



Rotary Club of Grand Junction
P.O. Box 1888
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Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary

Club 1167

Chartered September 11, 1919

Founded June 17, 1919

District 5470

UPCOMING DATES

Meetings/Programs

Program Committee

Steve Schultz, Chair

Upcoming Programs

9/9/20 **Bernie Buescher, Why Western Colorado needs Gallagher Reform**

9/16/20 **Dr. Amy Bronson, CMU's Safe Together, Strong Together Initiative**

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Call for Donations

Rotary Clubs of the Grand Valley

Books of Their Own: 1st Grade Literacy Program

What: Delivering two-to-three "emergent, high interest" books to every 1st Grader in the Grand Valley

When: By this Thanksgiving

Where: Every Elementary School in the Grand Valley

How: Only with your help

Discussion: One of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus is "Supporting Education" with an emphasis on literacy. To fulfill this Area of Focus, our Club had established a strong tradition of delivering dictionaries to 3rd Graders throughout our community. However, the needs of young students have evolved. Dictionaries are no longer as valuable a tool as they once were, but reading is still paramount to the success of a young student.

Convincing research shows that students who cannot read by the end of the 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school (source: Colorado Department of Education). It has been determined that that the two most powerful factors for increased reading motivation and comprehension are (1) students access to many books and (2) personal choice of what to read" (source: Allington 2012: Guthrie and Humenick, 2004).

Rotary is still dedicated to promoting basic education and literacy. Instead of dictionaries for 3rd graders though, the focus now is to get age-appropriate books into the hands of emerging learners in 1st grade. The Rotary Clubs of the Grand Valley are cooperating with the Mesa Valley County School District to combat the risk of young readers falling behind in their education. This partnership has agreed to provide books to every young reader. District #51 elementary literacy specialists have selected a variety of books that support the phonics instruction and Readers Workshop instruction in all the District's 1st Grade Classrooms.

Board Meetings will be held at 5:00pm every second Wednesday of the month at 744 Horizon Ct. Suite 350, Grand Junction CO

Club Meeting
Wednesday, 12:00 pm,
Bookcliff Country Club

Evening Satellite Club
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm,
Handlebar

Horizon Sunrise
Thursday at 7:15 am,
Bookcliff Country Club

Redlands Rotary
Friday at 12:00 pm,
Two Rivers Convention Center

Palisade Sunrise
Tuesday at 7:15 am,
Wine Country Inn

Rotary Club of Fruita
Tuesday at 12:00 pm,
Fruita Civic Center

Newsletter copy deadline for weekly announcements, letters, stories, program info, etc. is Monday, week of publication, 10 AM

Cover Photo: Colorado National Monument taken from President Tami Beard's back yard.

Through this cooperative program, a selection of texts will be delivered to every 1st grade classroom in the District as well to other private and charter elementary schools, allowing children to choose 2-3 books each that they can take home as "their own."

The five Rotary Clubs of the Grand Valley need to raise approximately \$20,000 for this project to be successful. And we need you to do your part. Consider making a significant donation to the 1st Grade Literacy Program. Since the program is being funded through the Grand Junction Rotary Foundation, it is tax-deductible.

For information, talk to Peter Booth. Give you donation to Sharon Woodward (make sure you check is made out to the Grand Junction Rotary Foundation) or ask her to put the donation on your quarterly bill.

Your Donation Are Needed Now
Thank you

Peter

Thank you to those that have contributed:

Bank of Colorado	Rod Christ	Dave Huerkamp
Tami Beard	Jack Connolly	Bob Johnson
Miffie Blozovich	FCI Constructors, Inc.	Lou Ludington
Peter Booth	Aki Fukai	Wayne Salladé
Fid Braffett	Sheree Fukai	Larry Wild
Dee Brinegar		Sharon Woodward

September 9, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Spokesman
The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin

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2020-2021

"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

Rotary Of Grand Junction:

Bernie Buescher,

Why Western Colorado needs Gallagher Reform

Bernie Buescher is “Of Counsel” with the law firm of Ireland Stapleton Pryor and Pascoe, P.C. A lifetime resident of Grand Junction, Bernie practiced law in Grand Junction with Williams Turner and Holmes for 14 years, and served as President and CEO of West Star Aviation from 1986 through 1995. He served two terms in the Colorado General Assembly and for two years served as Secretary of State for Colorado. For four years Bernie was a Deputy Attorney General, managing the State Services Section of the office. He has served on approximately 40 non-profit boards.



Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as well as support from Western Colorado Community Foundation and many of the organizations on the advisory committee kicked off this assessment and planning. The group contracted with the Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care (CASBHC) to provide assessment and planning. She indicated that the community assessment showed that Grand Junction High School is another candidate for a school-based healthcare center. There is currently no timeline for any other SBHC facilities in District 51 schools.

Happy \$\$\$:

Dan Anderson- Was happy to be back with us and COVID-19 free after a recent battle.

Larry Wild- He was very happy to be at Bookcliff C.C. for our meetings.

Sharon Woodward- Happy \$\$\$ for her friends in Biloxi, MS who were not impacted by Gulf hurricanes. She brought President Tami a beer coozie from Biloxi Beach.

Merritt Kinsey- Gave \$50 happy bucks for his 49 years of marriage to Lois.

Aaron Tice- Gave thanks for those responsible for putting together our move to Bookcliff C.C.

Kelly Anderson- Was happy for a successful GJ Symphony concert and the help he got from Peter Booth.

Barb Bowman- Happy to be back after successful knee-replacement surgery, and starting Banff planning.

Peter Booth- Was happy to help with GJ Symphony concert and to have all kids back in school. Also had a gift for **President Tami**. She got a Texas Longhorn mask and a Moscow mule mug.

Mari Garland- Was also happy to have delivered two kids to college (in Texas) and they’ve tested COVID-free after a quarantine period.

Gwen DiCino- Happy \$\$\$ because she had received a rose from Larry Wild for making sure he got the Spokesman each week.

Tom Benton- Gave \$\$\$ for his 32 years of marriage to his bride Nancy and for a project out of CMU that can take graffiti off of buildings using an environmentally-friendly compound.

Dave Huerkamp- Happy to have had Kristy Schmidt as guest speaker and to be back with everyone.

Michael McCormick- Was happy to have started a new medical billing business and for **Dan Anderson** sharing his struggles with COVID-19. Also was happy to have camped in Idaho, and he brought **President Tami** a mug.

Sam Susuras- Was happy for a week’s stay in Steamboat Springs. He brought our President a tiny stuffed Texas Longhorn.

50-50 Winner:

Aki Fukai held the winning ticket.

Rotary’s Four-Way Test:

President Tami asked the club to lead us in reciting the things we think, say and do as Rotarians.



- 1) President Tami presides over Bookcliff C.C. meeting.
- 2) Our traditional trio belts out the tunes.
- 3) Big turnout for first meeting at Bookcliff C.C.
- 4) Robin Hood Committee makes check presentation to Marillac Health.
- 5) Kristy Schmidt of Marillac Health speaks to our club.



Grand Junction Rotary Spokesman 9.2.2020
By: **Wayne P. Salladé**



BREAKING NEWS- Your Past Presidents Group met last Friday, and in their Board-designated capacity as Nominating Committee, they have brought forward to the Board a slate of proposed future club officers for consideration and those member’s acceptance. Past President’s moderator **Kirk Rider** said in an email to his group, “ Men, ladies, we had a good turnout for our September luncheon today, and acting as the nominating committee, identified wonderful candidates for officers and directors for the coming years. Several PPs commented on the strengths of these members making this one of our easiest nominating sessions ever. I can report that we’ve never had so many leftover unused ballots. Stay tuned for news as we approach these members for their acceptances of our nominations.”

President Tami Beard invited **Joe Kuntz** to offer Our Words of Inspiration. **Joe** shared this thought with us: Everything we see on TV today seems to be about fear and he searched to find a quote that would summarize what is guiding our emotions and our energy, “Fear sometimes is a very helpful thing that keeps us from harm. Many times, it’s an inner voice, a barrier that keeps us stuck. It keeps us from getting what we want and becoming who we honestly deep down want to be. Learning to handle fear and overcome it, even if that’s sometimes just for 10 or 30 seconds, so you can take an important action that’s critical in living your life fully.” **Andy Sweet** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Kelly Anderson was joined by **Merritt Kinsey** and **Chris Unfug**, the first time in many months our frontline trio was together to lead us in singing. Accompanied by **Huey** on piano, our songbirds led us through **God Bless America** and the Beatles **All My Lovin**. We weren’t loving the start, so a redo was called for. You would have thought the Fab Four was in the room we were so good!

