



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

4/26	GJHS Jazz Combo
5/3	Melissa Schreiner, CSA Extension, Japanese Beetle
5/10	Jaid Beacham, Karis Inc.
5/17	Rotary Fellowship
5/24	Tom Walch, Grand Valley Power
5/27-31	JUCO
5/31	Dr. Perry Cabot, CSU Extension, Water

Upcoming Events and Meetings

4/25 to 4/28	1 st Grade Literacy Deliveries
4/26	Board Meeting
4/27	Horizon Sunrise Rotary's A La Mode
4/29	GJHS Community Bowl
5/5	D51-Rotary Tree Planting
5/12	G.J. Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament
6/9 to 6/11	Palisade Rotary's Beer Booth at the Bluegrass Festival (they will be needing volunteers)

Calling All Smart People in the Club (that means you): Recruitment of the GJHS Community Bowl

The GJHS Academic Team is putting on their annual Community Bowl event again this year on April 29th! The Noon and the Evening Groups of the Rotary Club of Grand Junction will be entering teams—and we need smart people (which is all of you). We need at least four team members each. If you are interested, contact Katie Davis for the Evening Group Team and Aaron Tice for the Noon Group Team.

FIRST GRADE LITERACY PROJECT is NOW DELIVERING BOOK—Thanks to Everyone's Help

The Literacy Project has gotten off to a great start. The five Rotary Clubs in the Grand Valley have come together in a mutual program that will give reading books to every First Grader in District #51. On Monday morning, around 30 Rotarians met at the Riverside Education Warehouse and stamped over 4,700 books. Then on Tuesday, we started delivering the books to the 1st graders. This will continue through Friday. Thanks to everyone who is helping with this program.

Next Evening Group, Wednesday May 3rd

The Evening Group's next meeting is Wednesday 5:30, May 3rd. Join us for fellowship and a beer (or any beverage of your fancy) at Edgewater Brewery.

THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL ROTARY HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION

Last Saturday, approximately 40 Club members gathered at three different houses for an evening of general merriment and wonderful fellowship. Special thanks to our hosts Kirk & Janeen Rider assisted by Jack & Anne Connolly and Aki & Sheree Fukai, Bob & Joan Czarnecki assisted by Barb & Wayne Bowman, and Karen Enos & Russ Dawson assisted by Peter Booth. And special thanks to the organizers Barb Bowman and Sheree Fukai.

**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,
Redlands Community Center
625 24 1/2 Road
Grand Junction, CO

Redlands Rotary

Friday at 12:00 pm,
Ocotillo Restaurant at Redlands Golf Club
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**

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GJHS Jazz Combo under the direction of Isaac Lavadie

The Grand Junction High School Tiger Pride Band has been a staple of the community for 100 years and counting. Since the band's beginnings in the early twentieth century, it has been representative of musical quality and personal excellence. Under the direction of Isaac Lavadie, the band program continues that tradition of excellence when it fields a Marching Band, two Concerts Bands, two jazz ensembles, Winterguard, various chamber ensembles, and, as we will hear today, the fabulous 4th Hour Jazz Combo.



Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 4/26/2023 By: Wayne P. Salladé



BULLETIN: More than 40 Grand Valley Rotarians convened Monday morning for the 1st Grade Literacy Project "Sticker Party". In under two hours, the crew put Rotary stickers in 4,700 books destined for 21 schools this week.

Regular Meeting- President Aaron Tice got us going pretty much on time with a much bigger group on hand after our own LIV Golf Tour returned from their annual Utah junket. A scan of the room showed that all had made the return trip safely.

Words of Inspiration were provided by **Tahirih Bochman** as she shared a quote from Independent presidential candidate Marianne Williamson.

Ken Mabery led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Our usual singing crew, **Kelly Anderson**, **Chris Unfug** and **your editor** along with an assortment of **Red Badgers**. They were accompanied by **Hughie Plumley** on the piano. We then offered our renditions of **This Land is Your Land** followed by the Beatles classic **Eight Days a Week**.

Introduction of Guests:

-**Ken Mabery** welcomed one of our past presidents, Barbara Traylor Smith.

-**Andy Sweet** introduced Dalita Bollig (who would present our program) and Teri Cavanaugh, along with visiting Rotarian (Horizon) Jim Kaiser.

-**Ed Hokanson** introduced his friend Dave French.

Announcements:

Steve Harrington has graciously taken over duties as Club RYLA representative. He asked

for two volunteers to assist him in looking at candidates who had applied to attend the event in June at the Colorado Mountain College in Leadville.

Visitor **Jim Kaiser** invited all to the Horizon Rotary 14th A la Mode event tomorrow evening at the CMU ballroom.

Tom Benton announced that he was looking for batboys or girls for this year's JUCO. Candidates must be 12 to 15 years of age and will be in the dugout for our team's games during the tournament.

