



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

*Service Above Self For Over 100 Years*

**Club 1167**

**Chartered September 11, 1919**

**Founded June 17, 1919**

**District 5470**

## UPCOMING DATES

Meetings/Programs

**Program Committee**

Steve Schultz, Chair

Lee Borden

## Upcoming Programs

8/3/22 Dr. Brian Hill, D51  
8/10/22 Kirk Rider and Bernie Buescher, Restore the Balance

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

8/3/22 Evening Group @ Wrigley Field (1810 North Ave)  
8/5/22 Back to School Supply Pick up and Delivery  
8/5/22 Glade Park Movie Series—Rotary Night  
8/17/22 Evening Group @ Edgewater Brewery (905 Struthers Ave)  
8/25/22 Celebration of Life for Dick Sweeney (St. Joseph Catholic Church)  
8/27/22 Concert under the Stars  
9/7/22 Evening Group @ Ocotillo Restaurant (2325 W. Ridge Blvd)  
9/21/22 Evening Group @ Handlebar Tap House (417 Monument Rd)  
10/14-16/22 District 5470 Conference, Westin Riverfront Resort and Spa in Avon, CO.

Board Meetings will be held  
at 5:00 pm every second  
Wednesday of the month at  
Bookcliff Country Club, 2730 G Rd.  
Grand Junction, CO

**Club Meeting**  
Wednesday, 11:45 pm,  
Bookcliff Country Club  
2730 G Rd,  
Grand Junction, CO

**Evening Rotary Group**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm,  
Location Rotates.  
Check with Club Secretary  
for upcoming location.

**Horizon Sunrise**  
Thursday at 7:15 am,  
The Venue at Fisher's Liquor Barn  
625 24 1/2 Road  
Grand Junction, CO

**Redlands Rotary**  
Friday at 12:00 pm,  
The Venue at Fisher's Liquor Barn  
625 24 1/2 Road  
Grand Junction, CO

**Palisade Sunrise**  
Tuesday at 7:15 am,  
Wine Country Inn  
777 Grand River Drive  
Palisade, CO

**Rotary Club of Fruita**  
Tuesday at 12:00 pm,  
Fruita Civic Center  
324 N Coulson St.,  
Fruita, CO

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letters, stories, program info, etc. is  
Monday, week of publication, 10 am

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**Aaron Tice**  
President  
2022-2023

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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School District 51 Superintendent Update -  
2022–25 Strategic Plan

Dr. Brian Hill was hired as Mesa County Valley School District 51's Assistant Superintendent in 2019. Prior to joining the district, Dr. Hill worked for the Austin Independent School District for 11 years in the following roles: Special Assistant to the Superintendent, Administrative Supervisor, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher. Dr. Hill holds a B.A. in Theology from East Texas Baptist University, an M.A. in Educational Leadership Administration from The University of Texas at Austin, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Hill received the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association's TEPSAN of the year award, was nominated for Austin Independent School District's Assistant Principal

of the year, and was recognized as a Teacher of the Year in AISD. Dr. Hill currently serves as the Executive Board Chair of the Colorado Student Leaders Institute; a Board of the Governor of Colorado. Dr. Hill was unanimously selected by the D51 Board of Education as the next Superintendent of Schools and moved into that role on July 1, 2022.



Named Roger the Rotary Rabbit. Tya and Talen recited the 4H Pledge, which is very much inline with Rotary’s 4-Way Test. Several of our members bought the bunny at auction for \$1,100 and asked the club to help cover the winning bid. We quickly covered the cost, as tables were warned they would be caring for Roger if they didn’t participate. As we covered the cost, it was agreed the Pinnt family would retain Roger and care for him going forward.

**Program:**  
**Vance Wagner** called up our speaker Chelsie Miera a native of Fruita from Western Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association to share with us some of the many challenges the oil and gas industries are facing. They are proud to be:

The Premier Natural Gas Province (Piceance Basin) of the Rocky Mountains! Their mission is as follows: *Producing natural gas and petroleum products for the benefit of society.* This is the mission of The West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association. Advancing this mission instills a sense of pride throughout members of the organization. As a result, those who live and work in Western Colorado’s energy industry call it Piceance Proud. Explore our site and learn how natural gas and petroleum products from western Colorado power the nation’s electric grid, support the world’s food supply and sustain a national standard of living never seen before. Better yet, join the organization and learn first-hand what it means to be proud, Piceance Proud. She added that Colorado has the nation’s most stringent regulations on oil and gas. We are known to have clean, safe and affordable products. Once again, their primary mission Is The West Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association’s mission is to product natural gas products for the benefit of society. WSCOGA is an affiliated chapter of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association -a nationally recognized trade association that aggressively promotes the expansion of Rocky Mountain natural gas markets, supply, and transportation infrastructure through its growing and diverse membership. WSCOGA strives

to educate stakeholders, encourage technology enhancements and foster environmental stewardship throughout oil and gas operations and supply chains. Ms. Miera answered numerous questions from the floor, most focused on the regulatory Issues and lack of political will to deal with oil and gas production.

**New Member induction:**  
**Karen Enos** was welcomed to the club by **President Aaron**. This former teacher and school superintendent from Pennsylvania has already proven to be a valuable addition to our cub.

