



Rotary Club of Grand Junction  
P.O. Box 1888  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

## 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

5/12/21 Filmmakers Hank Braxtan and Arielle Brachfeld  
5/19/21 Jim Roher – Sears, The Glory Years  
5/26/21 Carma Brown – Challenger Baseball

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

5/12/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club, also available via Zoom  
5/12/21 5:00 PM Board Meeting – 744 Horizon Court Suite 350  
5/19/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club, also available via Zoom  
5/19/21 5:30 PM Evening Group Meeting – The HandleBar  
5/26/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club, also available via Zoom

Board Meetings will be held  
at 5:00 pm 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

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from President Tami Beard's back yard.

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

# The Spokesman

The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin

Nicholas Berry  
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Grand Junction Rotary Club  
Peter Booth, Immediate Past President  
PO Box 1888  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Dear Rotary Club,

I can't make it clear enough how grateful I am for your kindness and generosity in giving me a FULL scholarship to Lamont. I was really worried about how I would raise enough money for the camp, but the nice people at the rotary club met my entire fundraising goal. I'd like to give special appreciation to Mr. Anderson, who graciously gave away concert tickets to everyone who donated. Thank you to all the kind individuals who donated money. Thank you to the board for their generous \$500 scholarship. I'll be sure to send you pictures from the two weeks I will be there.

With sincere appreciation,

*Nicholas Berry*  
Nicholas Berry

April 5, 2021



**Tami Beard**

President  
2020-2021  
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Tami Beard**  
President  
**Kelly Anderson**  
President Elect  
**Gwen DeCino**  
Secretary  
**Aaron Tice**  
Treasurer

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**Barbara Bowman**  
Past Presidents' Representative  
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**Marty Chazen**  
Public Relations & Media

**Miffie Blozvich**  
Community Service  
**Michael Berry**  
Service Projects  
**Dan Anderson**  
Membership Development  
**Sheree Fukai**  
Global Grants

**Chip Ecks**  
District Governor  
**Whitney Smyth-Smith**  
Assistant District Governor  
**Holger Knaak**  
Rotary International President



## Arielle Brachfeld, Grand Junction Filmmakers “Filmmaking and the Creative Economy in the Grand Valley”

Hank Braxtan and Arielle Brachfeld are a film-making couple who have chosen to pursue their career here in Grand Junction. Arielle is an *Emmy*-nominated producer and director of documentary and educational content. She attended the prestigious Denver School of the Arts and performed in the Denver theater scene before shifting to Los Angeles. She became the Film Project Manager for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Arts Branch and kickstarted an industry studio partnership which included creative industry Adopt-A-School, district-wide festivals, community engagement outreach and celebrity and studio mentorship programs. In addition to her film production chops, Arielle has over 100 acting credits in feature films, television, web, and theater. Her partner and husband, Hank, grew up making films in Grand Junction, CO. He attended CU Denver and the Colorado Film School and then went to Los Angeles for twelve years where he produced hundreds of hours of television, directed five feature films with distribution from Lionsgate and Fox. He also produced several feature films distributed by companies such as Sony and A24. He has several *Emmy* nominations, winning three, a *Telly*, as well as a *Clio* for advertising.



Arielle Brachfeld



### Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 5/5/2021 By Michael McCormick

**President Tami Beard** called the meeting to order at Bookcliff Country. **Gail Atkinson** provided words of inspiration from Winston Churchill said we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Gail also shared a Chinese proverb “if you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone.” **President Tami** led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. **Huey Plumleigh, Chris Unfug, Wayne Sallade and Kelly Anderson** led the singing of “My Country Tis of Thee” and “Momma Don’t Let Your Children Grow Up To Be Cowboys”... thank you **Huey, Wayne and Kelly!**

#### Guests

**Rebecca McKenna, Larry Macintosh, Stan Chandler, Andrea Yates, Stan McMullen and Hope Carlson** were the guests of **President Tami**. This group is producing a new television commercial for Bank of the San Juans (President Tami’s employer). President Tami also announced she was giving \$60 happy bucks for her shameless promotion of Bank of the San Juans.

**Whitney Smyth-Smith**, the Assistant District Governor was a guest of the club today. **Hal Heath** introduced our speakers for today’s meeting. Joining us via Zoom was Jesse Pine, Jessica Metcalf and Pam Pine to talk about Shelterbox and its ongoing endeavors around the world. **Sheree Fukai** introduced **Patsy Day** as a guest and soon-to-be new Rotarian and Grand Junction Rotary Club member.

#### Announcements

**Gwen DeCino** announced that it is time to begin work on the annual Grand Junction Rotary Club Directory. Anyone who has suggested changes and updates are encouraged to contact Gwen soon to relay changes and updates to club member profile and contact information.

**Tom Benton** announced that the September 2021 Banff Film Festival committee is meeting next Thursday at 830am at the CMU Mavs Innovation Center.

The Evening Group is meeting tonight at 5:30pm at the Handlebar Brew Pub. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Whitney Smyth-Smith**, Assistant District Governor announced that a



new award has been created, a Rotarian of the Grand Valley Award. Please forward questions or nominations to Whitney.