Dave Huerkamp and **Barbara Traylor Smith** (our JUCO Co-chairs) teamed up to report on activities we will be involved in. Barbara reported that the Fruita Rotary Club had pledged \$500 in support of the STRIVE Picnic (returning after three years) at the Botanical Gardens. Not to be outdone, our club raised more than \$2,400 in a matter of minutes! We'll see now if any of the remaining Valley clubs step up to challenge that total.

Dale Beede (a CU alum) offered 4 tickets to the Buffs spring game at Folsom Field last Saturday in Boulder. The game was a sellout and Coach Prime (new HC Deion Sanders) was the main attraction.

Program:

Bobbie Daniel introduced our speaker **Dalida Bollig**, the Chief Executive Officer of the Grand Junction Business Incubator Center. The Business Incubator Center (BIC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that for more than a quarter century has been supporting the launch, growth, stabilization, and long-term success of business enterprises in Mesa County and the surrounding region. Our goal

is to stimulate the local economy and retain/create the greatest number of sustainable jobs possible.

Founded in 1987 as part of initiatives to diversify the economy after the 1982 economic bust, BIC was funded with a \$75,000 grant from the department of local affairs. The Small Business Development Center opened an office at BIC in 1993 to provide classes, workshops, and business coaching. BIC moved to its current 46 acre location in 1999, increasing total square footage to 60,000 square feet, with over 35,000 square feet of mixed use space available for lease to tenant clients of BIC.

At any given time, BIC has 50-65 tenants and works with more than 1,000 clients each year. In the more than a quarter century BIC has been in existence we have graduated in excess of 250 companies from our facility with a greater than 80% existence rate after 5 years, helped launch nearly 600 companies which generated more than \$157 million in revenues, created/retained over 9,451 jobs, made over 360 loans, leveraged more than \$71 million in capital, and as administrators of the Mesa County Enterprise Zone, issued more than 7,000 certifications resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax credits and tens of millions of capital investments, as well as averaging nearly \$5 million in contribution projects for charitable organizations per year

Happy Bucks and Gifts For the President:

Joe Kuntz brought the President some pure vanilla from his trip to Puerto Vallarta.

Dale Beede was happy to be going to the gala Make-a-Wish Auction being run by his daughter-in-law in Denver, and to be

celebrating his grandson's birthday at Top Golf.

Miffie Blozovich was happy to remind the club about the St. Mary's Foundation Highballs and Handbags Event at the Warehouse on May 6 from 11:30 til 2:00 p.m.

Gail Atkinson- Returning from a family reunion (27 people) in Illinois at an Air B&B, she brought some interesting brochures for President Aaron's reading pleasure.

Steve Harrington – Happy to have attended the District Assembly in Montrose with fellow Rotarians. Dave Huerkamp- Was just happy and proud to be a Rotarian.

Bob Jarvis Happy to have spent the previous weekend with his six grandchildren, three of which (two boys and a girl) were born six weeks early.

50/50:

- **Bob Jarvis** took home the weekly cash prize.

Four-Way Test:

- **Ed Hokanson** led us in the treasured pledge we follow in what we think, say or do as Rotarians.



The Rotary Literacy Project started this Monday with a wonderful Sticker Party. Then starting Tuesday, Rotarians begin delivering the books to scores of excited and smiling first grades. Thanks to everyone who is helping!

Grand Junction Rotary Foundation's Golf Tournament

Attention golfers – the Grand Junction Rotary Foundation's Golf Tournament is May 12th at the Bookcliff County Club. This tournament will be played on a one-man scramble format with a 1:00 shotgun start. It will cost \$150 per players with and optional \$50 Skins Game. The Golf Committee is still looking for sponsorships.

- o Title Sponsors: \$2500
- o Hole sponsors: \$500
- o Hole In One Sponsors: \$1,000

For information, to sponsor or to register, contact Aaron Tice.

D51 Tree Planting—May 5th

As spring begins to fill the air, we are getting closer to the opportunity to plant trees at some Mesa Valley County School District #51 schools. To recap, this is a project the Evening Group has sponsored. The idea was born with Brian Bray. He wanted us to expand the Club's tradition of planting trees to some of the area schools. They took that idea to D51 and it has blossomed. The Evening Group raised \$5,000 for the project, Rotary District 5470 matched that with an additional \$5,000 and School District #51 has pitched in an additional \$2,000. With that money, 40 to 50 trees are being purchased (trees that are a bit more mature than saplings) and on May 5th, they will be planted at eight different schools. On May 5th, we will need volunteers to help plant the trees at two of the schools—Appleton Elementary and Orchard Mesa Middle School. The planting will be at two different times so you can volunteer to help at both sites if you wish. The exact times are still to be announced but get your shovels ready and save the date.

A La Mode, presented by Horizon Sunrise Grand Junction: April 27

A La Mode is one of Grand Junction's premier fundraising events, featuring an elegant evening full of locally crafted bite-sized desserts, specialty drinks, and savory appetizers. Participating chefs and bakers compete for the People's Choice Award for the best dessert in the Grand Valley. Proceeds benefit local non-profits and charitable organizations. For more information go to alamodegjd.com.wordpress.com/ or contact Sara Russell at Saramichelleslc@yahoo.com.