing us at our Third Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser. We are honored to call you friends, and appreciate your \$1,000 donation to our event. The outing was a great success. Everyone had fun and we enjoyed beautiful weather for the entire event along with lots of good food! Because of generous donors like you, we raised over \$9,200, which will be put toward the purchase of a bus to be used for transporting our participants to and from New Horizons, as well as for outings into the community.



The participants of New Horizons Adult Day Center are just like you and me, with a need for socialization and friendship. They often feel disconnected from their community due to the challenges they face physically and/or cognitively. The fellowship that is fostered here gives the participants a renewed sense that they have not been forgotten and their loneliness subsides while in attendance. The atmosphere at our Center is family-like, compassionate, comfortable and caring, providing activities that are therapeutic as well as fun.

Thank you again for your support of our program which strives to help families keep their loved ones at home and as independent as possible. God Bless.

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#### City Flower Plot Adopted By Evening Club



For the second year, the evening club adopted a flower plot for the city of Ankeny. The plot is located on NW Lakeside Drive just north of the Lakeside Center. The club members decided to plant a few perennials this year in addition to the annuals provided by the city. This should reduce the planting time next year. In addition to planing the plot, the club is responsible for weeding, watering, and clearing the plot this fall.

#### Santa Is Available for Your Party



Would you like to have Santa make an appearance at your Christmas gathering. Gary Welch can make that happen for you. He will "personally" contact Santa and if his schedule allows, he will come to your family or business gathering. Mrs. Claus may even make an appearance. Any donations for his appearance will be given to the Rotary Club of Ankeny. Contact Gary for more information and to reserve your date.

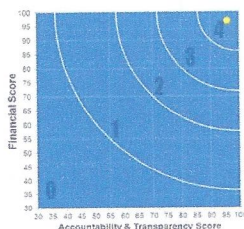
#### Evening Club Serves AGAPE Garden



Members of the Evening Rotary Club of Ankeny picked vegetables and pulled weeds at the AGAPE Garden in Ankeny on the evening of September 2nd. With their help over 800 pounds of vegetables were harvested.

AGAPE Garden is located on the grounds of Ankeny First United Methodist's Faith Chapel Church at 7384 NW 16<sup>th</sup> St. and provides fresh produce for area feeding ministries. From spring planting through fall harvesting, a dedicated team of volunteers plants, tends and harvests the vegetables and fruits, and then delivers them to various feeding ministries around the metro. Area agencies and ministries receiving produce include Bethel Mission – Hope Ministries, DMARC Food Pantry (Ankeny Neveln Center), North Branch Lutheran Church of Hope Ankeny Food Pantry, Trinity United Methodist Church, and the First United Methodist's "Homeless Helps" meals.

#### The Rotary Foundation Earns Eighth Straight 4-Star Rating



The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States. This year's top distinction is the Foundation's eighth in a row, which places the Foundation in the top 2 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote, **"Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way."**

***This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary***



*Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust,"* Thatcher said.

#### 4th Annual District 6000 Foundation Banquet



The fourth annual Rotary District 6000 Foundation Banquet will be held Saturday, November 7th at the **Blank Park Zoo** in Des Moines. Prior to the banquet at approximately 5:45 pm, there will be a "Release of Pride", PolioPlus balloon release. Balloons will be available for \$20.18 each. **\$20.18 is highlighting the year, 2018, in which our Rotary International expects to have polio eradicated from the face of the earth.** The release will take place outside as the balloons are biodegradable and environmentally friendly. The proceeds raised from the balloon release will go towards the eradication of POLIO. For every balloon over the first one purchased, you will receive 100 recognition points each. (Example: 2 balloons = 100 points; 3 balloons = 200 points). Balloon order forms are available on line at the District 6000 web site or from Nate Burnham.

After the balloon release, the evening continues with cocktails and a social hour or walking through open zoo exhibits at 6 pm. Dinner at 7 pm is catered by Johnny's Italian Steakhouse. The program begins around 8 pm and the "Keynote Speaker" is Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair, and Past Rotary International President, Ray Klingensmith.

#### 2016 Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea



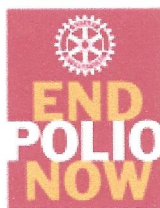
The 2015 Rotary International convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil concluded on June 8th. Current Rotary International President, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, challenges all Rotarians to **Be a gift to the world** and to make plans to attend the 2016 International Convention which will be **May 28 - June 1, 2016 in Seoul, Korea.**

Event dates and locations for other future international conventions are tentative but are as follows:

- 2017 - Atlanta, Georgia - June 10-14
- 2018 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada - June 24-27
- 2019 - Hamburg, Germany - June 1-5
- 2020 - Honolulu, Hawaii, USA - June 7-10

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#### What if We Don't Eradicate Polio



The march toward the eradication of Polio throughout the world has made incredible progress over the years and we have recently celebrated the news of a full year with no new cases in Nigeria, one of the three remaining countries considered polio-endemic. The goal of polio eradication remains a challenge but only two countries are currently identified as polio-endemic. In recent years, some in the scientific community have raised a difficult question: Can the world eradicate polio, or should we try to contain it?

According to an article by Harvard researchers, controlling the disease would be far more costly than eradicating it. They state that a decision to switch to a control strategy would condemn 10 million children to polio over the next 40 years alone. We must not lose sight of our vision of a world without polio. Just this week, the media has reported on the return of two cases of polio in Ukraine, the first reported cases in Europe after a five year reprieve. Ukraine has been identified as an area that is under-immunized, with only 50% of children fully immunized against polio. We must finish our work and hold true to our promise to the children of the world.

#### Rotary Club of Ankeny Guests



Special guests attending the Rotary Club of Ankeny regular meetings during the past couple weeks have been:

- September 1 - Lee Holmes, visiting Rotarian, Waukee
- September 1 - Bernadette Holmes, visiting Rotarian, Waukee

September 1 - Kim Scavo, Prospective new member, "Evening"  
September 8 - Loring Miller, DG Governor  
September 8 - Phyllis Miller, visiting Rotarian, Leon  
September 8 - Tom Downs, Assistant DG and visiting Rotarian, east Polk  
September 8 - Annette Burnham, guest of Nate Burnham  
September 8 - Colleen Welch, guest of Gary Welch  
September 8 - Kanuka MIWA, Rotary Exchange Student from Japan  
September 8 - Lauren Coon, RYLA Student, "Evening"  
September 8 - Zane Johnson, RYLA Student, "Evening"  
September 8 - Andrew Kottra, RYLA Student Counslor "Evening"

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