



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

- 6/2/21 Steve Doyle – Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department’s Movies Under the Stars 2021
- 6/9/21 Andy Sweet – The Current State of Mental Health in the Grand Valley
- 6/16/21 Sheree Fukai
- 6/23/21 Awards and Recognitions
- 6/30/21 Recognitions and Recap of the Year
- 7/7/21 Kelly Anderson – Incoming President

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 6/2/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club, also available via Zoom
- 6/2/21 5:30 PM Evening Group – Handlebar
- 6/9/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club, also available via Zoom
- 6/9/21 5:00 PM Board Meeting 744 Horizon Ct., Suite 350, also available via Zoom
- 6/14/21 12:00 PM Helen Sweeney Celebration with Dick Sweeney – Rotary Arboretum Canyon View Park
- 6/3/21 6:30 PM “A La Mode” Double Tree presented by the Horizon Sunrise Rotary Club. Tickets available at alamodegj.com
- 6/16/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club
- 6/16/21 5:30 PM Evening Group – Handlebar
- 6/23/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club
- 6/30/21 12:00 PM Lunch Meeting – Bookcliff Country Club



Rotarians and friends planting trees at the Rotary Arboretum in Canyon View park

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.

June 2, 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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Steve and his wife Sibylle moved to Glade Park in 2003 after living twenty years in New York City. Steve grew his energy consulting business in Grand Junction - hiring seven CMU grads along the way. He sold his company to a London-based firm in 2013 and recently entered into full retirement. Steve became a Rotarian in March. He also serves as the President of the Avalon Theatre Foundation, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Guys Giving Club and a long-time volunteer for the Glade Park 'Movies Under the Stars' program. You can usually find Steve playing golf at Redlands Mesa or performing with the High Desert Opera.



Presentation: Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department's Movies Under the Stars 2021

Presentation Summary: For the second consecutive year, the GJ Rotary Club's generous donation pushed our sponsorship revenues into record territory! The Movies Under the Stars program began forty years ago and has grown into much more than just the primary source of operating income for the Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department. It's become a Grand Valley institution!

Darren Coltrinari, her co-presenter today. That first year, they discovered the need for a good coach, so Kelli Hamilton for that role. Meanwhile, an ADA-compliant dugout was built at Grand Mesa Little League field. There are now two dugouts at different ends of town that made it easier to reach all the special needs kids in town. This season was our biggest ever with enough participants that they fielded 8 teams. This program gives these kids the chance to move for being the "best fans" to players. Special needs kids can play from age 8 to 21. Challenger Baseball has been recognized with a national award from the American Baseball Coaches Association. That award inspired an invitation for a Challenger Baseball team to attend the 2016 Little League World Series in Pennsylvania. The conclusion of every season has usually included a grand finale with JUCO teams coming to play with the Challenger kids. This year was cancelled due to COVID, yet San Jacinto College flew our early anyway to help us out. Carma then showed a heartwarming video of the kids playing baseball.

Traylor-Smith, and KREX. And there is still sponsorship opportunities available if anyone is interested.

Bob Czarnecki has \$2 happy bucks to honor his granddaughter's graduation from Thumber Mtn High School. The weekend was full of celebration including his wife's 86 birthday. Bob then threw in \$10 more happy books.

Wayne Salladé has happy bucks in honor of being welcomed by our Rotary Club. That led to a chance to invitation to lunch with Jim Davis which led to getting the opportunity to broadcast for JUCO here in Grand Junction.

Peter Booth gave \$20 happy bucks for the 20 trees that we planted that morning at the Rotary Arboretum.

Ken Mabry had \$2 happy bucks for independence restoration day for the Republic of Georgia.

Steve Erkenbrack has \$100 happy bucks for both all the meetings he missed and for his wife who is celebrating her 70th birthday by participating the Ride the Rockies this year.

Miffie Blozovich is \$5 happy that she is going to Ouray this weekend and for the Straygrass concert last night that was so well attended.

Sharon Woodward is happy because Barb Bowman gave Rotary a check for the online version of Banff, her stepson from Montana who came through for a couple of days, and for her new three-year-old Australian Shepherd companion.

Gwen DeCino is happy that she ran into her daughter on her way to Rotary.

Fines:
President Tami Bread fined \$2 for everyone who did not help plant trees at the Rotary Arboretum today.

Ticket Drawing
Scott Fairbank won the ticket drawing (Congratulations Scott).

Adjournment
Tami Beard closed the meeting by leading the gathering in the Rotary Four-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05

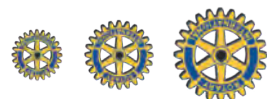
Next, **Darren Coltrinari** from the JUCO committee, shared with us how JUCO looks this year after missing last year's series due to COVID. Darren started off thanking Rotary for hosting a team every year. Relationships like this make JUCO happen. And, by the way, since 2020 World Series did not happen, our team, Central Arizona is still the defending champions. In 2020, JUCO signed a new 25-year agreement to have the world series here is Grand Junction till at least 2045. Part of the agreement is a \$7 million renovation at Sulpizio Field with new north bleachers, new entry way on 12th and North, new seats behind the Homeplate, and better bench seating. None of this would happen without Grand Junction's support. Our staff is all volunteer. This year, tickets are all available online. The cost is roughly \$2 a game for general admission. There are no-restrictions, full capacity.

