



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

- 5/17 Rotary Fellowship
- 5/24 Tom Walch, Grand Valley Power & JUCO
- 5/31 Dr. Perry Cabot, CSU Extension, Water Committee Tailgate Party
- 6/7 Awards and Year in Review with Sheree Fukai
- 6/14 Karen Fishell, Rotary Philippines' Project
- 6/28 Outgoing Presidential Address
- 7/5 No Meeting due to Independence Day Holiday
- 7/12 Incoming Presidential Address

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 5/25 JUCO STRIVE Picnic
- 5/27 to 6/2 JUCO Ball Games
- 5/31 Evening Group Team Building: The Escape House
- 6/2 to 6/3 Fruita Rotary Beer Pour at Mike the Headless Chicken
- 6/7 Membership Committee (before the noon meeting)
- 6/9 to 6/11 Palisade Rotary's Beer Booth at the Bluegrass Festival (they will be needing volunteers)
- 6/14 Board Meeting

- 1) Our wonderful singers.
- 2) Carolyn McDonald and Nick Beightel receiving their Paul Harris awards.
- 3) Miriam (Miffie) Blozovich receiving her Paul Harris.



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

May 17, 2023



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The
Spokesman
The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin



Aaron Tice
President
2022-2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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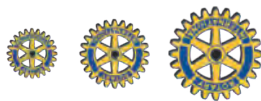
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Community Service
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Katie Davis
Evening Group Representative

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Kelly Anderson
Assistant District Governor
Jennifer Jones
Rotary International President

“Club Fellowship:” Each of You

One of the staples of Rotary is Fellowship. This includes the bonding and friendship that develops during shared meals, happy hour drinks, service projects, purposeful fundraisers, and valuable social events. The sense of group that grows amongst us is very valuable in developing a dynamic and effective Club. This week, the program will include a fun fellowship-building activity as well as strategizing about future fellowship events.



Rotary Club of Grand Junction
Spokesman Notes for 5/10/2023
By: Scott Fairbanks

Meeting called to order by Pres. Aaron Tice

Thanks to Barb Bowman for conducting last week for Pres. Tice while he was traveling for work.

Words of Inspiration - Tyler Dahl
A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp and noticed that the elephants weren't kept in cages or held by chains. All that was holding them back from escaping camp was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs. As he gazed upon the elephants he was confused as to why the elephants didn't use their strength to break the rope and escape. They could've easily done so but instead they didn't try at all. Curious, he asked one of the handlers why this was. He was told that when the elephants are very young and much smaller they are tied with the same size rope and they become conditioned to believe they cannot pull free from a rope that size. The only reason they weren't escaping is because they adopted that belief. The moral of this story: No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. This is the most important step in actually achieving it.

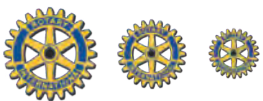
Pledge of Allegiance led by Kate Wells

Songs: God Bless America, If I had a Hammer

Introduction of Guests:
Barb Bowman - Debbie Kovalek, Scott

Pankow
Aki Fukai - Steven Stater (Aki, Paul, Steven and one other won the Rifle Rotary Sporting Clays shoot)
Rick Adelman - Merrell Kiddle, Jenny Jacobson (Feinzig Scholar)
Bob Czarnecki - Raine Laurent, Jade Beecham (Guest Speaker)
Steve Harrington - Lucas Perlstein - RYE Student, Sponsoring Golf Tournament, Delivered 1st Grade Books
Peter Booth - Sara Winefield (returning member), Susan Harrison

Announcements - Board Meeting tonight 5/10
Golf Tournament - One man scramble, sing up for Friday. 5/12 1pm at Bookcliff Country Club
Ken Maybery - Correction - bylaws passed with one dissenting vote, not unanimously.
Jack Connelley - Thanks to members of RobinHood Committee \$22,500 given to around 30 different organizations.
Steve Harrington - Coloramo Golf Tournament 5/24 Rotary will be the recipient of proceeds of that tournament. Thomas Hunn Jewelery - Cart sponsor. Image Net also sponsor.
Aaron Tice - Thanks to ANB Bank, Alpine Bank, Thomas Hunn Jewelers, ImageNet and several others sponsored the Rotary Tournament.
Debbie Kovalek - Update from Redlands Rotary, now meeting at Redlands Mesa noon. Meeting at Mama Ree's when not at Redland's Mesa.



Miffie Blozvitch - Celtic Festival 5/12 concert (FlowRider), 13-14 Highland Games 8a-10p at Mesa County Fairgrounds.
Peter Booth - Merrell Kiddle sponsoring GJHS Jazz Band's Swingin' Sweets 7 pm at GJHS 5/12.
Aaron Tice - Palisade Bluegrass Festival - Palisade Rotary needs volunteers to help pour beer. 5/13 District Grant training - online.

Lee Borden - Introduced Jade Beecham, Volunteer Coordinator for Karis (today's guest speaker)

Jade spoke at length about the mission of Karis and the many programs there. The House, Laurel House, The Eidsness Center (street outreach). When youtube stay in the 18-24 age housing for up to two years, part of their income is directed to the program and then returned to the individual for independent housing deposit etc. when they move out on their own.

