

# "The Ratchet"

Rotary Club of Ankeny



## Club Information

# Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ankeny!



## Service Above Self

Tuesdays at 11:45 AM  
Ankeny Golf & Country Club  
314 SW Irvinedale Dr.  
Ankeny, IA 50023  
United States of America

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## Speakers

Dec 05, 2023  
[Noon - Jenny Fields](#)  
Alzheimer's Association

Dec 12, 2023  
[Noon - NO Meeting - Attend Christmas Social](#)  
Christmas Social in evening location TBD

Dec 19, 2023  
[Noon - Rotary Club Assembly](#)

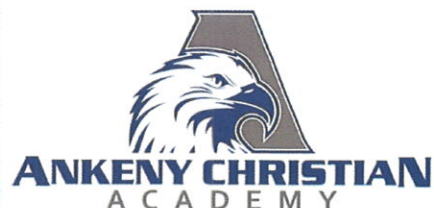
## Rotarians scheduled to be the Greeter & Sheriff are:

December 5 - Trent Murphy  
December 12 - **No Meeting**  
**Xmas Social on Dec. 11th**  
December - 19 - Shay Moore  
December 26 - **No Meeting**  
**January 2 - No Meeting**  
January 9 - Jordan  
Niewoeher  
January 16 - Victoria Ogier  
January 23 - Kent Patterson  
January 30 - Will Pierce

## Sponsors



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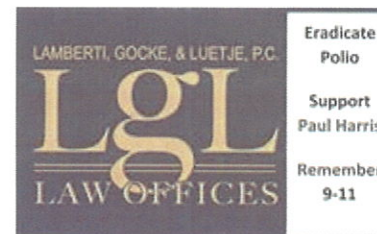
Dec 26, 2023

[Noon NO Meeting - Happy Holidays!](#)

Jan 02, 2024

[Noon NO Meeting - Happy New Year!](#)

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## Upcoming Events

[2023 Christmas Social](#)

Briarwood Golf Club

Dec 11, 2023

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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## Articles

[\*\*\*To All Rotarians, Family & Friends:\*\*\*](#)

*Seasons Greetings!*



*Merry Christmas!*

*Wishing all Rotarians, families, and friends a Merry Christmas, and may 2024 be a great New Year for all!*



## Rotary Holiday Schedule

The following is the meeting schedule for the Rotary Club of Ankeny during the holiday season:

December 5th - Regular meeting at AG&CC

December 11th - Holiday Social with Evening Club at Briarwood Golf Club, 5:45 PM social, dinner at 6:30 PM

December 12th - **No Meeting**

December 19th - Regular meeting at AG&CC

December 27th - **No Meeting**

January 2nd - **No Meeting**

## 2023 Rotary Christmas Social



The theme for the 2023 Ankeny Rotary Christmas social for both the noon and evening clubs is "**Rotary Santacon**" in honor of our former member and long-time Santa, Gary Welch. The social will be held at the Briarwood Golf Club, 3405 Trilien Drive on **Monday, December 11th**. There will be a social hour beginning at 6:00 PM with dinner to be served at 6:30. Each member may bring one guest. The charge per person is \$35.00 which will be added to the member's January invoice. Everyone is encouraged to come wearing a Santa suit, hat, or their best Christmas outfit.

*Hope to see everyone there!*

## **Happy Birthday Rotarians!!**

The following Rotary Club of Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in **December**:

2nd - Chuck Stewart

3rd - Scott Port

12th - Rich Job

14th - Tim Cox

15th - Dylan Dyer

16th - Doug Ripley

19th - Rich Bergez

21st - Doug Beech

## December Rotary Board Meeting



The December Board meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be held at **Wig & Pen**, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

**When:** Thursday, December 14th

**Time:** 12:00 PM

**Where:** Wig & Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

***All members are welcome, and it counts as a make-up!***

## Paddle Raisers for 2024 Fundraiser

The votes are in for the paddle raisers for the club 2024 fundraiser, "**Rotary Runs for the Roses**". The top two vote getters are **Starts Right Here** and the **Ankeny Service Center**. These two non-profits and the other 11 that were not selected will be contacted this to advise them of the results. Thank you to the Rotarians that submitted a nomination.

