

Grand Junction Rotaract Club – Amanda Crysler

TODAY'S PROGRAM

It's Rotary for Young Professionals! This week's program features the Rotaract Club of Grand Junction. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grand Junction, Rotaract started planning as a club in August of 2007, signed all its articles and bylaws in November 2007, and was inducted by our club in May of 2008 at Two Rivers Winery.

Today, you will learn a little bit more about Rotaract, what they have been doing and are planning to do with their club; learn about their first International Project-the India School Bench Project; and meet its members. Who knows? Maybe you know a young professional between the ages of 18 – 34 who might be interested in getting involved!



Rotarians at the Rally



Super Service Bowl XC

A festive atmosphere greeted club members as they gathered for last week's first-ever "Super Service Bowl XC and Tail Gate Party" at Two Rivers Convention Center

The club's annual "Club Assembly" meeting was transformed into a Super Bowl-themed "tail gate party." This event, which we hope will become an annual tradition, is called Super Service Bowl X-C ... to coincide with our club's 90th anniversary which we celebrate in 2009.

The goal of the program was to get members to sign up for one - or more - of the 28 committees that are the backbone of this great club. Previously, we have undertaken this task in late May or early June with the "sign-up sheets" which more often than not languish in the middle of each table.

Each of the Four Avenues of Service - Club, Community, International and Vocational - had their very own tail gate area and entered into a brisk competition to recruit and sign new members to their respective committees.

In two weeks - at the January 28th meeting - we will follow-up with a "Draft Day" at which time we will announce the membership rosters for each committee. There will be an opportunity for trades, acquisitions, etc., on that date.

Kim Giannone and Joe Warner served as co-chairs for this inaugural event. Members of the planning committee were: Teresa Anson, Dale Beede, Barb Bowman, Claudia Crowell, Jana Gerow, Ed Hokanson, Kevin McChesney, Reed Mitchell, Kathy O'Shea, Tyler Riehl, Marlayne Turner, and Chris Unfug.

Our "referee crew" included Barb Bowman, Gwen DeCino, Gene Taylor and Frank Wagner.

A special highlight of the festivities was a stirring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner by Krystyn Hartman. Lou Ludington gave the invocation.



Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

On January 14, 2009, I witnessed a near miss accident in the intersection of First and Main following Rotary. The smart thinking and quick reactions of one of our own Rotarians saved a pedestrian and the car that wrongfully turned in front of our Rotarian when he had the right-of-way. **James W. Mackley** was definitely in the right place at the right time and prevented a dreadful accident. Calm, cool and collected, he probably just thought he was just being an aware and polite driver. He was so cool he did not even give anyone the kind of bird some folks deliver, but instead, proceeded safely on his way. Did you know he was Club President when I was in high school? Yip, and then some years later he made a risky real estate loan to me which I was so happy to be able to pay back. And rumor has it that he really is the one who still runs the **Grand Valley Bank at 7th and Belford**. **Jim, you are a super, duper fellow!** (Gotta stay on his good side -- might need another loan.)

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

- January 28** **Polio Plus**
Barbara Gottschalk
- February 4** **Gateway Canyons**
- February 11** **Lunch w/ Spouses**
Jazz Trio
- February 18** **Mesa State College**
Tim Foster

Other Dates

- February 6** **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club

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