

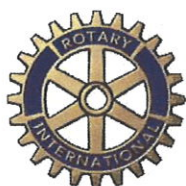
# "The Ratchet"

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

Feb 06, 2024  
[TAKE - Ms. Luann Barnes](#)  
The Ankeny Klothing Exchange (TAKE)

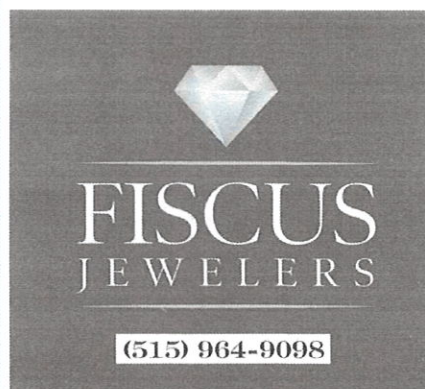
Feb 13, 2024  
[Karly Rehman - Girl Scouts](#)  
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa Cookie Season

Feb 20, 2024  
[Dr. Erick Pruitt-Ankeny CSD Superintendent](#)

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

Feb. 6 - Scott Port  
Feb. 13 - Amy Ratekin  
Feb. 20 - Doug Ripley  
Feb. 27 - Paul Romanelli  
Mar. 5 - Andy Schnurr  
Mar. 12 - Sally Schroeder  
Mar. 19 - Kathy Sibbel  
Mar. 26 - Joe Smeltzer

## Sponsors



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Feb 27, 2024

[Larry Johnson](#)

Iowa Department of Inspections Appeals and licensing

Mar 05, 2024

[Michael Hidder - Uptown Association](#)

Uptown Association who they are and impact in Ankeny

Mar 12, 2024

[Rotary Club Assembly](#)

Mar 19, 2024

[Kevin Stiles](#)

Kevin is the CEO of North Central Poultry Association and will present on the poultry industry.

Apr 02, 2024

[Derek Lord](#)

Ankeny Economic Development

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## Upcoming Events

[Rotary's PolioPlus Night at the Iowa Wolves](#)

Wells Fargo Arena

Feb. 23, 2024

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

["Ankeny Rotary Runs for the Roses"](#)

FFA Enrichment Center

May 04, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

[Graduation Celebration & Farewell Party for Sofia](#)

Sunrise Park

May 28, 2024

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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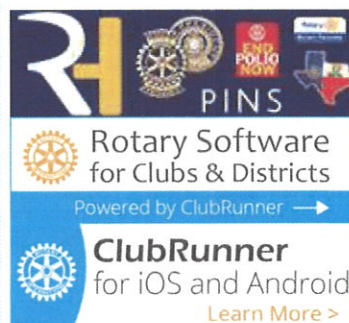


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## Articles

### We Need Your Help to Obtain Auction Items



We need your help in making the ask for auction items for our **"Rotary Runs For the Roses"** fundraiser to be held on **Saturday, May 4th**. To make this year's fundraiser another success, we need each member to donate an item or obtain an item from a non-Rotarian. If you donated an auction item last year, please consider donating again this year and if you obtained an item from a local business last year, please contact them again this year. It would also be great to have some new items from businesses that have not contributed in the past. ***We know they will not submit an item if no one asks them.***

We are planning to auction a **"Wall of Wine"** again this year. If each member can donate one or two bottle(s), we will have plenty of wine. Your bottle(s) may also be brought to a meeting and given to Rich, Nate, or Ann Wright.

All auction items, unless too big to be easily moved, will be stored in Rich Job's basement. Upon receipt of the item, please bring it to a noon meeting and give it to Rich, or Nate or to an evening meeting and give it to Ann Wright. Also, provide the following information for each item:

- Name of Rotarian obtaining the item
- Name of the donor
- Contact information for the donor, if necessary to contact to pick up the item or use their services
- Brief description (if not obvious) of the item including any expiration date, details of how to use, etc.
- Approximate retail value of the item
- Any required minimum bid

If an item is too large to easily take it to Rich's basement, it may be delivered to the FFA Center by the donor at approximately 9:00 AM the morning of the event, but a picture of the item and the other information needs to be submitted.