Introduction of Guests:

Bob Czarniecki- Welcomed our frequent guest Glenn Miller of the Redlands Rotary.

Jack Connolly – Greeted our speaker, Kristy Schmidt of Marillac Health.

Cliff Anson- Welcomed his guest Eric Leuke.

Bette Laughrun – Welcomed back her Daughter Patsi Day.

Kelly Anderson- Introduced Dan Reid of Support a Soldier.

Chris West- Introduced Matt Leach, a new work associate that recently moved here from Alamosa.

Peter Icenogle- Welcomed his guest, Colorado State Patrolman Jeremiah Fenske.

Announcement:

President Tami- Reminded our members that they must RSVP their attendance our meetings each week. Also added that we must try to maintain social distance and wear masks when not at our tables.

Aaron Tice- Welcomed our club to Bookcliff C.C. (Where he is Vice-President). He asked us to be patient with staff, as our meeting is a challenge for them having to operate under the COVID-19 rules of Mesa County Health department. He indicated they will add folks to the serving line at future meetings. We had twice as many diners at Bookcliff C.C. than we did for our final meeting at Warehouse 2565. He also asked members to help get our outstanding billings of \$5,000 caught up, or he would have to turn **Sharon Woodward** loose on them. That’s the last thing anyone wants to see!

Sheree Fukai- Asked how many members have Facebook accounts and how many have liked our Club FB page. She will be posting something on our page every week in an effort to spread the word of what we (Rotary) are doing in the community, our District and the World.

Walid Bou-Matar- Wanted to thank the club and our Rotary Foundation, along with a number of members, who donated to the relief effort to assist

those impacted in Beirut, Lebanon by the tragic Port of Beirut explosion. The total donation to the Rotary Club of Beirut from our club is \$6,200.

President Tami- Once again reminded our membership that we are still in need of helpers to edit each week’s Club Spokesman. We need just one additional person right now, but the more the merrier! She also asked members to step forward and help with the Sunshine Committee and the Sgt. of Arms duties.

Merritt Kinsey- He invited up **Robert Bray** and **Dave Huerkamp** to receive new Paul Harris pins. Robert received his +4 and **Dave** his +2. **President Tami** is hoping for \$20,000 in donations during her presidency.

Robin Hood Committee Presentation and Program:

Jack Connolly reintroduced Kristy Schmidt, Chief Development Officer for Marillac Health to discuss the new school-based Warrior Wellness Center, located at Central High School. Before her presentation, she was given a check for \$1,250 from our club to assist in their efforts. Marillac follows a team-based model of care in which medical and behavioral health providers partner to facilitate the detection, treatment, and follow-up of mental health or behavioral disorders. This approach promotes overall wellness in patients by treating mental or behavioral health needs together with other health conditions in the primary care setting. It not only improves mental health outcomes but also helps prevent and reduce chronic disease. The impetus for opening a SBHC can be traced to 2017 when our community was rocked by opioid overdoses and several teen suicides. When the Colorado Health Institute published a report on at-risk school populations which pinpointed three D51 schools, local representatives of education, healthcare, government and nonprofits convened in early 2018 to discuss establishing a SBHC. A Planning Grant from the Colorado Department of

Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays
by Jan Pomrenke

We saw him in a biking outfit
With muscles fit to adore
He has other athletic hobbies
Fit for health care and more
The President/CEO of
Community Hospital.... **Chris Thomas**

Born on **September the 4th**
Then next comes a fantastic
member

Bette Laughrun (9-5) AKA our
favorite Bette Boop
She can run the front desk
And stays in the Rotary Loop
Jennette Price (9-8) our Hope
West Exec

She can throw the dice
And will always win the bet
Peter Baier was born
September 12th

He works for Mesa County
But not as an elf....but on a much
higher shelf

Frank DeSantis came along
September 15th
He's in construction but not
under;-)

He builds things about which I
wonder

Next...A jewel among us on
September 18th

We have **Mrs. Beightel-Jarvis**
formerly **Niki Hunn**
If you need diamonds
She probably has some

Billy Diaz celebrates **September 22nd**

He's all about the money
And I wonder
If he has a Honey
Now then.... it's **Happy Birthday** to all
And **later** this month

We will celebrate them **ALL!**
Dee and David will make a plan
For now....just rejoice!
Hallelujah....we can stand!
And celebrate the
Happiest Birthday of all!

