

# Eat Chocolate for Charity!

By Jill Skeem, Rotary Club of Twin Falls Board Member and Fundraising Chairperson

**It is hard to believe that this is the Rotary Club of Twin Falls 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Death By Chocolate Fundraiser! It will take place on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at the Canyon Crest Event Center from 6:00pm - 9:00pm.**

I started this fundraiser for my Rotary Club in Newton, MA in 2001, and it was very successful. When I moved to Twin Falls, my Club asked me for fundraising ideas. I gave them 12, and they ended up choosing Death By Chocolate! To think it is still going strong after 17 years and has become one of the most popular fundraisers in the Magic Valley is beyond my wildest imagination.

For those of you who have never heard of or have never attended one of Rotary's Death By Chocolate Fundraisers, it works like this:

Local chefs compete against each other in the following categories: Brownie, Cake, Candy Cookie, and Unique Dessert. Attendees taste and judge these chocolate delights and vote for their favorite in each Category. A blind panel of judges will also decide their favorites in each category, along with the Best in



Show Award for the best overall chocolate item.

In addition to the People's and Judges' awards, there is a separate award given to the best high school that competes in DBC. The winning high school keeps the award for the year and brings it to the fundraiser the night of the event. The high school winner will



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then take the award to display at their school for the following year. It is like the Stanley Cup of chocolate!

There is also a no-host bar, silent auction, and raffle throughout the evening. Crazy Love with Bruce Michael Miller and Heather Platts will be providing live music. There will be complimentary coffee and water.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Pre-sale tickets will be available at Kurt's Pharmacy or online at [www.twinfallsrotary.org](http://www.twinfallsrotary.org).

The money raised from this fundraiser will go towards Rotary's Community Project which is to rebuild the restrooms at Frontier Park. Currently, this park is used by the Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth baseball and softball leagues. It hosts fast-pitch baseball tournaments, and 3,000 kids from the Boys & Girls Club use it for their summer activities. It hosts pickleball tournaments, and players play day and night on the 12 lighted pickleball courts seven days a week throughout the year. The National Guard



*Twin Falls Rotary Frontier Restroom Project*

performs drills in the park and uses the pickleball courts for their daily fitness requirement. People rent the Pavilion for events and take their kids to play on the playground equipment, and it's where many people walk their dogs.

These restrooms were built in 1979, and, in order to make the women's restroom ADA compliant, the city put two toilets in the same stall. Conversely, the men's restroom has one toilet and one urinal in the same stall. The sinks are often unusable, because the water backs up in them and does not drain. There is no place to change a baby, get a drink of water, or fill a water bottle.

These restrooms are so woefully inadequate that the Boys & Girls kids now have to return to their building when they need to use the restroom.

If you would like to find out more about this project or would like to support, please go to [www.twinfallsrotary.org](http://www.twinfallsrotary.org).

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