



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

- 5/24 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
- 6/21 Outgoing Presidential Address
- 6/28 No Noon or Evening Group Meeting
- 7/5 Incoming Presidential Address
- 7/12

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- 5/24 JUCO Team Welcome
- 5/25 JUCO STRIVE Picnic
- 5/26 JUCO Banquet
- 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
- 7/21 Glade Park Movie Under the Stars showing of Encanto, sponsored by Rotary Club of Grand Junction

If you want a committee meeting or event listed, please contact Peter.

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



Aaron Tice
President
2022-2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Rotary International President



1) The Winners of the Spaghetti and Marshmallow Tower
2) The Losers. (this is the one with stacked chairs)
3-6) Rotary Tower Engineers at work



Tom Walch - CEO, Grand Valley Power

A Texas native, Tom Walch has 25 years of experience serving rural electric cooperative interests. Tom has a legal background. He was General Counsel for Central Texas Electric Cooperative for 14 years before taking the helm as CEO at Grand Valley Power in 2012. He has served on the Colorado Rural Electric Association Board of Directors and as president of the CREA Managers Association. He is on the board of the National Information Solutions Cooperative. Locally, he is a ten-year veteran on the Grand Junction Economic Partnership board. Grand Valley Power is Colorado's oldest electric cooperative,



distributing electricity to suburban and rural portions of Mesa County for more than 85 years.

given a bag of marshmallows and a box of spaghetti, and they were instructed to see who could build the tallest structure in the ten minutes allotted. The spirited competition came down to just a matter of inches. It was suggested that cooked spaghetti would have been a much greater challenge. A good time was had by all and maybe even a few new friends were made. We were also asked to suggest club activities for next year.

Happy Bucks and Gifts For the President:

Gary Nagy was happy for not only his 65th birthday but also his recovery from a serious motorcycle accident just a year ago.

Fid Braffett was happy to have helped his Wife's club during a recent cycling event downtown by checking Id's at the beer booth they were manning.

Sheree Fukai celebrated her Grandson's 18th Birthday and graduation from high school, as well as the end of her home-schooling career.

Nikki Hunn gave Happy \$\$\$ for her staffers and family honored as Paul Harris Fellows and also that her Mother was out of the hospital.

President Lucky Duck welcomed the Bookcliff CC golf pro Brian, to thank him for all the assistance in our recent tournament. The number of golfers was up, but sponsorships were down a bit this year. He thanked specifically **Vance Wagner, Nikki Hunn and Tyler Dahl** for their corporate sponsorships.

50/50: **Sheree Fukai** took home the weekly prize.

Four-Way Test: **Kirk Rider** led us in the treasured pledge we follow in what we think, say or do as Rotarians.

On this Graduation Week we think back about

WHY WE LOVE OUR LITTLE CHILDREN.....

submitted by Jan Pomrenke

1) NUDITY I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle, the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE #1 While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop? Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report. 'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?' 'Yes, that's right,' I told her. 'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) POLICE #2 It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me. 'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked. 'It sure is,' I replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at me and

then towards the back of the van. Finally, he said, 'What'd he do?'

7) ELDERLY While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

8) DRESS-UP A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.' 'And why not, darling?' 'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

9) DEATH While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wool then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Father, and unto the Son, and into the hole he goooses.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

10) SCHOOL A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

11) BIBLE A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

Happy Graduation to your children and grandchildren and Liam Pomrenke! Life has just begun! Cheers!



Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 5/24/2023

By: Wayne P. Salladé

The Salt Lake Community College Bruins (31-18) are the team we will be hosting at JUCO. They earned their first-ever appearance in Grand Junction, by winning the West District title game 14-1 over Southeast Community College of Nebraska. The Bruins will arrive in the Grand Valley this afternoon between 5:30 and 6:30 at the Doubletree Hotel off Horizon Drive. The JUCO Committee invites all club members to join us to welcome the team. The Bruins first game as #8 seed will be Saturday evening at 7:30 against Wabash Valley CC (#3 seed) from Illinois.

Regular Meeting- President **Aaron Tice** looked out a very sparse crowd at our weekly gathering. It appears as though many have forgotten how critically important attendance is to the overall success of a Rotary Club!

Words of Inspiration were provided by **Jennifer Marsh** as she shared an excerpt from the book **Maybe** by Kobi Yamada: "You are the only you there ever has been or ever will be. You are unique in all the universe. Just the odds of you being here at this exact place and this exact time are so great and so rare that it will never happen again!" She also thanked those in our club

who are strong scholarship supporters; **Nikki Hunn** and **Herb Feinzig**.

Michael Burke led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Our usual singing crew was missing our fearless leader **Chris Unfug**, so **Kelly Anderson, Merritt Kinsey and your editor** were accompanied by **Hughie Plumley** on the piano. We then offered our renditions of **It's a Grand Old Flag** followed in honor of JUCO; **Take Me Out To the Ballgame**. Oh yeah, **President Aaron** was along as window dressing.

Introduction of Guests:

Andy Sweet welcomed Scott Panko to his third meeting, and he will soon be joining our club.

Announcements:

Dave Huerkamp updated us on JUCO-related activities. The STRIVE Picnic returns this year and it will be tomorrow evening at the Botanical Gardens on Riverside Parkway. The picnic is at 6:00 p.m. and those willing to help with setup will be needed at 5:00.

President Aaron advised us that the Palisade Rotary needs folks to work the beer/cocktail bar at the Bluegrass and Roots Festival June 9-11 at Riverbend



Park and the Fruita Rotary needs beer pouring helpers for Mike the Headless Chicken Festival next weekend.

Paul DiMarchi let us know that he and his Rotary team (including **Aki Fukai**) had won the Rotary Club Sporting Clays Tournament in Cameo for the third time in four years.

Jack Connolly brought us the story of José and what happened at his first baseball game. Suffice to say, many groans followed.

Peter Booth read some thank you notes from 1st Graders for the books they recently received. Also, the Evening Group will have a team-building activity at the Escape House on May 31st.

Merritt Kinsey had some **Paul Harris Fellow** awards and he began with **Dale Beede** to whom he presented a **Paul Harris +8** pin as he nears major donor status. First-time award pins went to **Paul DiMarchi** and **Tahirh Bochmann**. Our club has donated \$1.1 million over the years to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Program:

Peter Booth was in charge of our program, which involved team building and fellowship. The five teams were each