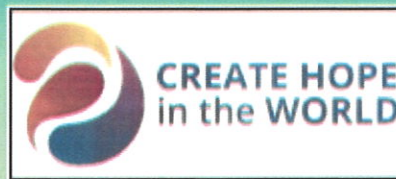


"The Ratchet"

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](#)



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Speakers

Sep 05, 2023

[Noon - Victoria Ogier - Good Trip Travel Co](#)

Travel Trends Now Post Pandemic : Dynamic Pricing Models

Sep 12, 2023

[Noon - Rotary Club Assembly](#)

Sep 19, 2023

Rotarians scheduled to be the Greeter & Sheriff are:

Sept. 5 - Hans Hoeksema
Sept. 12 - Rich Job
Sept. 19 - Stacey Koeppen
Sept. 26 - Heidi Kramer
October 3 - Joe Kirby
October 10 - Mark Land
October 17 - Laura Luetje
October 24 - Andrew Larson
October 31 - Julie Mangels

Sponsors



[Noon - District 6000 Governor: Dennis Drager](#)

District Governor Visit and Update

Sep 26, 2023

[Noon - Dr. Erick Pruitt-Ankeny CSD Superintendent](#)

Update from Ankeny Community School District

Oct 03, 2023

[Noon - Randy Renze](#)

Randy speaking about World Food Prize activities

Oct 10, 2023

[Noon - Gavin Sandvig](#)

Gavin Sandvig - Grow Solar Program

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[Contact Nate Burnham for information on how to become a website sponsor.](#)



Interested in being a sponsor?

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Articles

[September Rotary Board Meeting](#)



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

When: Thursday, September 14th

Time: 12:00 PM

Where: Wig & Pen, 2005 South Ankeny Blvd.

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

[September Rotarian Birthdays](#)



During the first meeting of each month President ShraderBachar has been recognizing members that will be celebrating a birthday that month. Members with birthdays in September will be recognized at our regular meeting on September 5th (the day after Labor Day). If you are on the following list of Ankeny Rotarians celebrating a birthday in September, please plan to attend so you can be recognized.

2nd - Hans Hoeksema
7th - Teri Crist
7th - Tom Friedman
7th - Mark Martin
7th - Scott Obstarczyk
8th - Bradley Butin
8th - Kent Patterson
9th - Jacquelyn Duke
13th - Adam Boeding
16th - Todd Wehr
20th - Kevin Brooks
25th - Amber Weger
29th - Tim Hawkins

Save the Date - 2024 Ankeny Rotary Fundraiser - May 4, 2024

The theme, date and venue have been set for Ankeny Rotary's next fundraiser. It will be:

Theme: **Kentucky Derby**

Date: Saturday May 4, 2024

Location: FFA enrichment Center on the DMACC campus

Time: 4:00 PM to approximately 8:30 PM

Committees are beginning to meet to work on other details including decorations, auction, program, publicity, menu, registration, ticket sales, and more. Please let Brian Tiernan know which committee you would like to serve on and **SAVE THE DATE!**



Sofia Has Arrived!

Ankeny's Rotary Exchange student for 2023-2024 is **Sofia Aberturas Puga**, from Madrid Spain. She arrived on August 15th and will be attending Ankeny Centennial High School. She will be in the 11th grade. Sofia enjoys volleyball, basketball, cooking, hanging out with



friends, and trying new foods. The Rotary Club of Ankeny and Rotary Club of Ankeny Evening are sponsoring Sofia this school year. Sofia's first host family is **Steve and Brenda Wieneke**. The second host will be the **Bill and Victoria Ogier** family and her final host family will be the **Jason and Jacquelyn Duke** family. Sofia is looking forward to attending a 28-day United States bus tour along with other Rotary exchange students mid-June through mid-July 2024 before returning home to Madrid.

Amy Ratekin Named Honorary Member



Amy Ratekin, the Founder and CEO of Spread Your Wings, was the guest speaker at the noon Rotary meeting on August 29th. Spread Your Wings empowers youth, ages 5-18, to improve their mental health, create positive social interactions, increase self-esteem, build self-confidence, learn self-defense skills, and strengthen the body to live their best lives.

Following her talk, President SchraderBachar presented her with a certificate naming her an "Honorary" member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny. Amy is an Active member of the Des Moines AM club but has been regularly attending meetings in Ankeny. She does not wish to transfer her membership from the Des Moines club since she wants to maintain the relationships she has built there but does plan to continue attending meetings in Ankeny. An individual cannot be an "Active" member of two clubs at one time, but they can be an "Active" member of one club and an "Honorary" member of a second club. She has already volunteered to assist with our 2024 fundraiser.

Congratulations Amy and welcome to the Rotary Club of Ankeny!

Prospective New Members



Nancy Zwickel is a Private Banking Officer for First Interstate Bank and an Active member of the Rotary Club of Ankeny. First Interstate Bank would like to become a corporate member and bring three additional employees into Rotary.

Rebecca Pokorny is the Retail Manager and will be the "Primary Member". **Bryce Whitaker** is a Financial Advisor and **Bob Jurgensen** is a Commercial Relationship Manager.

The Board has approved this application. Comments regarding these prospective new members may be forwarded to any Board member.