**Fines:**  
-Those not wearing blue or yellow (Rotary’s colors) were fined, as were those without pins. Tables with no ladies were also fined.

**Gifts for the President:**  
-No time for any gifts.

**Happy Bucks:**  
No Happy Bucks today as time was short.

**50/50:**  
**Ken Mabery** took home the cash prize.

**Four-Way Test:**  
**Billy Diaz-** Guided us in the Four-Way Test of what we think, say and do.



August Birthdays  
by Jan Pomrenke

Yes, I'm back....  
Here with August Birthdays  
Now...For fun we won't lack  
August birthdays, you see  
Are just around the bend  
It's that thing about ageing  
That seems to never end  
I'll think of something cute  
Maybe... later in the month

Just think...you could bring some loot  
And help celebrate with our August group



Now....On the first of the month  
Comes **Max Taylor**  
He's still learning the ways  
Of Rotary alligators  
He's a back country explorer  
With I-70 closed at times  
So important to know more  
Some are getting lost  
On the way to their destinations  
Not good... when you  
Are on your way to a fine celebration 🥳

**Barbara Traylor Smith** (8-2) comes next  
I love that she was awarded  
**Service Above Self!**  
For a long time now she's been  
Our JUCO Baseball Elf

Sweet **Kate Wells**  
Was born August 6  
Some stories she could tell  
And maybe show some tricks

**Trevor Johnson** (8-17) really likes golf  
Kinda like I love birdies 🐦🎵  
He's on the Library board  
And is keen on his word...ies 📖

**Daniel Anderson** came along on the 24th  
A great guy on our block  
We will soon learn  
What makes him go tick tock  
I heard he is still  
Trying to catch the big one  
We won't tell.....  
Cary Eidsness will.....

The cute kid  
Who has helped with birthdays past  
.....**David Conner**  
His birthday is the 28th  
We're glad he's with us and not a goner ;-)  
A delight when at our front desk  
And never ever boring

So...  
only six we have  
FYI....we'll celebrate later  
Please...come and be present  
When we celebrate  
**Happy Birthday** to all  
But to all...  
I am not saying Good night!!!

**Just very Happy Birthday "WISHES!"**  
**And BTW....tip one for me** 🍷  
Someone else can do  
The dishes....!



Rotary Club of Grand Junction  
Spokesman Notes for 7/27/2022  
By: Wayne P. Salladé

**Regular Meeting- President Aaron Tice**, was on fire starting just his third meeting. He was very much concerned that a case of Polio had been discovered in New York (Of course, where else would you expect it?). After all the effort Rotary and our partners have put into eradicating this scourge from the face of the Earth. He lamented that we are still fighting this battle and will continue to do so. In the process he spoiled the surprise that we make a donation in the name of each weeks speaker.

Words of Inspiration were provided by **Bob Czarnecki** as he shared a Helen Steiner Rice: “There’s a Sunshine in a Smile”. Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain, Laughter and pleasure, teardrops and pain, All days can’t be bright, but it’s certainly true  
There was never  
a cloud the sun didn’t shine through—  
So just keep on smiling whatever betide you,  
Secure in the knowledge God is always beside you,

And you’ll find when you smile  
your day will be brighter  
And all of your burdens will seem so much

lighter—  
For each time you smile you will find it true  
Somebody, Somewhere will Smile Back At You,  
And nothing on earth can make life more worth while  
Than the sunshine and warmth of a Beautiful Smile.

We followed that with our Pledge of Allegiance led by **Merritt Kinsey**. Next up was our weekly musical interlude, and our singers composed of **Merritt Kinsey, Kelly Anderson, President Aaron** and **Chris Unfug** on guitar. Accompanied by **Hughie Plumley** on the ivories, our quartet led us in “**This is My Country**” as well as Willie Nelson’s “**On the Road Again**”.

**Introduction of Guests:**  
**-Kelly Anderson** welcomed Johanna Waveren, President of the Fruita Rotary Club.  
**-Tom Benton** greeted the Pinnt family, Talen, Tya and Nicole who raised the Grand Champion Rabbit at the recent Mesa County Fair.



**-Vance Wagner** introduced our speaker Chelsie Miera and her associate Emily McAllister.  
**-Peter Booth** welcomed another soon-to-be inducted Karen Enos, as well as April Hart and Melody Bergen from D51 Schools, with us again to sign up club members to deliver school supplies this Friday. Only five schools are not yet covered, so let’s step up and help.

**Announcements:**  
**President Aaron-** Alerted us that **Mari Garland** was dealing with her Husband Tom’s health issue and asked us to keep them in our thoughts. He also emphasized that we need to step up and help with school supplies or he would be assigning the task to those who have not yet signed up. Also, the evening club meets at Wrigley’s on North Avenue tonight at 5:30.

**Miffie Blozvich-** Announced that Rotarian **Mike Blackburn** and his Wife Nikki were being honored at the St. Mary’s Ball this year with the Sister Michelle Award for service to the hospital foundation.

**Tom Benton-** Brought up the Pinnt Family and their prize-winning bunny named