

History

In 1968, Milt Aunan, a Rotarian from Bettendorf, IA was transferred to Ankeny. With the help of the District Governor's office and the N.W. Rotary Club in Des Moines, Milt recruited 27 members to be the founders of the **Rotary Club of Ankeny**. The first official meeting was held on January 19, 1973.

Originally, meetings were held at the Best Western Inn at the corner of Delaware and First St. The club has been meeting at noon on Tuesdays at the **Ankeny Golf & Country Club** since 2002.

In 2012, the Club established a "Satellite Group" to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 P.M. Now members have the opportunity to meet on Tuesdays at noon or in the evening.

Today, the Rotary Club of Ankeny consists of over 100 members from the business community who participate in many community service projects.

Mission of Rotary

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



Service
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Rotary Club of Ankeny



Face Book page; www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofankeny/

Web Site; www.ankenyrotary.org

Meetings are held each Tuesday:

NOON
AG&CC
314 SW Irvinedale Dr.
Ankeny, IA 50023
Phone: 515-238-6589

EVENING—6:00 PM
Various locations
depending on the
program or events
Phone: 515-468-8079

The Object of Rotary

is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united.

The Rotarian's 4-Way Test

of the things we think, say or do;

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and better **FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Ankeny!

The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** is part of Rotary International which is made up of over 36,400 local Rotary Clubs in 221 countries. Nearly 1.2 million business and professional leaders are Rotarians. Rotary is the world's first service club having been formed in Chicago in 1905 by Paul P. Harris. The Rotary name came from the early practice of rotating meeting sites among members' offices.

Benefits of Membership

Members of the **Rotary Club of Ankeny** have the opportunity to network other club members and guest speakers and have the opportunity to participate in local and international service activities. Rotarian family members may participate in exchange and educational programs sponsored by Rotary. The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** also sponsors many member outings and service projects.

Local Service Projects

Some projects of Ankeny Rotarians include: Summerfest parade lineup and golf ball drop, Clean Up Days, Ankeny Service Center, Operation Warm Coats, Dollars for Scholars, Ankeny Market Pavilion, Maintenance of plantings around the Ankeny Band Shell, Reading with 1st grade students, and several international projects.



Annual fundraiser supports the community.

Join the Rotary Club of Ankeny

There is one Rotary Club in Ankeny. Members choose to participate in either the noon or evening group. If you are interested in joining either group, a **Prospective Member** form needs to be submitted. Forms are available from any Ankeny Rotarian or on the **Rotary Club of Ankeny's** web site, www.ankenyrotary.org. Individuals must be sponsored or proposed for membership into a club and membership is contingent on Board approval.

Prospective members should hold, or be retired from, a professional, executive, managerial or community position; have demonstrated a commitment to service; be able to attend weekly meetings as well as community projects; and live or work in the area.

When your application has been accepted, you will be inducted at a weekly meeting and formally introduced as a new member of the **Rotary Club of Ankeny**.

Membership Dues

Dues for the noon group are \$700 per year, which includes lunches. Dues for the evening group are \$240 per year, which does not include any meals. All members are strongly encouraged to participate in the Paul Harris Fellowship with annual contributions. Most members contribute a minimum of \$100 per year.



Ankeny Rotarians helping with Ankeny clean up days.



Ankeny Market Pavilion

The **Rotary Club of Ankeny** took the lead in a joint venture with the City of Ankeny, the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ankeny Uptown Association in the fundraising and construction of the Ankeny Market Pavilion. Construction on this \$2.4 million addition to Ankeny began in 2015 and was completed in 2017.



Ankeny band shell was also a Rotary project.

Global Polio Eradication

Rotary launched its **"PolioPlus"** program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication, in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners have helped reduce the number of annual cases from 350,000 to fewer than 100 and remain committed until every child is safe from the disease. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advisory efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$9 billion to this effort.

***We Look Forward to
You Joining Us!***