



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

Rick Adleman

Zeb Miracle

Bradley Stovall

Kevin McChesney

Upcoming Programs

11/13	George Decker, Recollections and Ramblings of Western Colorado Pioneers
11/20	Mary Watson, TEDx Grand Junction
11/27	Rotary Kiwanis Bellringer Challenge
12/4	Johanna van Waveren--CNMA, Eureka and Rivers Edge West
12/11	Jack Connolly, "Get to Know Your Club"
12/18	Walid Bou-Matar, "Get to Know Your Club"
12/25 & 1/1	Holidays: NO MEETING

If you have an idea for future programs, contact the Program Committee
—Zeb Miracle, Rick Adleman, Kevin McChesney, and Bradley Stovall.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

11/13	Board Meeting
11/18	1st Grade Literacy Book Label Party (REC Warehouse)
11/19-22	1st Grade Literacy Book Delivery
11/27	Bell Ringing Challenge
12/7	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
12/25 and 1/1	No Meeting
2/1	Cards for a Cause
2/12-15	Banff
3/8	Snowball Express

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

Snowball Sweepstakes

The Rotary Club of Grand Junction, Downtown, is honored to host the 2025 Rotary Snowball Sweepstakes, a Rotary Event supporting over 20 local organizations. Join us to watch 100 balls roll down Powderhorn's Wonder Bump, and while attending, purchase a ticket for a chance to win up to \$5,000.00.

Event Date: Saturday, March 8th, 2025

Event time: Rotary events start at 11:00, and balls roll at 3:00 pm.

Prizes: Grand Prize - \$5,000.00
2nd prize - \$3,000.00
3rd Prize - \$2,000.00,
4th Prize - \$1,000.00,

How to win:

Buy a ticket online at <https://snowball-sweepstakes.herokuapp.com/>. Go to the top of the page and click on the Menu logo (three horizontal lines) on the Smartphone or Click on Participating Organization to select a non-profit organization to donate to.
Winners will be notified by phone and/or email.

Non-Profits Needed for Snowball

This is great for non-profits wanting to earn some revenue to help them better fulfill their mission and do good work in the community. The non-profit gets to keep 80% of everything they sell. If you know of a group that wants to take advantage of this opportunity, have them contact Kim Alexander or Aki Fukai.

Board Meetings will be held
at 5:30 pm every second
Wednesday of the month at
The Art Center of Western Colorado
1803 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction CO

Noon Rotary Group - Niki Hunn-Beightel

Wednesday, 12:00 pm,
Bookcliff Country Club
2730 G Rd
Grand Junction, CO

Evening Rotary Group - Matt Ehmman

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:30 pm,
Edgewater Brewery
905 Struthers Ave.
Grand Junction, CO

Horizon Sunrise - Jim Kiaser

Thursday at 7:15 am,
Redlands Community Center
2463 Broadway
Grand Junction, CO

Redlands Rotary - Steven DeFeyer

Friday at 12:00 pm,
Ocotillo Restaurant at Redlands Golf Club
2325 W. Ridges Blvd
Grand Junction, CO

Rotary Club of Fruita - Chris Endreson

First Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 pm,
Third Tuesday of the Month at Noon,
Fruita Civic Center
324 E Aspen Ave.
Fruita, CO

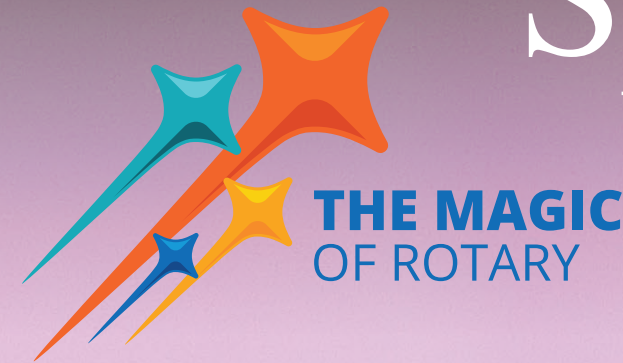
Palisade Sunrise - Joan Grumley

1st & 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm,
Palisade Community Center
120 West 8th Street
Palisade, CO

