



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

5/31 Dr. Perry Cabot, CSU Extension, Water
6/7 Rotary Foundations
6/14 Committee Tailgate Party
6/21 Awards
6/28 Outgoing Presidential Address
7/5 No Meeting due to Independence Day Holiday
7/12 Incoming Presidential Address

Upcoming Events and Meetings

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)
6/7 Evening Group
6/9 to 6/11 Palisade Rotary's Beer Booth at the Bluegrass Festival
(they will be needing volunteers)
6/14 Board Meeting
6/21 Evening Group
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.

JUCO 2023: Our Week with Salt Lake Community College

Our Rotary Club spent the last few days hosting Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) Bruins in their first-time appearance at Junior College Baseball World Series (JUCO). It all started with Club Members greeting the Bruins when they arrived at the Doubletree on Wednesday, May 24th. After practice and a Little League Clinic earlier on Thursday, the teams all gathered at the Grand Junction Botanical Gardens for the STRIVE Picnic. On Friday, Rotary had a table at the 2023 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series Banquet. The next day, Rotary hosted a pre-game tailgate party for the team. The first game was that evening, and it was a nail-biting loss to Wabash Valley. On Sunday, we through a family picnic at Sherwood Park. That evening, the Bruins lost their second game to Johnson County and were unfortunately eliminated from the tournament. This was SLCC's first trip to JUCO and they played well, and though they lost, Rotary was proud to support the Bruins of SLCC. We hope to see them again soon. Thanks to Dave Huerkamp, Barbara Traylor-Smith, Karen Enos, Russ Dawson, Scott Fairbanks, Tom Benton, Wayne Sallade, Steve Harrington, Mari Garland, Deb Francis, Ed Hokenson and everyone else who helped and came to the games to root for our team.

Coloramo FCU's 2023 Western Colorado Hero Classic Golf Tournament—June 3rd, Redlands Mesa Golf Course

Coloramo Federal Credit Union believes in giving back to the heroes in our community. Join them at the 2023 Western Colorado Hero Classic Golf Tournament to help say THANK YOU to the incredible men and women who support our youth, and their great service and dedication to the Grand Valley! The funds raised from this tournament will benefit our local heroes who support the youth in the Grand Valley, including teachers, school administrators, the Mesa County Fair's Youth Programs and Rotary Club's Youth Programs. The tournament is proceeded by a Social at Spring Hill Suites, Friday, June 2, 2023 from 6- 9pm. For information, contact fellow Rotarian Steve Harrington at 970.822.4702/sharrington@coloramo.org .

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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Dr. Perry Cabot, Colorado State University

Dr. Perry Cabot received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering and Land Resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University. His research program focuses on innovative irrigation technologies, sustainable water resources management, alternative cropping systems and crop consumptive use evaluation. He is an Extension Professor based at the at the WCRC-Grand Valley in its role as the western CSU campus unit focused on water resources, integrated cropping systems and climate-smart agriculture. He is the irrigation and water resources specialist for the CSU Office of



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state.

weekend after that, the Palisade Rotary Club is pouring beer at the Bluegrass Festival. Both clubs need help.

Program:

Paul DiMarchi introduced our speaker Tom Walch of Grand Valley Power (GVP).

Tom Walch loved talking about GVP, an electricity distribution cooperative. It is the largest cooperative electric company in the state. GVP buys electricity and distribute it to their rural and suburban customers in Mesa County. The serve one out of every ten meters in our community. GVP is a member-owned and directed organization. Electric cooperatives were organized in the New Deal to help serve rural areas of the nation (which did not have electricity at the time). It is a model that has served the nation ever since. Today, 48% of the power they deliver come from renewable energy, one of the best marks in the state. Examples of some of GVP’s innovations is solar farms, such as the one on 29 Road, specifically set up to help low-income homes. That project has been replicated by other utilities across the country. GVP has also introduced broad time-of-use rates to make utility bills more equitable. In addition, GVP works hard to give back to the community.

Happy Bucks:

- **Jen Price** is happy that next Thursday, HopeWest is having their Itty Bity Camp which Rotary helped sponsor.
- **Dave Huerkamp** is happy for Tom Walch’s presentation and for GVP’s support of the community. He is also happy to being a Rotarian and for the exchange of goods (for the eggs he got from

President-Elect Niki Hunn, for the asparagus he gave to **Niki**, and for the box of shotgun shells he got **Paul DiMarchi**).

