



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**

- 5/19/21 Jim Roher – Sears, The Glory Years
- 5/26/21 Carma Brown – Challenger Baseball

**Upcoming Events and Meetings**

- 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.

May 19, 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

# The Spokesman

The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin



**Tami Beard**  
President  
2020-2021  
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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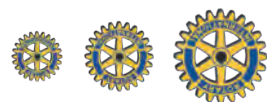
**Holger Knaak**

Rotary International President

### Jim Rohrer - Sears beginnings, the glory years, and the years in which things were slipping

Jim Rohrer spent much of his career working for Sears retiring as Vice President, Customer Satisfaction. He likes to point out that he worked for Sears when it was a great company. His reputation was built by transforming low performing stores, a region and a division. His strategy for developing high performing units was always focused on improving the performance of people.

His presentation takes us through Sears beginnings, the glory years, and the years in which things were slipping. He points out how the success was built and how it declined. Jim has been a Rotarian for 20 years. After working for a company which lost its vision, Jim has served Rotary District 5450 as District visioning chair for 6 years.



Rotary Club of Grand Junction  
Spokesman Notes for 5/12/2021  
By



### Certificate of Diploma

On this Graduation Week we think back about

**WHY WE LOVE OUR LITTLE CHILDREN.....**  
submitted by Jan Pomrenke

1) **NUDITY** I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) **OPINIONS** On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) **KETCHUP** A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) **MORE NUDITY** A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) **POLICE #1** While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) **POLICE # 2** It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I

replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally, he said, 'What'd he do?'

7) **ELDERLY** While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

8) **DRESS-UP** A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

9) **DEATH** While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wool then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goooses.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

10) **SCHOOL** A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

11) **BIBLE** A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Happy Graduation to your children and grandchildren and August Pomrenke!  
Life has just begun! Cheers!