

"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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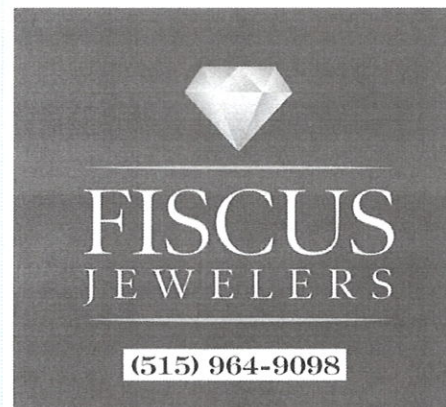


[Venue Map](#)

Rotarians scheduled to be the Greeter & Sheriff are:

Mar. 5 - Andy Schnurr
Mar. 12 - Sally Schroeder
Mar. 19 - Kathy Sibbel
Mar. 26 - Joe Smeltzer
Apr. 2 - William Strong
Apr. 9 - Brian Tiernan
Apr. 16 - Todd Wehr
Apr. 23 - Bryce Whitaker

Sponsors



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Burnham for
information on how
to become a website
sponsor.**

Apr. 30 - Nancy Zwickel

Speakers

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.

Mar 26, 2024

[Dave Lane](#)

Prairie Trail Sports Complex

Apr 02, 2024

[Derek Lord](#)

Ankeny Economic Development

Apr 09, 2024

[Trish Kellow](#)

Elev8TalentGroup

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Upcoming Events

[District 6000 "Celebration"](#)

Pella Opera House

Apr. 20, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 9:00 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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Articles

"Rotary Runs For the Roses"



The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** and **Rotary Club of Ankeny Evening's** 13th annual Dinner/Fundraiser/Auction **"Rotary Runs for the Roses"** will be held on **Saturday, May 4th** at the FFA Enrichment Center on the DMACC campus in Ankeny.

The event will begin at 4:00 PM with social time and the opportunity to watch live racing on the big screen, 17' x 10', including the **Kentucky Derby** at approximately 5:35 PM.

Complimentary wine and beer and specialty drinks will be available throughout the evening as well as feeding stations for all guests. Guests will have the opportunity to pick their favorite horse and have a chance to win prizes. In addition to a silent auction, a program including **"Heads or Tails"**, paddle raisers to benefit two local non-profit organizations, and a live auction will begin at 7:00 PM.

The proceeds from this event will be utilized by the **Ankeny Rotary Clubs** in their continued support of local and international projects. Each year, the Ankeny Rotary Clubs provide hundreds of hours of volunteer support for numerous local events and fundraisers and contributes **\$50,000 - \$60,000** to local charities and service projects. Their web sites are Ankenyrotary.org and Ankenyeveningrotary.org.

Individual tickets are \$75 each or reserve a table of eight for \$550. Tickets and sponsorships may be purchased from any Ankeny Rotarian or on-line at <https://bidpartner.net/rotary/>. The available sponsorships are:

- **Triple Crown Sponsorship** – Two tables each for eight guests. priority seating, table side champagne/wine service, photo booth sponsor, priority recognition on the on-line bidding platform and on the marketing and event signage, full-page ad in program booklet - **\$5,000**
- **Winner's Circle Sponsorship** – Two tables each for eight guests, priority seating, recognition on the on-line bidding platform and on the marketing and event signage, half-page ad in program booklet - **\$2,500**
- **Garland of Roses Sponsorship** – One table for eight guests with priority seating, recognition on the on-line bidding platform and on the marketing and event signage - **\$1,000**

Auction items small or large may also be donated by contacting any Ankeny Rotarian or emailing Ann at annwright7@msn.com or Nate at nfburnham@gmail.com. Larger items will be sold during the live auction and smaller items will be sold during the silent auction or packaged with other items. All donors will be recognized in the auction program.

March Rotarian Birthdays

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate birthdays in March:

7th - Andrew Larson
8th - Craig Block



9th - Trent Murphy
12th - Zane Smith
18th - Stacey Koeppen
25th - Brandon Converse

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.

The committee plans to meet to start packaging and taking pictures for our web site on **Thursday, March 28th** and 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.

March Rotary Board Meeting



Due to Spring break, the March Board meeting for the Rotary Club of Ankeny will be one week earlier than usual on the first Thursday as follows:

When: Thursday, March 7th
Time: 12:00 PM

Where: Wig & Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

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

Todd Eipperle to Retire From Boy Scouts

Scouting has been a way of life for **Todd Eipperle**. So much so that he went from a second-grade member of the Boy Scouts to the field director and annual giving director of

the Boy Scouts of America - Mid-Iowa Council. Now he is preparing to end that chapter of his scouting career and **"sail off into retirement"** on March 31, 2024, after 20 years. Camp Mitigwa will honor Todd for his years of service by naming the proving grounds, previously the Eagle Academy, after him. The **Eipperle Proving Grounds** will consist of two acres within the 450-acre campgrounds.

