

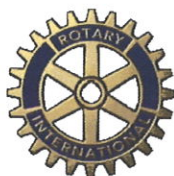
# "The Ratchet"

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

[Send Email to Club](#)

 [District Site](#)

 [Venue Map](#)

## Speakers

Nov 07, 2023

[Noon - Majors Dan and Jolene Hull](#)

Iowa Salvation Army

Nov 14, 2023

[Noon - Terry Branstad](#)

Ambassador to China - Terry will speak on his experience

Nov 21, 2023

[Noon - Michael Mertz, Amy Steenhoek, Carrie Wempen](#)

Ankeny Orbis + Future Business Leads of America Students

Nov 28, 2023

[Noon - Monica Converse and Jen Cross - ICON](#)

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

November 7 - Dave Mercer  
November 14 - Damon Miller  
November 21 - Tony Mills  
November 28 - Del Mohler  
December 5 - Gabe Moore  
December 12 - **No Meeting**  
**Xmas Social on Dec. 11th**  
December - 19 - Shay Moore  
December 26 - **No Meeting**

## Sponsors



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

ICON Water Trails

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](#)

Dec 26, 2023

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

Jan 02, 2024

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

[View entire list](#)



Interested in being a sponsor?

[Download the website sponsorship guide](#)

## Upcoming Events

[2023 Christmas Social](#)

Briarwood Golf Club

Dec 11, 2023

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

[View entire list](#)



## Articles

### [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**



## November Rotarian Birthdays

The following Ankeny Rotarians will celebrate Birthdays in November:



4th - Nate Burnham  
8th - Julie Mangels  
9th - Rebecca Porkorny  
11th - Laura Kilian Luetje  
12th - Jim Foreman  
12th - Tony Mills  
25th - Jan Franck  
25th - Del Mohler  
26th - Kathy Sibbel

## November Rotary Board Meeting



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

**When:** Thursday, November 9th

**Time:** 12:00 PM

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

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

## Todd Eipperle's Retirement Open House

After 40 years of service, Todd Eipperle has retired from the US Army Reserves and all Rotarians are invited to attend an open house reception in his honor on **Saturday, November 11th**, from **2:00 PM to 5:00 PM** at **Magee's Irish Pub & Eatery - The King's Head**, 1610 SW Main St. There will be a short program at 3:00 PM. **Plan to attend and help honor fellow Rotarian Todd Eipperle.**



November 1983



## OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION



SGM Todd Eipperle

is Retiring from

Military Service

Help us Celebrate

October 2023



Saturday November 11, 2023  
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Magee's Irish Pub & Eatery  
The King's Head  
1610 SW Main St, Ankeny IA 50023

## Paddle Raiser Nominations Due by November 15, 2023

The committee for the 2024 Ankeny Rotary fundraiser has decided there will be two "Paddle Raisers" at the **"Ankeny Rotary Runs for the Roses"** to be held on May 4, 2024. The two organizations selected will be given two complimentary tickets to the event and will be asked to make a brief presentation to describe their mission. The auctioneer will then ask

203

the guests to raise their paddles to make donations to these two organizations and the total funds raised will be split equally between the two.

Club members are invited to nominate a non-profit to be one of these paddle raisers by completing a nomination form that will be available at the weekly meeting on October 10th. All nominations are to be forwarded to Noel Fiscus at [Noel@fiscusdiamond.com](mailto:Noel@fiscusdiamond.com) prior to **November 15, 2023**.

Club members will then have the opportunity to vote on the nominations to make the selection of the two paddle raisers for the fundraiser.

### Jenny Fields to be President 2026-2027



**President Steve Schrader** announced at the meeting on October 3rd that **Jenny Fields** has agreed to become the Club President for the 2026-2027 Rotary year. She will follow **Kent Patterson, 2024-2025** and **Brandon Converse, 2025-2026**. Jenny is the Associate Director of Relationship Events for the Iowa Alzheimer's Association and is currently serving on the Club's Board of Directors as the Chair of the Public Relations Committee.