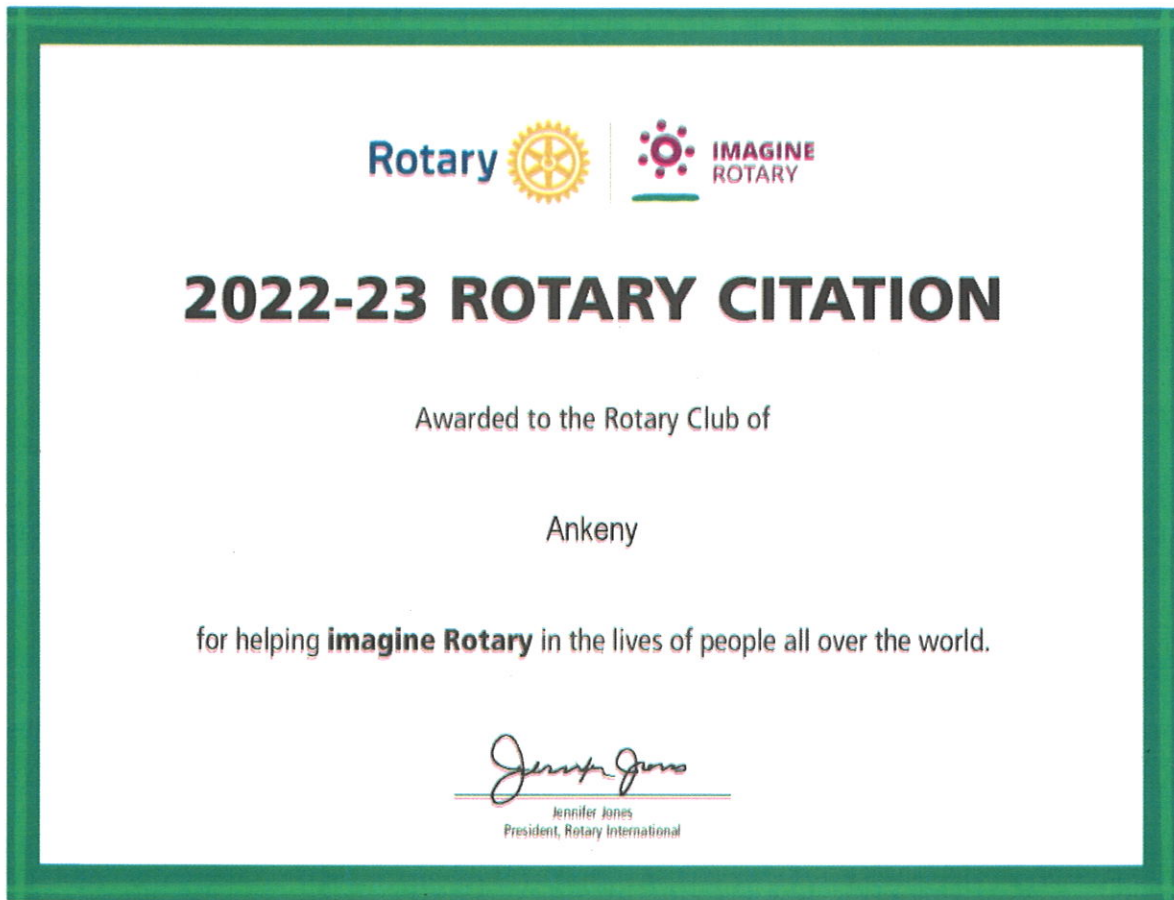
Rotary Club of Ankeny Receives Rotary Citation *Again!!*

The "**Rotary Citation**" recognizes Rotary clubs that support Rotary's strategic priorities by completing certain activities during the year. The Rotary Club of Ankeny has received this award for Brian Tiernan and Jeff Magner's term as Presidents during the 2022-2023 Rotary year. This marks the **eight consecutive year** that Ankeny has received this honor. Ankeny was one of ten clubs of the 66 in District 6000 to receive this award for the 2022-2023 year.

In 2022-2023 RI President's email forwarding the citation, she stated:

*Dear 2022-2023 Club President,
Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2022-2023. This past year, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future. Please find your Citation in this folder. I encourage you to display it proudly to celebrate your club's achievement. Once again, congratulations on a successful year as Club President!*

Thank you to Brian and Jeff for their leadership during the past year, and congratulations to the all members of the Rotary Club of Ankeny!!



First Annual Rotary Chili Cookoff



The Evening Ankeny Rotary Club will be holding its first **Chili Cookoff on Tuesday September 12th** at the home of Cathy and Shannon Maher. Noon club members are welcome and encouraged to join in the fun. There will be only 10 chili entries accepted and anyone wishing to compete needs to register their entry. Please sign up on "Sign Up Genesis" using this link if you would like to enter your chili or plan to attend:

[Rotary: Rotary Chili Cook-off \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

You do not need to bring chili or anything except your own drink and a chair if you plan to attend, just come and be a part of the judging and the fun, but please register so the hosts have a head count.

Christmas Social to be December 12th



The social committee has selected Tuesday evening, December 12th as the date for the Club's 2024 Christmas social. More details will be coming, but save the date and plan to attend.

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