



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

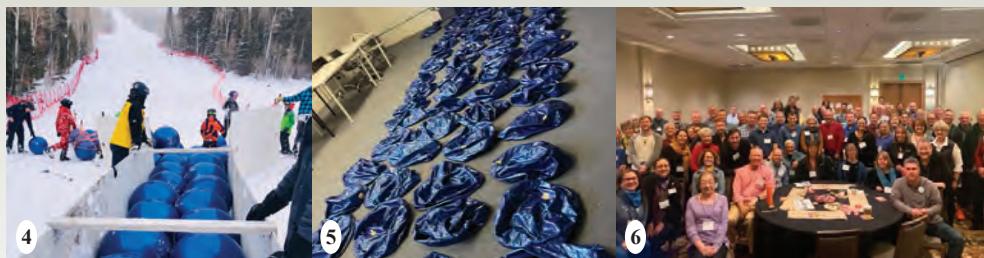
Lee Borden, Co-Chair

## Upcoming Programs

- 3/8 Debra Menger – Sport of Curling in Grand Junction
- 3/15 Colorado National Monument's New Movie (made with Rotary's donation)
- 3/22 Nathan Sauder, Superintendent, CNM
- 3/29 Jennette Price, HopeWest
- 4/5 Dr. David Lundy, Peace Corps Volunteer's Perspective on Ukraine
- 4/12 Andrew Golike, CoorsTek
- 4/19 Dalida Sassoon Bollig, Business Incubator Center
- 4/26 Hans Schmoldt, Rotary Service Project in Ukraine

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 3/8 Rotary Club Board Meeting
- 3/17 Redlands Rotary St. Patty's Day Massacre
- 3/23 New Member Reception
- 4/1 Robin Hoods Grant Applications Due
- 4/17 Horizon Sunrise Rotary's A La Mode
- 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
- 5/12 G.J. Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament



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

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

1 & 2) Here comes the running of the Rotary Blue Balls.

3) Kim Alexander and John Duffy stand ready to herd the Rotary Blue Balls.

4) The Rotary Blue Balls have entered the chute after a successful run.

5) After their Run down Wonderbump, the snowballs attend BB (Blue Balls) Anonymous to dry out.

6) One big-happy-family at PETs last weekend. There is our President-Elect Nominee Niki right up front.

March 8, 2023



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

The  
**Spokesman**  
*The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin*



**Aaron Tice**  
President  
2022-2023

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President

**Steve Schultz**  
President Elect

**Peter Booth**  
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**Ken Mabery**  
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**Joe Kuntz**  
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**Niki Hunn**  
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**Andy Sweet**  
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**Kelly Anderson**  
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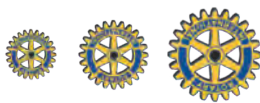


# Sport of Curling in Grand Junction - Debra Menger

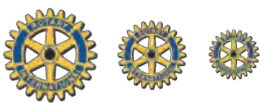
Curling is known as the game with "the Rocks, the Rings and the Yelling." We would like to welcome Debra Menger to our luncheon to teach us all about curling. Deb started curling at the young age of 60. When Rivercity Sportsplex opened, she volunteered to help get curling going here in Grand Junction. Deb is thrilled to tell us all about curling, how she started the league, and why she loves it so much.



"Chess on Ice."  
-- Nickname for Curling



## Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 3/01/2023 By: Michael McCormick



**President Aaron Tice** called to order at the Bookcliff Country Club. President Aaron thanked everyone who was involved in hosting the Banff Film Festival and shared how inspired he was by the fun that everyone seemed to be having at the Film Festival.

**Words of Inspiration- Lee Borden** shared an inspiring story of his dog Hoot and the positive impact Hoot has on Lee's quality of life and most everyone else Hoot encounters. Hoot never fails to impart positive energy to the people he encounters, even though Hoot suffers from several debilitating conditions. Lee said if Hoot can be positive while dealing with daily adversity, so could Lee. Good boy Hoot!

**Merritt Kinsey, Kelly Anderson, Wayne Salladé, Scott Fairbanks** and Company led the group in the singing of "God Bless America" and "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head". Thank you singers!

**Guests**  
**Steve Schultz** introduced **Tammy Eret**, who works as legal counsel for School District 51. Tammy will be inducted into the club as a new member today.

**Rick Adleman** introduced his guest **Bill Thornton**, who Rick met at the Banff Film Festival.

**Patsi Day** introduced her husband **Steven Day** as her guest today- who came to listen to today's program.  
**Diane Schwenke** was introduced as a guest today.

**Steve Harrington** introduced his guest **Blake Yonker**.

**Announcements**  
**Peter Booth** announced that he would like members to help him rename the weekly newsletter. Please respond to the email he sent out with proposed newsletter names.