Laurel House is transitional housing from age 24 up and can help with transitions through many different types of challenges including on-site counseling.

Drop in Center - below the Look on Main optometry shop. Laundry and lots of other drop-in resources.

There is a large amount of information about Karis online as well and the school district estimates there are about 800 unhoused youth locally at the present time.

Aaron Tice presented the speaker with a certificate for a donation in her name towards the effort to eradicate polio.

Merritt Kinsey - Paul Harris awards \$1,120,000 cumulative donations from this club.
\$20,000 approximate donations this year.
Niklas Beightel and Niki's mother both awarded Paul Harris fellow status.
Miffie Blozvitch - also awarded Paul Harris fellow.

Aaron Tice - approval of bylaws
Vote - Peter moved that the membership approve new bylaws as accepted by the board
Barb seconded the motion
Aaron Tice was the dissenting vote. His explanation of his vote was his personal opinion and he believes we could still do better.
Herb - What is the issue of bylaws?
Aaron Tice - We have split bylaws into policies and bylaws. Past Presidents are still picking new leadership. We need more transparency and more balanced membership participation, in his opinion.
Maree Garland - New bylaws and board recommendations two months and again two weeks prior to slate being presented to the membership.

Bob Czarnecki - Past Presidents vet the candidates quite thoroughly.
Niki Hunn - It's time to vote!

Vote - The bylaws pass as amended.

Happy bucks and fines skipped other than:

Steve Doyle - \$100 Avalon Foundation and Mesa County Historical Society will be producing Dalton Trumbo's Eclipse as a musical.

Peter Booth - Thanks for making the Robin Hood presentation to Karis, Banff presentation and to all for tree planting and book delivery.

Fines - Fine for Debbie Kovalek, \$100 fine for past presidents
Drawing - Jade drew a ticket
Winner - Karen Enos
Niklas - led Four way test

Committee Tailgate Party

Our incoming president, Steve Schultz, is reviving the Club Tradition of hosting a Committee Tailgate Party at the Noon Meeting on June 14th. At the meeting, members will get the opportunity to learn about and sign up for the Club's committees, work groups, projects, or task forces. If you're the head of any of these groups, be prepared to share with others why your committee is the best and why someone needs to join.

No Meeting July 5th

Because of the Independence Day holidays, the Noon Group will not meet on July 5th.

Evening Group, Team Building

During each month that has a fifth Wednesday, the Evening Group will host a team building challenge on that day that is open to all members of the Club. This May 31st, the Evening Group (and anyone who wishes to join them) will be going to the visit to *The Escape House*. This will be a live-action experience where players enter a scenario and where they will need to use their minds to find clues, solve puzzles, unlock locks, and hopefully make their escape in 60 minutes!

We have reservations for 20 slots and it is \$25 for each participant. Don't miss this exciting opportunity. RSVP to Katie, 970-778-5083/ Katie@brayandco.com.

JUCO Coming Soon

As the song goes, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Specifically, take me out to a Junior College World Series (JUCO) ball game. Our Rotary Club has the well-deserved reputation of being the best host for this annual Grand Junction tradition.

It all starts with the JUCO STRIVE Picnic on Thursday May 25th (6:00 PM, Volunteers arrive at 5:00) at the Grand Junction Botanical Gardens. The first game is on Saturday May 27th. Of course, currently, we don't know which team our Club will be hosting (that is decided the weekend before at the West District Conference Tournament). Nor do we know when they play first, but there are a lot of volunteer positions that we need help with including:

Wednesday Welcome Event—Contact Dave Huerkamp and Barbara Traylor-Smith
Family Picnic—Contact Dave Huerkamp and Barbara Traylor-Smith
Help in the Dug Out-Contact Tom Benton and Deb Francis
Welcome Bags—contact Karen Enos and Russ Dawson
Bat Boys—contact Tom Benton
Parent Support—contact Karen Enos, Russ Dawson, and Ed Hokanson
Support at Practices—contact Deb Francis and Dave Huerkamp
And when our Team Plays, we want to have as big a Rotary Club attendance as possible. Finally, Rotary will have a table at the Banquet on Friday evening. Tickets are \$50 each. For information about anything JUCO, contact Dave Huerkamp at 970-261-1081/ dave@prospace.biz.

Updating 2023-2024 Rotary Club of Grand Junction Directory

It is time to revise our Club's Rotary directory. If you have a listing in the current directory, please look over your entry and let me know if there are any additions, subtractions, or changes. If you are new, make sure Peter has the information you want to be in your listing.

Also, the Rotary Directory is a wonderful way to get your organization's name in front of a select group of community leaders. In addition, advertising is what makes the directory possible. So, consider promoting your business in the directory. For those who placed an ad last year, let me know if you want to renew your notice and if you have any changes. If you have not placed an advertisement in the directory before, it is a wonderful way to support the Club and get your name in front of some of the most influential people in the community.

The ads come in three sizes.
Quarter page--\$80,
Half page--\$150
Full page--\$265.
Contact Peter for information, to submit changes and to place an ad in the directory.