



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

5/10 Jaid Beacham, Karis Inc.  
5/17 Rotary Fellowship  
5/24 Tom Walch, Grand Valley Power & JUCO  
5/31 Dr. Perry Cabot, CSU Extension, Water

## Upcoming Events and Meetings

5/10 Board Meeting  
5/12 G.J. Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament  
5/18 Public Relation Committee Meeting  
5/25 JUCO STRIVE Picnic  
5/27 to 6/2 JUCO Ball Games  
6/2 to 6/3 Fruita Rotary Beer Pour at Mike the Headless Chicken  
6/7 Education Meeting  
6/9 to 6/11 Palisade Rotary's Beer Booth at the Bluegrass Festival (they will be needing volunteers)

Tree Planting at Appleton Elementary



## 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 player with an optional \$50 Skins Game.

The Golf Committee is still looking for sponsorships.

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

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

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



Aki and Sheree Fukai presenting the Robin Hood Check to the Film Exposure Project

May 10, 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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**Jennifer Jones**  
Rotary International President



Karis: A Safe Place For Teens

Jaid Beacham is the Volunteer Coordinator at Karis! She grew up in Colorado and spent many years in Montana before deciding to return home and begin her career in nonprofits in 2021. As a former homeless youth she gravitated towards Karis because she believes no child should be left without a home. Working alongside Karis volunteers is incredibly rewarding and seeing the community invest in the growth of our youth leads her to believe that with time we will come closer



to our goal of ending youth homelessness.

club with a summary of the 2023 Banff Film Festival- we netted more than \$40,000 from this year’s event. Thank you to our sponsors, and many volunteers that make the event the success it has been over the last eight years. The Banff Film Festival committee has given away more than \$200,000 to local organizations over the eight year span.

Banff Check Presentations- Four organizations were given \$10,000 each today- Colorado Conservation Corp, Colorado National Monument Association, Colorado Canyons Association, and the CMU International Students Program.

Happy Bucks

Kelly Anderson gave happy bucks because the GJSO sold a record number of season tickets for next year.

Ken Mabery gave happy bucks because his wife is recovering nicely from a recent heart attack and he is glad the Bylaws Committee’s work is nearly complete.

Bill Sisson gave happy bucks in honor of his granddaughter’s recent scholarship offer she received from CMU Ladies Basketball.

Kevin McChesney gave happy bucks in honor of his employer’s ongoing support for Rotary causes. Thank you, Kevin!

Lee Borden gave \$60 happy bucks to plug The Art Center’s annual fundraiser that is happening this Saturday evening.

Steve Harrington gave happy bucks in honor of the GJ Rotary Club board of director’s support for RYLA- Steve said our club is sponsoring four young people at RYLA this year. Great news!

Bob Czarnecki gave happy bucks because he is excited to have recently purchased a new truck.

Miffie Blozovich gave happy bucks to announce “Highballs and Handbags” a fundraiser for SCL Health.

Niki Hunn gave happy bucks in honor of the great job Barb Bowman has done leading the Banff Film Festival event on behalf of our club.

Merritt Kinsey gave happy bucks in honor of a recent trip he and his wife Lois took with Barb Bowman.

Scott Fairbanks gave \$10 happy bucks because he had to miss today’s meeting.

Barb Bowman gave \$10 happy bucks because Kirk Rider was kind enough to share his sandwich with her.

Raffle

John Duffy won today’s raffle- congratulations John!



May Anniversaries  
by Jan Pomrenke

Our buddy, Frankie Wagner  
A big big 50....years well done  
on the fast track  
And humor he does not lack

....  
And then Bobby Johnson  
With a big 46..one of the first  
Racing out with a burst

Oh my gosh....Jan Pomrenke  
And that would be me... with 33  
And time flies  
So good on me.....

Our thoughtful red head..  
Vicki Canaday  
With a tidy 30 and  
not related to Hanniday

Mark Francis comes next  
With 27....  
always the best

And then there's  
Eddie Hokanson  
Who has 21  
And he is always fun

Our wonderful couple transferred  
From another club  
Sheree Fukai has 17  
And spouse Akira Fukai has 16  
Always Welcome and Hallelujah

Juli Rasmussen has (5)  
and Patsi Day (2)  
Beautiful ladies  
Having it their way  
On this beautiful  
Spring day

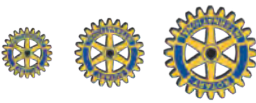
Congratulations to all!

Later We Celebrate  
Birthdays and Anniversaries  
Together (you never know)  
Enjoy yourselves

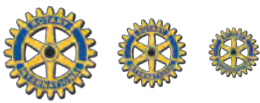
It does not get BETTER!!!!  
And to all for your service  
STAND VERY TALL!!!  
And think about others  
Since maybe all Rotarians  
Can't be in the room  
But we are getting better  
Thank to Peter Booth  
and our Spokesman writers

And photographer  
John Duffy  
and Stacie Hocking  
at Pattons Printing  
who puts up with us  
and any others  
Who make the extra effort  
In our news letter  
It's always better  
To stay in touch  
And touch with hugs  
And kisses

Cheers!  
And  
Have a very happy fruitful day  
The Rotary Way!



Rotary Club of Grand Junction  
Spokesman Notes for 5/3/2023  
By: Michael McCormick



Acting President Barb Bowman called to order at the Bookcliff Country Club.

Words of Inspiration- Miffie Blozovich shared her thoughts on the inspiration her recently departed Mother-In-Law, who lived a long and meaningful life. Miffie’s mother in law lived alone for many years, yet remained well connected to family members, friends and the community. Miffie also shared lyrics from a John Prine song that suggested we should greet people of all ages “Hello In There!”

Chris Unfug, Merritt Kinsey, Wayne Salladé and Kelly Anderson led the group in the singing of “This Is My Country” and “Bicycle Built for Two”. Thank you singers!

Guests

Ed Hokanson introduced his guests Annie the CMU International Students Program Director, and John Lintott, a local artist who is representing the Colorado National Monument Association.

Sandra Zoldowski, Kevin McChesney and Kristen Eppler from KREX was the

club’s guest today.

Clark from the Western Colorado Conservation Corp and Chris Herman from Colorado Canyons Association were the club’s guest today.

Announcements

Acting President Barb announced that we need Rotarian volunteers to help plant trees this Friday at Appleton Elementary and Orchard Mesa Middle School- please contact Aki Fukai for more information.

Acting President Barb announced that JUCO is coming up soon- stay tuned for more information!

Acting President Barb thanked everyone who helped deliver 1st Grade books to classrooms around the valley.

Today’s Program

Lee Borden introduced Melissa Schreiner a CSU Entomologist, who gave a very interesting presentation on the latest invasive bug infestation to hit Mesa County- the Japanese Beetle. 450 adult Japanese beetles were trapped

in central Mesa County last year- the beetle has the ability to spread quickly and can have a devastating impact on lawns, plants, trees and area cash crops. Because of the serious threat posed to our local agriculture industry, the State of Colorado, Mesa County and CSU are working together to identify and eradicate the beetles. For more information go to: <https://wci.extension.colostate.edu/japanese-beetle-in-mesa-county/>

Club Bylaws Review

Ken Mabery and Kirk Rider presented a summary of the work done by the Bylaws Committee, which resulted in an updated and revised bylaw draft that will be voted on by club members in attendance at next week’s meeting. All club members have been sent a copy of the revised Bylaws for their review before next week’s meeting. Thank you to Ken, Kirk and the rest of the Bylaws Committee for their work on these important documents!

Banff Film Festival 2023 Summary  
Presentation

Acting President Barb provided the