***Congratulations Jenny!***

### RYE Student Speaks at Rotary Meetings



Ankeny's 2023-2024 Rotary Youth Exchange student, Sofia Aberturas Puga was the guest speaker at the noon Rotary meeting on Tuesday, October 24th and also spoke to the Evening Club on October 31st. She is attending Ankeny Centennial High School and is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Sofia's first host family is Steve and Brenda Wieneke. The second will be the Bill and Victoria Ogier's family. The final will be the Jason and Jacquelyn Duke's family.

Sofia shared her experiences, in Iowa, so far, including getting to attend her first homecoming. In her home city of Madrid, Spain, her school doesn't have homecoming or prom and she was looking forward to experiencing that here in the US. Sofia also shared much about her culture, family and local Rotary club. Sofia enjoys volleyball, basketball, cooking, hanging out with friends, and trying new foods. She is very much looking forward to attending a 28 day United States bus tour along with other Rotary exchange students in mid-June through mid-July 2024 next summer.

### Halloween at Rotary

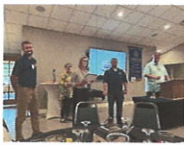
Ankeny Rotarians attended a Halloween social, in full costume, at Magee's Irish Pub on October 24th. The Grim Reaper was recognized as being the best costume. Then several members wore costumes to the noon meeting on Halloween, October 31st.



### Welcome New Member Joseph Herst

**Joseph Herst**, the Director of Development for Special Olympics, Iowa was inducted into the Rotary Club of Ankeny on October 3, 2023. He was sponsored for membership by Brandon Converse.





**Welcome Joseph!**

### Welcome New Member William Strong



**William C. Strong**, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Ankeny on October 24th. He is a Partner in the law firm of **Lamberti, Kilian Luetje, & Strong** and will be an additional member of the corporate membership in the Club. **Laura Kilian Luetje**, Managing Partner, was an Active member of the club and will be the primary contact for the corporate member.

**Welcome William!**

### Murder Mystery Dinner

On Friday, November 3, 2023 the Rotary Club of Ankeny Evening hosted 8 guests for a **Murder Mystery Dinner** at the home of Steve & Brenda Wieneke. This was a silent auction item from the Fundraiser last April. **Doug Beech** and friends had a great time!

The theme was Mardi Gras and the guests had fun trying to figure out who the murderer was. The guests dressed in costumes which made the night even more fun. A special thank you to **Noel & Amanda Fiscus, Victoria & Bill Ogier, Marie Kline, Sofia Aberturas**, and **Steve & Brenda Wieneke** for helping host this event. Also a special thank you to **Cathy Maher** and **Ann & Doug Wright** for donating items for the evening.

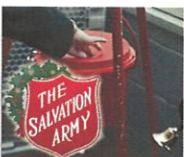


### Hans Wins the Pot



We were down to eleven cards left in the deck and **Hans Hoeksema** had his number drawn. He chose to gamble on drawing one of the cards instead of choosing the sure \$10 gift card from Tim's Amoco. His gamble paid off when he drew the Jocker and won the pot worth \$250. Then when a second ticket was drawn for the gift card, Hans had that winning tickets too!! **Congratulations Hans!!!**

### Rotary Ring Day - December 9th



The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** will be ringing bells for our local Salvation Army units this holiday season on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the South Ankeny Hy-Vee**, 2510 SW State St., from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Evening Club will be ringing the bell at the North HyVee. We would like two people to sign up for each shift. You can sign up your spouse, child, co-worker, or a friend to work with you, as long as there is at least one adult for each shift. Please include the best phone number to reach you. To sign up, you can go to the Sign-Up-Genius link below or put you name on the sign-up sheet that will be available at the next few Rotary meetings.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DA9AA2EA7FD0-45608428-salvation>

**"Service Above Self"**