- **Joe Kuntz** is happy for his daughter’s graduation from Baylor University.
- **Past-President Dale Beede** is happy he got University of Colorado football tickets for their games against USC and CSU.
- **Mari Garland** is happy her daughter Anne graduated from CMU and that her oldest daughter, Jenni, got the band director position at Olathe High School.
- **President-Elect Niki Hunn** is happy for the asparagus she got from **Dave Huerkamp** and for the GVP power lineman coming to her house and asking, “Did you pay your bill.”
- **Past-President Barb Bowman** is happy they have the dates confirmed for the 2024 and 2025 Banff Film Festivals.
- **President Aaron Tice** is happy that his wife’s grandfather, Lyle Shriver, was the former CEO of GVP, so he was very pleased with the presentation today. Plus, he is happy to be an American and a Rotarian.

Gifts for the President:

- **Chris Unfug** just came back from Cancun and brought home Pato Muerto for Aaron.

Raffle:

- **Tyler Dahl** won the raffle. Congratulations.

Four Way Test was led by **Michael Burke**.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:18.

Evening Group Team Building at the Escape Room

The Evening Group is hosting a team building challenge that is open to all members of the Club. This Wednesday, May 31st, the Evening Group (and anyone who wishes to join them) will be going to visit *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! There are four uniquely themed rooms that include the *Grand Illusion, Inventor's Garage, The Lost Continent*, and *Slaughterhouse Gulch*.

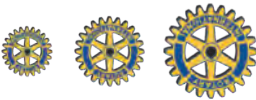
We have reservations for 20 slots, and it is \$25 for each participant. Don’t miss this exciting opportunity. Contact Katie, 970-778-5083/ Katie@brayandco.com.

Updating 2023-2024 Rotary Club of Grand Junction Directory

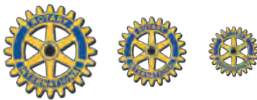
It is time to revise our Club’s Rotary directory. If you have a listing in the current directory, please look over your entry and let me know if there are any additions, subtractions, or changes. If you are new, make sure Peter has the information you want to be in your listing. Contact Peter for information,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

No Meeting July 5th

Because of the Independence Day holidays, neither the Noon nor Evening Groups will meet on July 5th.



Rotary Club of Grand Junction
Spokesman Notes for 5/24/2023
By: Peter Booth



President Aaron Tice opened the meeting at 12:10 by welcoming everyone.

Words of Inspiration:

- The Words of Inspiration was provided by **Joe Kuntz**.
 - **Joe Kuntz** started with words from Joe Girard: “The Elevator to success is out of order, you have to use the steps, one step at a time.” – Joe followed this with his message to hang in there, keep fighting the good fight, keep enjoying the peace and the love of your life, and keep moving forward instead of being arrested by fear.

The Pledge of Allegiance is led by **Capt. Joe West**.

Music

Past-President Chris Unfug and his Ready-Anytime Background singer, accompanied by **Hugh Plumleigh**, led the Club in *America the Beautiful* and *Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da*.

Happy Buck by Niki

President-Elect Niki Hunn (who had been inspired by the reference to a jeweler in the song *Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-*

Da) delivered some early happy bucks. She pledged \$5 per person who was wearing the Rotary pin. Thirty people in the room was wearing their Rotary pin, thus Niki pledged \$150.

Guest

- **Dave Huerkamp** introduced Visiting Rotarian **David Smith** from Los Altos (California) Rotary Club. David was proud to announce that their Club just recently reached 50% plus one female membership.
- **Andy Sweet** introduced returning member **Sarah Winefield**.
- **Paul DiMarchi** introduced our Speaker **Tom Walch** from Grand Valley Power.
- **Joe Kuntz** introduced his wife, **Angela Kuntz**.

Announcements

- **Steve Harrington** announced that we need volunteers to drive RYLA participants to Leadville June 2nd and 3rd.
- **Joe Kuntz** is passing around a signup sheet for Club Member to do the Words of Inspiration.
- **Dave Huerkamp** first announced that the team that our Club is hosting

is the Salt Lake Community College Bruins (their first time at JUCO). Then he announced the calendar to events going on with the JUCO tournament. The SLSS team is arriving today at Doubletree this evening around 5:30 and we need people to greet them. Practice starts tomorrow morning at 9:00. Tomorrow evening is the STRIVE picnic. Friday evening is the JUCO banquet. The first game is on Saturday. Sunday is the Family Picnic at Sherwood Park. If you want to help in any way, contact **Dave Huerkamp**.

- **Past-President Peter Booth** shared more “thank you” cards from schools regarding 1st grade books and trees. Also, a note of thanks from the Film Exposure Project. Finally, Peter asked for help finishing the new Directory for 2023-23, he is sending around two Directories. Look at your entry, mark any changes and sign it.
- **President Aaron Tice** announced that the Evening Group is hosting a team building activity next Wednesday the 31st.

- **President Aaron Tice** announced *Fruita Rotary Club* is doing a beer-pouring fundraiser and Headless Chicken Festival June 2 and 3rd. The