



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**

Ken Mabery, Co-Chair

Lee Borden, Co-Chair

## Upcoming Programs

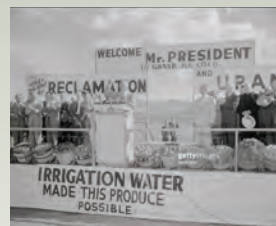
- 2/22 Janel Anderson – Rotary-D51 Literacy Project
- 3/1 Ken Mabrey – Camp Hale: Newest National Monument
- 3/8 Debra Menger – Sport of Curling in Grand Junction
- 3/15 Colorado National Monument’s New Movie (made with Rotary’s donation)

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 2/22 Golf Tournament Committee Meeting
- 2/23 Banff Film Festival @ Egyptian in Delta
- 2/24-25 Banff Film Festival @ Avalon
- 3/4 Snowball Sweepstakes
- 3/8 Rotary Club Board Meeting
- 3/23 New Member Reception
- 4/1 Robin Hoods Grant Applications Due
- 4/22 Rotary Members Happy Hour Receptions
- 4/24 1st Grade Literacy Program Sticker Sticking Party
- 4/25 to 4/28 1st Grade Literacy Deliveries
- May Date TBD – D51-Rotary Tree Planting
- May 12 G.J. Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament



Newsletter copy deadline for weekly announcements,  
letters, stories, program info, etc. is  
Monday, week of publication, 10 am



Captions:

- #1 President Gerald Ford during a visit to a VA Hospital in Grand Junction on November 2, 1974.
- #2 President Dwight D. Eisenhower speaking at Walker Field about reclamation and uranium production.
- #3: President Barak Obama at Central High School in August of 2009.
- #4: President Taft’s train waiting to leave Grand Junction for Montrose, September 23, 1909.
- #5 President Harry Truman making a speech on the rear of his train car in Grand Junction on October 6, 1952.

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 am,  
Bookcliff Country Club  
2730 G Rd,  
Grand Junction, CO

**Evening Rotary Group**  
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 pm,  
Edgewater Brewery  
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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**Aaron Tice**  
President  
2022-2023

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Rotary 1st Grade Literacy Project

### Janel Anderson

One of Rotary’s areas of focus is Education and Literacy. To answer this call of service, the Rotary clubs in Mesa County have committed themselves to giving two to three books to each first grader in Mesa County Valley School District.

To speak about this partnership between the Rotary clubs and the school district is Janel Anderson, K-2 Literacy Specialist. Janel has been an educator for 30 years, 25 years of which involved teaching children in kindergarten, first and third grade classrooms. For the past five years Janel has served teachers and learners as an instructional coach and then as a content specialist. Reading is a



lifelong fascination and in 2006, she earned her Master’s in the topic.

### Presidents in Grand Junction

By Zebulon Miracle and Peter Booth

In honor of President’s Day, here is the story of several U.S. Presidential visits to the Grand Valley. Some presidents came to Grand Junction while they were in office, some while they were candidates and at least one as a professional long before assuming the highest office in the land.

#### Here’s the list of Presidents visiting Grand Junction.

William Howard Taft  
The first presidential visit to Grand Junction was on September 23, 1909 when William Howard Taft came to western Colorado to open the Gunnison Tunnel near Montrose. His visit was part of a two-month-long working vacation. Taft’s train arrived in Grand Junction after a brief stop in Glenwood Springs earlier that day. His chauffeur, drove Taft from the depot to the fairgrounds (located where Lincoln Park is today), so he could attend the Grand Junction Peach Festival. Taft was met with a peach festival record-breaking 10,000 to 12,000 people who attended the festival to hear Taft speak.

After being presented with a box of peaches by the festival Peach Queen, sixteen-year-old Agnes Swisher of Palisade, Taft spoke for fifteen minutes. Taft comments centered on the importance of irrigation. “You look at the country in some places, and it would seem as if it was the most God-forsaken spot there was on earth,” said Taft. “Then you progress a mile or two and you see the influence of water, and it seems a paradise. It is almost like rubbing Aladdin’s lamp.”

#### Herbert Hoover

Herbert Hoover visited Grand Junction in the early 1920s as a geologist before he ever considered becoming president.

#### Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Franklin Delano Roosevelt stopped in Grand Junction on July 12, 1938, during a whistle-stop tour of the country. He spoke to a crowd of 12,000 at the train depot for fifteen minutes, after which he received a basket of local fruit. Security for his visit was provided the local American Legion.

#### Harry Truman

President Harry S. Truman made a train stop in Grand Junction as a candidate in September 1948. He visited again and

made another rear platform speech on October 6, 1952, this time on a campaign tour on behalf of the Adlai Stevenson presidential campaign.

#### Dwight D. Eisenhower

President Dwight Eisenhower visited on September 1, 1954. He would be the first President to fly into Grand Junction. Eisenhower was making a day long aerial survey of dams and other reclamation projects in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Kansas. He also stopped briefly at McCook, Nebraska, and Casper, Wyoming. Beaming Republican candidates were on hand to greet Mr. Eisenhower at each stop, but in his brief talks to airport crowds, the President never mentioned any office seeker of either party by name.

#### John F. Kennedy

The then-senator John F. Kennedy, who had just recently declared himself as a candidate for the presidency, visited the KREX Studio on November 30, 1959 for a question and answer segment. Afterwards he went on to the annual Jane Jefferson Dinner in town, where he too received a crate of peaches.

#### Gerald Ford

President Gerald Ford spoke at Lincoln Park in Grand Junction on November 2, 1974. The day before Ford’s appearance, somebody blew up a mailbox with a firecracker, thus prompting the Secret Service to search every culvert and sidewalk between the airport and Lincoln Park. While at the Park, though, Ford had the honor of crowning the Mesa Junior College prom queen.

#### Ronald Reagan

Ronald Reagan spoke at the airport in Grand Junction while running for president on September 25, 1980. A \$50-a-head fundraiser was held at the Holiday Inn after his speech.

#### George H.W. Bush

President George H.W. Bush attended an education reform meeting at Two Rivers Convention Center and gave a speech to more than 6,000 at the old Mesa County Courthouse on June 17, 1991.

#### Barak Obama

Barak Obama made three appearances in Grand Junction, once while running for election and twice as a sitting president. A boisterous crowd of 5,800 people gathered at Cross Orchards to see Presidential Candidate Obama on September 15, 2008. The line of people to get in stretched five blocks. He returned nearly a year later on August 15, 2009 when he held a town hall on the Affordable Care Act at Central High School. Obama’s last visit was on August 8, 2012, during a campaign visit when he signed the walls at both Grand Junction and Central High Schools.

#### Donald Trump

Donald Trump flew into Grand Junction on October 18, 2016, while he was a candidate. He spoke to several thousand at West Star Aviation.

“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself”  
– Franklin D. Roosevelt

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”  
– Harry S. Truman

“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.”  
– Theodore Roosevelt

Never be satisfied with less than your very best effort. If you strive for the top and miss, you’ll still ‘beat the pack.”  
– Gerald R. Ford Jr.

“It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their own selfish purposes.”  
– Andrew Jackson

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”  
– Abraham Lincoln



#### Presidents' Day Honors

submitted by Jan Pomrenke

to the credit of a dear friend

Anonymous

(A dear community leader who should be a Rotarian:-)

Sometimes when we who write  
In the Spokesman  
Get out of hand  
We call on others  
In this land  
People of wisdom  
Who collect stuff  
And from a dear friend  
Here is enough  
And we will quote

With thanks

President George Washington:

"Be Americans. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East or West. You are all dependent on one another and should be one in union. In one word, be a nation. Be Americans, and be true to yourselves." ~ George Washington

"A pack of jackasses led by a lion is superior to a pack of lions led by a jackass."  
~ George Washington

"Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master. Experience has taught us that it is much easier to prevent an enemy from posting themselves than it is to dislodge them after they have got possession, and when the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."  
~ George Washington

"Occupants of public offices love power and are prone to abuse it." ~ George Washington

"When one side only of a story is heard and often repeated, the human mind becomes impressed with it insensibly." ~ George Washington

"Freedom and Property Rights are inseparable. You can't have one without the other."  
~ George Washington