**Andy Sweet** announced there will be a new member orientation held at the home of Chris and Teresa Unfug on March 23rd from 6-7pm. The membership committee members encourage all new members to attend- it should be both informative and fun!

**Sheree Fukai** announced that 5 of the club's Past Presidents are hosting gatherings at their homes for club members on April 22nd from 5:45 to 7:30pm. The gatherings will be held simultaneously and club members will be receiving an email inviting them to attend a gathering at one of the five homes referenced above. This is an opportunity to talk about the various aspects of the club: it's initiatives past and present and an opportunity to have fun in a relaxed and lovely environment.

**President Aaron** announced an impromptu "Blind Taste Test" between two leading vodka's to be conducted now. Any willing Rotarian present was encouraged participate. President Aaron selected one of his favorite vodka's and suggested President Elect Nominee **Niki Hunn's** favorite Icelandic vodka be the other choice. More than ten Rotarians volunteered to participate in the taste testing... no clear winner was declared, though all the participants seemed to have fun.

**Michael McCormick** provided an update on this upcoming weekend's Snowball Sweepstakes- we have more than 2500 tickets sold and will need volunteers to help with Saturday's event.

**Kelly Anderson** provided an update on last weekend's Banff Film Festival. There were 316 people in attendance in Delta at the Egyptian Theater. Friday night at the Avalon had over 800 people in attendance, and Saturday night had over 700 people in attendance. As President Aaron said, a good time seemed to be had by all!

**Jason Holm** was presented with a Paul Harris Plus 6 award from President Aaron- congratulations and thank you Jason!

**President Aaron** announced the evening group is meeting this evening at 5:30pm at Edgewater Brewery. Please join the group if you can, and that the club board meeting next week here at Bookcliff. Everyone is invited to attend the club's board meetings.

**Today's Program**  
**President Aaron** introduced **Ken Mabery**, who gave a great presentation on Colorado's own Camp Hale and the 10th Mountain Division. Ken shared how Camp Hale came to be constructed in the mountains outside of Leadville, what it was used for during World War II and how it came to be our Country's newest National Monument. Ken provided a brief overview of the plans to develop the former military post into a more visitor friendly location. Thanks for presenting this program Ken!

**New Member Induction**  
**President Aaron** inducted **Tammy Eret** into the club today. Tammy is sponsored by President Elect Steve Schultz. Welcome Tammy!

**Gifts for the President**  
**Fid Braffet** gave **President Aaron** a gift from his recent visit to South Padre Island- some Donkey Butt Coffee roasted in Texas.

**Wayne Salladé** gave **President Aaron** a gift from he and Vicki's recent road trip to Florida. Wayne brought Aaron Buc-ee's Nuggets from the enormous Buc-ee's Convenience Store that the Salladé's visited along their journey.

Walid Boumater recently returned from a trip to California. While he was there he toured some wineries and brought back a bottle of wine for President Aaron that most impressed him during his visits and taste testings. Cheers!

**Happy Bucks**  
**President Elect Steve Schultz** gave \$60 because he didn't wear a Rotary Pin while attending Banff this weekend.

**Bob Czarnecki** gave happy bucks because of **Peter Booth's** fine MC performance at the Banff Film Festival- good job Peter!

**Cliff Anson** gave happy bucks in honor of Ken's program today, Lee's Words of Inspiration and because he is looking forward to participating in the Rotary PETS Conference this weekend. Cliff is attending PETS for the tenth time and **Teresa Anson** is one of the PETS instructors this year.

**Terry G** gave happy bucks as he is excited that he and his coworker (and fellow Rotarian) Marcel have been promoted to officers at Alpine Bank- congratulations Terry and Marcel!

**Marcel** also gave happy bucks because of the recent birth of his uncle's child and because he is proud to be an American. Marcel shared he was born in the Republic of Congo, and his birth country is experiencing a lot of instability and violence- he feels fortunate to live in the US and be here with us in Grand Junction.

**Ken Maberly** gave happy bucks because he is getting new doors installed on his house during today's Rotary meeting.

**Diane Schwenke** gave happy bucks in honor of hoped for new career as a City Council member.

**Wayne Salladé** gave happy bucks in honor of Peducah, Kentucky and Georgetown, Texas- two of he and his wife Vicki's favorite places they visited during their road trip across America.

**Sharon Woodward** gave \$300 happy bucks to the Delta Egyptian Theater to help offset the costs of concessions as the theater gets up and running again.

**Raffle**  
**Bob Hackett** won today's raffle- congratulations Bob!

## Snowball Wrap Up

On cue, the big blue balls came rolling down the Wonderbump slope at 3 o'clock at Powderhorn Ski Resort. And with that, this terrific annual event raised some much-needed funds for some great groups in our community.