It is our goal for all auction items to be in hand by **Tuesday, April 2nd**, which will give the committee time to take pictures, package the items, enter the descriptions onto our web site, and get the program to the **printer by April 25th**. Good luck in your efforts to obtain auction items.

### February Rotary Board Meeting



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

**When:** Thursday, February 8th  
**Time:** 12:00 PM

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

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

### February Rotarian Birthdays

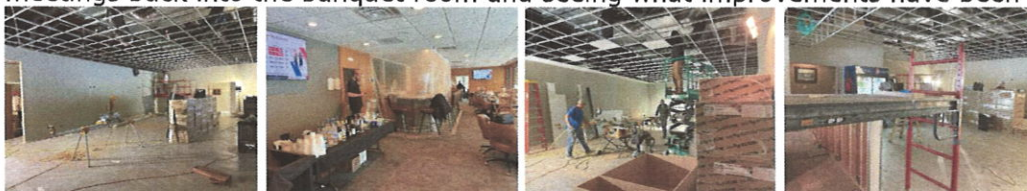
The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in February:

2nd - Mike Goedeke  
 4th - Jim Blessman  
 8th - Terry Peter  
 12th - Kris Baker  
 17th - Andy Schnurr  
 26th - Steve SchraderBachar

28th - Gabe Moore

### AG&CC Remodeling Progressing Well

Remodeling of the banquet room at the **Ankeny Golf & Country Club** began in early January and was expected to be completed by mid March. It now looks like the remodeling could be completed by the first of March. We are looking forward to being able to move our meetings back into the banquet room and seeing what improvements have been made.



### President SchraderBachar Accepts Assistant Governor's Position



President **Steve SchraderBachar** has accepted a request from District Governor Elect to join his District leadership team by serving a 3-year term as Assistant Governor for District 6000 beginning July 1, 2024. He will be providing support to the **Johnston, Ames Noon, and East Polk Clubs**. **Marie Pipes, from the East Polk Rotary Club**, has been assigned the Assistant Governor position to assist the Rotary Club of Ankeny for next year.

### Joe Kirby Recognized as Major Donor

**Joe Kirby** was recognized as having achieved the level of **"Major Donor"** to the Rotary Foundation by President SchraderBachar on January 31st. The Rotary Foundation recognizes individuals or couples whose combined giving has reached \$10,000 regardless of the gift designation. This recognition level can be achieved only through personal contributions and not through recognition points. Steve presented Joe with a crystal recognition piece and pin commemorating Joe's contribution. Other "Major Donors" in our club include Jim Blessman, Nate & Annette Burnham, Neil & Kathy Fell, Sally Schroeder, Zane Smith, and Steve SchraderBachar

***Congratulations Joe, and thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation!***

### Wehr and Job Reach the Next Level

**Todd Wehr** recently achieved the level of Paul Harris + 2 and **Rich Job** the level of Paul Harris + 5 through their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Each level represents a contribution to the Rotary Foundation of an additional \$1,000. President Steve SchraderBachar recognized them at the regular meeting on January 16th with a PHF pin with two sapphire stones for Todd and a pin with five sapphire stones for Rich. ***Congratulations Todd and Rich!***





## Todd Eipperle Becomes Paul Harris +2



Todd Eipperle was recognized by President SchraderBachar during the January 16th meeting for having achieved the level of Paul Harris + 2. An individual receives recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow for contributing \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. They then receive recognition for each additional \$1,000 donated. This means Todd has donated over \$3,000 to the Foundation.

