



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

5/26/21 Carma Brown – Challenger Baseball

Upcoming Events and Meetings

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

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

May 26, 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Spokesman

The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin



Tami Beard
President
2020-2021
"Rotary Opens Opportunities"

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Mission Statement

To help players succeed in the game of baseball and to enjoy all the benefits that Little League has to offer.

Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges. The Challenger Division in Grand Junction, CO accommodates players ages 8 to 18; or up to age 21 if still enrolled in school.



Rotary Club of Grand Junction
Spokesman Notes for 5/19/2021
By



Honor Memorial Day

In Flanders Fields
John McCrae, 1915.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19

in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

Contributed by Jan Pomrenke In Honor of Memorial Day