Happy Bucks:
Barb Bowman has \$94 happy bucks in honor of her dad's 94th birthday and an extra buck for Banff which is happening this September. Thanks to Rick Adleman, we are showing at CMU ballroom on September 23rd. We are then at the Avalon September 24th and 25th. Thanks to sponsors Kelly and Elise Anderson, Sharon Woodward, Robert Bray, Barbara

8:00. **Barbara Traylor-Smith** will buy drinks to anyone who comes out to welcome them. We are not doing many of the normal events due to Covid, but do come out for their first game is Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

Program:
Scott Fairbanks introduced our speaker, Carma Brown. She has been running our Challenger Baseball for a number of a year. Challenger Baseball is an opportunity for area-youth who have developmental challenges to play baseball. She is joined by Darren Coltrinari from the JUCO committee who will talk to us about the JUCO reset this year as it starts up again after missing last year due to COVID.

Carma Brown shared with us the story of Challenger Baseball. They started it 24 years ago. It has taken a village to grow the program. They saw a need for kids with a special need to have a chance to play baseball. They started by making an ADA-compliant dugout at Monument Little League field. From there, the challenge was to recruit kids who would play. Eventually, they made one league for the whole valley. They also started the process of recruiting "Buddies" who played alongside the Challenger kids. One of those first Buddies was



Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 5/26/2021
By Peter Booth



President Tami Beard opened our meeting at 12:10.

Words of Inspiration:

Miffie Blozovich Truly grateful for friends and good food and fellowship of Rotary. May we also be attuned to our callings within Rotary. Thank you for our individuality and our common bond of Rotary.

Music:

Our music was led by **Kelly Anderson, Merritt Kinsey** and **Chris Unfug**. Songs for the week were *My Country 'Tis of Thee* and, in recognition of JUCO, *Take me out to the Ball Game*, accompanied on keyboard by **Huey**.

Introduction of Guests:

Tami Beard – Welcomed member (who we have not seen for a while) **Steve Erkenbrack**. He has been gone so long that we could not find his name tag. Welcome back Steve.

Scott Fairbanks – Welcomed Challenger Baseball Board members Carma Brown (our guest presenter) and Kelli Hamilton (**wife of member Jerry Hamilton**) along with Kelli's daughter Lindsey. With them is Darren Coltrinari from the JUCO committee.

New Member Patsi Day – Introduced Jim Hale, AKA Captain Kindness, who is intending to become a member.

Announcements:

President Tami Beard announced we need speakers for the June 2nd and June 9th meetings. If you have an idea, contact Steve Schultz.

President Tami Beard also announced the Celebration of Life for Helen Sweeney And Fellowship with Dick Sweeney, June 14th, Monday, Noon – 2 p.m. at the Rotary Arboretum in Canyon View Park. They want you to know that Rotarians are welcome to attend.

President-Elect Kelly Anderson announced a free outdoor concert at 6:30, Saturday June 12th. The concert is sponsored in-part by Rotary via the Robin Hood Grant. The concert is free, but you do need a ticket which Kelly brought. For information, contact Kelly.

Dave Heurkamp announced that the team our Rotary is hosting is Central Arizona College. They arrive tonight at the Doubletree around



We Have....June Birthdays by Jan Pomrenke

June Bugs we have
Though none live here
We have better June Bugs
It's really quite clear
And here they are:

First a CPA... **Christopher West** (6/2)
Formerly our Foundation CPA..
....he is the best

Followed by **Michael McCormick** (6/3)
A caregiver and never dormant
June 16 comes Borden and that is **Lee**

Our Art Center guy
....tall as a tree
He has humor
full of glee....

The 17th... **Biff Cliff Anson**
Getting older and really handsome
Also the 17th there's **Aaron Tice**
A golfer, always smiling,
and very nice

June 25th **Bryan Johnson** was born
St. Mary's Hospital he works to adorn
I like his attitude.....never forlorn

June 27th a President past.... **Barb Bowman**
She's fun and a prodigiously
talented woman

June 28th...**Steve Erkenbrack**
Simply a great guy to have your back
When he's here he keeps us on track
Again the 28th...kind **Dick Sweeney**

So very nice and never a meany
Two on the 30th...it is a great day
Your's very truly...**Jan Pomrenke**

For fun poems....I am always thinking
And also we have **David Huerkamp**
The big guy and Pro Space Vamp

So when we celebrate just
Raise a toast with your glass
Cheered by **Dee Brinegar, David Conner**
and **Gail Atkinson**

(They do a fine event to last)
When at the Club we dine....

And honor your Birthdays
And hopefully have some tree ripe cherries
Or maybe some nice fresh strawberries
Just to celebrate your

Happy Birthdays!

Make it the BEST one yet!!!