A total number of 4,305 tickets were sold and there were four happy winners. The \$5,000 winner was Christopher Pankey who bought a ticket through Grand Valley Dancers Foundation (formerly Absolute Dance). The \$3,000 winner was Orville Harvey Hughes and the \$2,000 ticket was bought by Meg Bryan. Both the 2nd and 3rd place tickets were bought that day at Powderhorn from Grand Junction Rotary Volunteers. The \$1,000 winner was Ressie Barret who bought a ticket through Powderhorn Racing Club. Congratulations to all the winners.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the day a success. Specifically, thanks to the Inflators under the leadership of Tom Benton, the Squashers under the guidance of Michael McCormick, and the Sellers led by Aki and Sheree Fukai. A special shout out to Steve Doyle who was the flyball catcher when the wide came up and the balls tried to get away at the starting gate. His score was 3 to 0, a perfect record! Also, appreciation goes to Rotary's ticket sellers—Jack Connolly, Bob Czarnecki, Paul Sheridan, and Wayne Sallade and his wife Vicki. These guys have not lost their touch and skiers quickly saw the value in buying a ticket. Thanks to the administrative wonderworks Kate Wells, Sheree Fukai and Aki Fukai. Kim Alexander did double time both at the inflator station and at the bottom as a squasher. Michael McCormick and John Duffy earned the 8-Ball award trying to get 70 into the "pocket" (the chute). Ten of the balls went in the pocket on their own, while the rest tried to hop over or under the snow netting and strike out on their own (starting a mad scramble for the wayward balls).

We are ever so grateful to Tom for organizing all the mountain-side equipment and balls, to Michael for setting up and managing the chute, and to Aki for managing the computer data program (and keeping everything organized).

A big, big thanks to our sponsors—Timberline Bank, Transwest Truck Trailer RV, Dalby Wendland 7 Co, and Thomas Hunn Jewelers. And thanks to Cary Eidsness who lined up many of the sponsors.

The final event closers were rewarded with local brews on tap at the end of the day in the lodge. Rotary goodwill and cheer was shared with all in attendance.  
Tom Benton, Sheree Fukai, & Peter Booth

## Banff Wrap Up

Thanks to the community's support as well as Rotary's assistance, this year's Banff Mountain Film Festival was a fantastic experience. Thank you for making the Seventh Annual showing of these wonderful outdoor adventure films in Grand Junction a tremendous success.

Here are the preliminary and unofficial number:  
· Thursday, February 23-The Egyptian: 316 tickets sold @ \$15 = \$4,740  
· Friday, February 24-Avalon Theatre: 710 tickets sold @ \$25 = \$17,369.00  
· Saturday, February 25-Avalon Theatre: 663 tickets sold @ 25 = \$16,060  
· New: 2 Day Passes-Avalon Theatre: 90 tickets sold @ \$25 = \$4,050  
  
· Total Ticket Sales Revenue: \$42,219  
· Total Sponsorship: \$9,500  
· Total Prize Giveaway: \$4,970

· Total Revenue: \$56,689  
· Approximate expenses; \$15,970

o Estimated Total Event Revenue: \$41 ,291  
Fabulous!!!!

Thanks to Kelly and his Crew for making the Egyptian possible. Attendees in Delta thanked us for bringing the films there. Patsi and her team (her husband along with Merrill Kiddle and his wife) did a great job on the Rotary Table. The prize giveaway set a new record this year thanks to Rick and his committee (Lee Borden and Zeb Miracle).

Special thanks to the fabulous sponsors. This includes New Channel 5 who has been with us since the beginning—thanks to former Rotary Rotarian Sandra Zoldowski and Past-President Kevin McChesney. Also supporting the film festival for the past seven years is Bray Real Estate—thank you Rotarian Robert Bray. New this year is Thomas Hunn Jewelers-thank you Rotarian Niki Hunn. Sponsor for four years is Sharon M. Woodward in honor of Edwin A Woodward-thank you Rotarian Sharon. Also with us for the past four years is the Bank of the San Juans...thank you Past-President Tami Beard. Thank you to the Avalon Theater Foundation for their grants to this festival over the past three years—thanks Rotarian Steve Doyle. Thanks also to third year sponsor Atlasta Solar Center-thank you Matt Fowler. Thanks to Handlebar Tap House who has also been with us for three years-thank you former Rotarian Adam Kinsey. And thanks to third year sponsor Elise Anderson from Merrill. If you see any of these sponsors, please help us express our gratitude.

Of course, this event took months of planning and preparation. Thanks to the Banff Committee—Rick Adleman, Lee Borden, Miffie Blozovich, Mari Garland, Dave Huerkamp, and Merritt Kinsey.

And finally, thanks to the wonderful leadership of Kelly Anderson and Barb Bowman.

Our seventh year was a great success and we look forward to 2024