Newsletter copy deadline for weekly announcements,
letters, stories, program info, etc. is
Monday, week of publication, 10 am

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The
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The Rotary Club of Grand Junction Weekly Bulletin



Niki Hunn-Beightel
President
2024-2025

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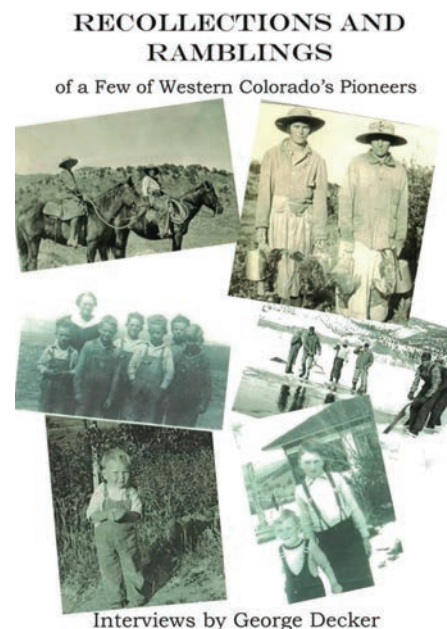
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George Decker, Recollections and Ramblings of Western Colorado Pioneers



Rotary Club of Grand Junction Spokesman Notes for 11/06/2024 By: Michael McCormick

President Niki Hunn called the meeting to order at the Bookcliff Country Club.

Wayne Salladé led the pledge of allegiance.

Words of Inspiration- Lee Borden shared two quotes: “success means doing the best with what we have” (Zig Ziglar) and Walt Whitman once said “keep your face facing the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you”.

Chris Unfug and Wayne Salladé led the group in the singing of “God Bless America” and “Rotary Smile”. Thank you, song leaders!

Gwen DeCino shared birthdays and anniversaries in November. Thank you, Gwen!

Guests

President Niki introduced Kim Alexander from the Rotary Club’s Evening Group, her friend Enzo, and Steve Erkenbrack, who is a member of this club who lives in the Denver area. President Niki also introduced Deb Kovalik visiting from the Redlands

Rotary Club.

Peter Booth introduced our speakers for today, Marge Joy and Pam Francel.

Gail Atkinson introduced her husband Monte Atkinson as her guest today.

Announcements

President Niki announced that Herb Feinzig is home and seems to be doing better than he was not too long ago.

Major John Thumey from the Salvation Army announced its time to sign up for Bell Ringing which is taking place December 7th. He passed around the signup sheets.

Peter Booth announced the evening group is meeting tonight at 530 at Edgewater Brewery and the club board meets next Wednesday at 5:30 at Niki Hunn’s home. Peter asked that Rotarians who have extra clothing share them with the homeless people who are coming to the Rotary Club meal distribution event that happens regularly. Please see Peter or Andy Sweet for more information.

In 2023 CHFA invested \$1.3 billion dollars across the state of Colorado.

Fines

President Niki fined anyone who didn’t buy 50/50 tickets \$2. She also fined



Peter Booth also announced that we have moved the school literacy project back to late fall in the calendar year, so it is time to sign up to help with stamping the books to be given to area 3rd graders.

Barb Bowman announced that there will be a Banff Film Festival meeting tomorrow morning at 8am at the Art Center.

Today’s Program

Peter Booth introduced Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA) representatives **Pam** and **Margie Joy** who gave the group an informative overview and update on CHFA. CHFA supports homeowners and renters find appropriate housing and related financing for home purchases. In addition CHFA is available to small business owner/operators to provide loans or lending advice for start ups and small businesses.

everyone not wearing a Rotary pin \$10.