## Former Governor Terry Branstad Speaks to Rotary



The Rotary Club of Ankeny was honored to have as their speaker former **Iowa Governor and Ambassador to China Terry Branstad** on November 14th. He talked about his family, The World Food Prize, his experiences in China and his upcoming trip California to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping. The meeting was started 15 minutes early to let him speak first so he could catch a plane to California from the Des Moines airport at 2:00. President Steve SchraderBachar presented Mr. Branstad with an Ankeny Rotary banner for him to give to President Xi.

### [Celebration of 50th year on December 19th](#)



In January, 2023, the **Rotary Club of Ankeny** celebrated it's 50th anniversary of receiving their charter from Rotary International. On **December 19th**, the Club will celebrate the completion of our 50th year. Plan to attend the noon meeting and help celebrate and share a piece of celebratory cake.

### [Rotary Club of Ankeny's Facebook Page](#)

Did you know the Rotary Club of Ankeny has a Facebook page? Check it out at at [www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofankeny](https://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofankeny). Thank you to **Jenny Fields** for posting articles and keeping it up to date.



### [Will Keeps and Jamie Become New Paul Harris Fellows](#)



**Del Mohler** donated Paul Harris recognition points to make **William Holmes/aka Will Keeps** and his wife **Jamie Holmes** Paul Harris Fellows. President **Steve SchraderBachar** presented each of them with a pin and certificate during the meeting on November 14th. Will is the founder of **Starts Right Here**, a program designed to serve youth in a supportive, empowering environment since all young people deserve a chance to rise above the circumstances they were born into and to reach their mental, emotional, physical, and economic potential.

### [Prospective New Member](#)





The Board has approved an application from **Paul Romanelli** to transfer his membership in Rotary from the Rotary Club of Janesville, Wisconsin, to the Rotary Club of Ankeny. Paul is a retired Orthodontist. He has been a Rotarian for 33 years, a past President and has participated in two overseas service projects.

Comments regarding this prospective new member may be forwarded to any Board member.

#### **Amy Ratekin Transferring To Ankeny**



**Amy Ratekin**, the Founder and CEO of Spread Your Wings, was named an "Honorary" member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny on August 29, 2023. At that time, Amy was an Active member of the Des Moines AM club but had been regularly attending meetings in Ankeny but did not wish to transfer her membership from the Des Moines club since she wanted to maintain the relationships she had built there. She has now decided to go ahead and transfer her membership and has submitted an application to become an Active member of The Rotary Club of Ankeny, which has been approved by the Board.

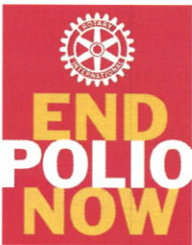
Comments regarding Amy's change in membership status may be forwarded to any Board member.

#### **Mark Martin Joins PolioPlus Society**



During the November 14th meeting, Mark Martin was recognized for his commitment to PolioPlus. By joining the PolioPlus Society, Mark has committed to contribute at least \$100 each year until Polio is eradicated in the world. President Steve presented Mark with a certificate and lapel pin in recognition of his commitment.

#### **Rotary's PolioPlus Night at the Iowa Wolves**



The 2024 **PolioPlus night at the Iowa Wolves** will be Friday, **February 23rd at 7:00 PM** at Wells Fargo Arena. The Wolves will be playing the Rio Grande Vipers that night. The tickets are discounted to \$20 each with \$10 from each refunded to the Club to be donated to PolioPlus. More information will be provided later but **"Save the Date"**.

#### **Rotary International Float in Rose Parade**



Rotary International will have a float in the 2024 Rose Parade for the **44th consecutive year**. The theme this year's parade is **"Celebrating a World of Music - The Universal Language"**. The theme for Rotary's float is **"Clean Water - The Music of Life"**. Tune onto the Rose parade and watch for the Rotary International float.

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