#### Today’s Program

**Hal Heath** introduced **Jesse Pine** and **Jessica Metcalf** from Shelterbox USA. Jessica Metcalf shared a brief history of Shelterbox- the organization was founded in Cornwall, England in 2000 to provide disaster relief worldwide. Shelterbox was started by a group of Rotarians and has always worked closely with Rotarians throughout the world. Shelterbox started with a plan to develop and distribute temporary housing in a box. Some of the beneficiaries of the temporary housing have stayed in the tents for extended periods of time. Jessica said that the initial ‘shelter in a box’ design has undergone updates and revisions over the years with the input of people who have used the shelters. Jessica announced that Shelterbox had recently served its 2 millionth person to receive shelter in the organization’s 21st year of operation. Jessica also shared the impact the Coronavirus has had on the Shelterbox organization, its volunteers and recipients of its temporary housing

services- essentially shifting some focus from housing to sanitation and education services. Shelterbox is almost entirely funded by donations. Jesse Pine shared his desire to support Shelterbox with a fund raising effort of his own- he plans to ride a bicycle from Lake Tahoe, Nevada to Homer, Alaska this summer (trip duration anticipated to be 65 days). Jesse hopes to receive financial support from donors and sponsors that he will give to Shelterbox to help offset the global growing need for new/additional temporary housing in a box. For more information, contact Jessica Metcalf.

#### New Member Induction

**Patsy Day** was inducted today by **President Tami** as a new member of the Rotary Club of Grand Junction. Patsy has been active in a variety of area causes for many years and is the daughter of **Bette Laughrun**, who was a longtime member of this club. Patsy was sponsored by **Sheree Fukai**. Welcome Patsy!

#### Happy Bucks

**President Tami** gave \$60 happy bucks in honor of the production crew who was present at the meeting today.

**Herb Feinzig** gave \$5 happy dollars in honor of the appointment of John Marshall as CMU’s new President.

**Cary Eidsness** gave \$10 happy dollars because he was able to accompany his lovely wife **Sherry** while she caught most of the fish on a recent trip to Lake Powell. Editor’s Note: Some things we can count on- Sherry pretty consistently out fishes Cary on their fishing adventures. Kudos! **Whitney Smyth-Smith** donated \$20 happy bucks because her Doctorate dissertation committee approved her data sets. Don’t know what a data set is? Ask Whitney.

**Tom Benton** gave \$2 happy bucks because he found some old Rotary Club paraphernalia in a storage closet at his work, that he gave to **President Elect Kelly Anderson**

today.

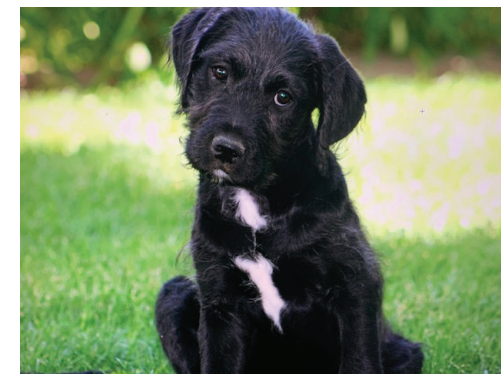
**Peter Booth** gave \$10 happy bucks- five for the great time he had helping out with a recent Special Olympics event and \$5 happy/sad bucks in recognition of the recent passing of his great hunting dogs. Peter said he looks forward to bonding with a dog his family just adopted and a hunting puppy that will be joining the family soon.

**Scott Fairbanks** gave \$3 happy bucks because his friend Carma Brown will join us in a few weeks to talk about the Challenger Baseball program and the May Issue of Grand Valley Lifestyle magazine has arrived at Scott’s doorstep.

**Dan Anderson** gave happy bucks to be in attendance with fellow club members today and that the irrigation systems are working well today.

**Gwen DeCino** gave \$10 happy bucks in honor of her daughter’s birthday, which is today. Happy Birthday Mandy!

**Kirk Rider** won today’s raffle drawing... Congratulations Kirk!



**Baxter Bowlegged Black Beloved Labradoodle**  
**March 16, 2006- May 10, 2021**  
**Jan and Wende Pomrenke**  
(condolences to Peter Booth and all other pet owners.)

## Congratulations!

### May Anniversaries by Jan Pomrenke

Our buddy, **Frankie Wagner**  
A huge 48....years well done  
on the fast track

And humor he does not lack...

And then **Bobby Johnson**

With a big 44...one of the first

Racing out with a burst....

Oh my gosh....**Jan Pomrenke**

And that would be me... with 31

And time flies

With so much fun

Our thoughtful red head...

**Vicki Canaday**

With a tidy 28 and not related to

Hanniday

**Mark Francis** comes next

With 25....the best

And then there's a tie

With **Dick Sweeney** and **Ed Hokanson**

Who both have 19

And they are always lean

And never mean

Our still wonderful couple transferred

From another club

**Sheree Fukai** has 15

And spouse **Akira Fukai** has 14

Always Welcome and Hallelujah

Then those with

Three and two years to follow:

**Daniel Anderson** (3)

**Matthew Burgess** (3)

and **Allen Yarbrough** (2)

**Congratulations to all!**

**Later We Celebrate**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Together**

**Enjoy yourselves**

**It does not get BETTER!!!!**

**And to all for your service**

**STAND VERY TALL!!!**

**And learn to ZOOM;-)**

**Since maybe all Rotarians**

**Can't be in the room**

**But we are getting better**

**So said our letter**

**Cheers!**

**And**

**Have a very happy fruitful day**

**The Rotary Way!**