Happy Bucks

President Niki gave \$500 to go to Salvation Army Bell Ringing event.

Bob Jarvis gave happy bucks for a variety of really good reasons.

Tom Benton gave \$100 happy bucks in honoring his mother Rae Benton, who recently passed away at 95 years old.

Steve ErkenBrack gave happy bucks because he loves being a member of this club, even though he lives in the Denver area.

Dave Huerkamp gave happy bucks as his daughter recently was married, she also successfully competed in a rodeo event. Dave also gave happy bucks because he had a great time pheasant hunting in South Dakota.

Thomas gave happy bucks in honor of the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dale Beede gave sad bucks, because Costco decided to cancel plans to open a store in Grand Junction.

Andy Sweet gave happy bucks in the hopes of starting a club Peace Fund.

Gifts for the President

Tyler Dahl gave **President Niki** a nice jar of homemade vanilla.

50/50

John Moniz won today - congratulations John!

Steve ErkenBrack led us in the four-way test.



First Grade Literacy-- November 18th to the 22nd

The Rotary Clubs of Mesa County will once again donate three new books to each of the D51 First Graders. The books have been ordered and will be presented by Club Members from each of the Grand Valley Rotary Clubs.

November 18th: Rotarians meet at the Riverside Education Center Warehouse to label the books and prepare for school site presentations

November 19th to 22nd: Rotarians present books at school sites
The school sign-up sheet has been sent out via email.

Rotary’s Annual Holiday Tradition:

Bellringer Challenge and Salvation Army Bell Ringing
November 27 and December 7

Rotary Bellringer for Salvation Army is a time-honored Holiday tradition for our Club. The Salvation Army does so much in our community. The bulk of the Salvation Army’s budget is earned during Bellringing and our Club is a major part of that effort.

Actual Bellringer this year is December 7th. We share the day with the Kiwanis Club. One group will ring the bells in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The decision of which Club does which is decided at the Bellringer Challenge on November 27 (Wednesday be Thanksgiving). At this annual Knowledge Bowl, the two clubs put forward their brightest and quickest (on the buzzer) in this battle of the wits. The winning club gets their choice of ringing the bell in the morning or the afternoon.

All this is a lot of fun, but we need to remind our members that most of the funds raised come from our own donations. We will get a little money in the pots while ringing the bells, but checks from Rotarians represent most of the resources that is earned on that day. So, as we enter this season of giving, please find a spot in your heart and remember that the Salvation army depends on our generosity.

Banff Film Festival: February 12-15
Get ready to be inspired! Join the Rotary Club of Grand Junction when the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour returns to Grand Junction to bring the spirit of outdoor adventure to the Asteria Theatre on Wednesday, February 12, the Avalon Theatre on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th, and at the Egyptian Theater in Delta on Saturday, February 15. Doors open at 6 pm and films begin at 7 pm for all showings.

Plan on attending all four nights to view a unique line-up of up to eight unique films each night. Your ticket purchase benefits the following local organizations: COPMOBA, Colorado Canyons Association, CMU International Student and Outdoor Recreation Program, Colorado National Monument Association, and Western Colorado Conservation Corps

Traveling to remote vistas, analyzing topical environmental issues, and bringing audiences up-close and personal with adrenaline-packed action sports the 2024/2025 World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world.

Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival is one of the largest and most prestigious mountain festivals in the world! Hot on the heels of the Festival that is held every fall in beautiful Banff, Alberta, the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour hits the road. With stops planned in about 550 communities and more than 40 countries across the globe, the Banff World Tour celebrates amazing achievements in outdoor storytelling and filmmaking worldwide!

From the over 400 entries submitted into the Festival each year, award-winners and audience favorites are among the films that are carefully selected to play in theaters around the world.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Friday, November 15, through the following links: Asteria Theatre, Avalon Theatre, and Egyptian Theater.