Through Todd's leadership and a grassroots effort, attendance at Camp Mitigwa increased significantly, surpassing the goal set for the camp's 90th anniversary. He also created The Eagle Academy, a new program for first-year Scouts. This program emphasized the patrol method, which is important during the first year. Scouts in the method participate in group living and citizenship. It places them in smaller groups to allow the Scouts to relate to one another, and they elect representatives. Scouts are also encouraged to rise in the ranks and receive merit badges.

This is not Todd's first retirement. He retired from a 40-year career in the Iowa national Guard and United States Army Reserve in October 2023. He and Julie have bought an RV and plan to use it to travel across the nation, using RV lots which are for military use only. When asked to sum up his career in three words, Todd responded with, **"Honored to serve."**

The Rotary Club of Ankeny has made a donation of \$2,500 to the Boy Scouts of America - Mid-Iowa Council for the Eipperle Proving Grounds.

Congratulation Todd, and good luck in your retirement!



Welcome New Members Nancy & Amy



On February 6th **Nancy Strutzenberg** was inducted into the Rotary Club of Ankeny and **Amy Ratekin** was recognized for transferring her membership from the Rotary Club of Des Moines AM to Ankeny. 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.

Amy is the Founder and CEO of "Spread Your Wings" which empowers youth ages 5-18 to improve their mental health, create positive interactions, increase self esteem, build self-confidence, learn self defense skills, and strengthen the body to live their best lives.

Prospective New Member - Troy Boelman



Troy Boelman was a member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny from 2006 - 2022 and served as the Club's president in 2009-2010. He left the club due to a job change. Now after another another change, he has submitted an application to rejoin the club. He is currently the VP of Commercial Lending at American Bank & Trust. The Board has approved his application.

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

Rotarians Recognized at Chamber Annual Dinner

The 2024 Ankeny Chamber's Annual Dinner was held on February 15th. Several individuals were recognized for their hard work in making Ankeny a better place to live. Two of the award recipients are Ankeny Rotarians. **Tony Mills** was recognized as the **"Employee of the Year"**, and **Doug Beech** was named the recipient of the **"Lifetime Impact Award"**.

Tony is the owner of Apex Sway and an integral person in the Karl Auto Group. He was described as having a huge heart for Ankeny and being vital to its continuous success. He is a person of action and can be seen all over The District at Prairie Trail working multiple events. He strives to make Ankeny a better place to live, work, and play.

Doug received this prestigious award for over 30 years of accomplishments and contributions to the Ankeny including Church, Rotary, Civil Service commission, Ankeny Economic Development Corporation, variety of Iowa Board of Directors, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Economic Development Board, Iowa Business Council, Polk County Tax Credit Association, and Iowa Association of Business & Industry. He also acted as co-chair of the Ankeny Market Pavilion and was chair of the Ankeny Chamber.

Congratulations Tony and Doug!



Prospective New Corporate member - Ankeny Sanitation



The Board has received and approved an application for a corporate membership from **Ankeny Sanitation**. Current member **Andrew Larson** will be the "Primary Contact", **Juli Accola**, Sr. Commercial Sales Representative, **Dave Massey**, General Manager, and **Michelle Bowden**, Commercial Sales Representative will be the other three members.

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

Salvation Army Recognizes Ankeny Rotary



The Noon and Evening Ankeny Rotary Clubs received a **"Bell Ringer Award"** for being one of the **top 5 producers** during their ringing session on December 9th. **Todd Eipperle** and **Anne Porter** attended the Spirit of Christmas Awards luncheon on February 21st to accept the award.

Evening club members rang the bell at the north HyVee store and collected \$723.28. The bell was rung by noon club members at the Prairie Trail store and collected \$341.96. With an additional \$1,000 donated by the noon club, the total raised was **\$2,065.24**. Thank you to everyone that took time to Ring the Bell and to **Anne Porter** for organizing the service project.

Remodeling at Ankeny Golf & Country Club Completed

The Ankeny Golf & Country Club has completed their remodeling and the noon club is now meeting in the newly remodeled banquet space. There are now two TV's for projecting speaker presentations, access to the bar from the dining room, new drop ceiling and lighting, carpeting, a hallway separating the room from the main entrance and new tables and chairs. If you have missed recent meetings, be sure to attend and check out the new

meeting room.



District 6000 Celebration - April 20, 2024



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

The 2024 District 6000 annual conference will be a **"Celebration of Creating HOPE"** here in Iowa and across the world this Rotary year. **The celebration will be held in Pella on April 20th from 10AM until 9PM.** It will be a day filled with activities including hearing from our **Tom Narak Memorial Four Way Test Speech Contest** winners, awards presentations and speakers on a variety of subjects. Additional highlights of the day will be the flag ceremony featuring our International Exchange Students and live, silent, and dessert auctions to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.

Registration is open at Rotary6000.org and early registration is just \$100 until March 15 which includes lunch and dinner.

Girls Scouts Present to Rotary

On February 13th the Club was treated to a presentation by the Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa. Karley Rehman and CEO Beth Sheldon, talked about the Girl Scouts and their annual cookie drive. They, of course also brought cookies for the members to purchase following the meeting.



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