***Congratulations Todd and thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation!***

## Polio Plus Night at the Iowa Wolves



The Iowa Wolves have again agreed to join with the Des Moines metro Rotary clubs in a fund raiser to assist our Polio Plus campaign. The details include:

**When:** Friday, February 23, 2024, 7:00 PM  
**Where:** Wells Fargo Arena  
**Who:** Iowa Wolves vs. Rio Grande Vipers  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per ticket  
**Why:** The Iowa Wolves will give back \$10 per ticket to clubs for

Polio Plus

The ticket cost will be added to the members April invoice. The club will forward \$10 to the Iowa Wolves and the other \$10 to RI in the member's name for Polio Plus. All contributions to the Polio Plus campaign are matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, two to one which means your \$10 donation becomes \$30. If you would like to purchase tickets, please sign up at a meeting or let Nate, [nfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:nfburnham@gmail.com) know how many tickets you would like. If you cannot attend consider purchasing tickets to be given to a friend, employee or to be given to a local charity. **The deadline to purchase tickets is February 13th.**

## Rotary Theme for 2024-2025



Our 2024-25 Rotary International President-Elect, Stephanie Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, announced at the International Assembly, the theme Rotary theme for her year as Rotary International President will be ***The magic of Rotary***. She said, "I saw the magic of Rotary on display when I was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end. One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, '***Show me the magic again***'. Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life."

## Welcome New Corporate Member ACSD

The **Ankeny Community School District** has joined the Rotary Club of Ankeny as a "Corporate Member". Inducted into the Club on January 16th were **Darin Haack**, Assistant Superintendent, **Amy Dittmar**, Assistant Superintendent, **Katie Clacy**, Ankeny School Board President and **Dr. Erick Pruitt**, Superintendent. A fifth member, **Jessie Dirks**, Chief Officer of Legal Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, was inducted on January 23rd.

***Welcome Dr. Pruitt, Darin, Amy, Katie and Jessica!!***





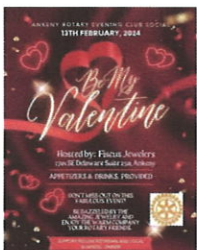
### Welcome Jessica Dirks



**Jessica Dirks** is the Chief Officer of Legal Affairs and Strategic Initiatives for the Ankeny Community School District. She was not able to attend the January 9th when the **Ankeny Community School District** was inducted as a corporate member. Jessica was inducted the next week, January 16th.

*Welcome Jessica!*

### Valentine Social



Members of the Noon Ankeny Rotary Club are invited to join Evening Club members on **February 13th** at **Fiscus Jewelers**, 1701 SE Delaware, Suite 250, at 6:00 PM for a **"Be My Valentine"** social. Appetizers and drinks will be provided.

### Nancy Strutzenberg - Prospective New Member



Kent Patterson has proposed Nancy Strutzenberg for membership to the Club and our Board has approved her application. Nancy is the Director of Philanthropy for Lutheran Services of Iowa. LSI is an affiliated ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and a member of Lutheran Services in America. They serve people of all ages,

abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, and sexual orientations.

Comments regarding this proposed membership may be directed to any Board member.

### Sofia Presents a Banner to the Club



The Club's 2023-2024 Rotary Youth Exchange Student, **Sofia Aberturas Puga**, from Madrid Spain, presented a banner from her home club to President Steve SchraderBachar at the meeting on January 16th. Thank you Sofia for the banner and for being an incredible exchange student!

### Ode To A Volunteer

Many will be shocked to find, When the Day of Judgment nears  
That there's a special place in heaven, Set aside for volunteers.  
Furnished with big recliners, Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there's no committee chairman, No group leaders or car pools,  
No eager team that needs a coach, No bazaar and no bake sale.  
There will be nothing to staple, Not one thing to fold or mail  
Telephone lists will be outlawed, But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners, And rare treats fit for a king.  
You ask, who'll serve these privileged few, And work for all they're worth?  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits, And not once volunteered on earth.  
*- Unknown Author*

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