



President's Message

We made it through July – and nearly half of August! We celebrated Walt at his Demotion Party, and our District Governor, Stacy L. Graham during her visit to MODOC. Our District Governor addressed our club and shared her reasons for choosing her theme for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Her very personal story was truly “Rotary from the Heart.” I wish you all could have heard it. There were tears, compassion, and realness to what she said about those ROTARIANS who helped her when she was at some very low places in her life. It gave ME inspiration, and hopefully we can all be “That Person” in someone’s life - to reach out, to care, to listen, to hear, to help! **That’s What Friends Are For!! (Remember the song???)**

In addition to honoring Stacy, we honored our very own Dick Read, with the “Quiet Rotarian Award”, as well as Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto with the “Heart of Rotary Award”. These honors truly manifest what these three people bring to OUR Rotary Club. They offer advice, wisdom, knowledge, and so many other attributes when called upon. I thank each of you, Dick, Elizabeth and Karen for being who you are and for your contributions to Rotary as we “Create Hope in the World”.

In addition, to those of you who participated in our Annual Jim Wills Golf Tournament, as well as meetings, and board meetings ----- It’s been a very busy 6 weeks



and my appreciation goes out to every one of you for your help in our many fun events. The saying “many hands make light work” certainly rings true!

In looking back over all that has happened, I started thinking of the “Rotarian of the Month”. With so much involvement from Rotarians, I wanted to present each of you with that honor. In the end, I selected Pam Morell and Mike Mason for their efforts in seeking raffle and auction prizes for the Golf Tournament. Their tenacity in securing those prizes was key in OUR realizing a great profit for this event. The final numbers are still being crunched, and sign sponsor payments are being collected, so we don’t have the rock-solid figures yet, but we will soon. As voted on, a portion of these profits will be donated to the Alturas Community Theater to assist them with a new heating system for the theater building. The theater is a hub of entertainment, movies, plays, etc. in our little town and our donation of funds will be greatly appreciated by the ACT board and patrons who attend events at this venue.

Both the Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise elected to provide \$3,000 of the Block M Funds to the

Modoc High School Boosters Club. They are fundraising to purchase a trailer that can be taken to different locations (both in- and out-of-town games) and allow the Boosters Club to sell clothing and souvenirs. You will see a ROTARY LOGO on that trailer when the fundraising is completed, and the trailer purchased.

Last week, Alan Cain provided the first of our “Rotary Education” programs and shared information about Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus, as well as different ways we can “give” to the Rotary Foundation and to Rotary Programs. (i.e., Rotary Direct and the Bequest Society). When DG Stacy was here, she also shared information concerning the Bequest Society for Rotary. Do you want to do good in the world beyond your lifetime... Do you want to leave a Rotary Legacy? YOU CAN!!! Right now, there is an anonymous Rotarian in District 5190 who has made a commitment to match the cumulative contributions for our District for up to a total of \$1 million. The minimum donation is \$10,000.... WOW!!!!). If you are interested in additional information regarding these items, I strongly urge you to reach out to Alan. He is a wealth of information and knowledge!

On the horizon,

We are looking at partnering with Modoc County, and possibly the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Alturas to renovate / replace the directional sign at the Highway 395 and the A3 cutoff on the way from RENO. Thank you, Jim Cavasso, for your efforts on this project. Watch for that “ROTARY LOGO” on that sign.

In addition, we are looking at a Lithium Battery Collection project. Details are still being determined for this effort.

We will welcome and induct David and Lupe Toaetolu into our Club in the next couple of weeks. It’s great to see the Rotary Club of Alturas grow!

Until next month!

Yours in Rotary Service, Gail



Club Happenings



Congratulations to Rotarians of the Month Mike Mason and Pam Morell. What a team to get raffle and auction prizes for the Jim Wills Golf Tournament. VERY GOOD JOB!

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

Club Website

Have you ever checked out our club website? If not, your’e missing out on useful information that describes our club, programs, Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF), members, and more.

Dates to Remember

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| August 14 | ARCF Meeting |
| August 23 | School Starts |
| September 11 | ARCF Meeting |
| Sept 15-17 | REGL I |
| Sept 22-24 | REGL II |
| October 7 | October Brew Fest |
| December 9 | Holiday Tea |
| December 19 | Christmas Lunch with Sunrise |
| March 17 | Spring Bingo & BBQ |
| May 16-18 | District Conference |
| June 1 | Fish Derby |

Interact is Acting Up

Modoc Middle School Interact Club students are taking time off to enjoy the season’s lazy days, warm nights, and endless possibilities. In the background, advisors Keith Weber and Elizabeth Cavasso are prepping for the 2023 - 2024 school year and the Interact Club’s 9th year of service.

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians’ partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come in contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse (Adopted by the RI Board of Directors, October 2019). Learn more about Rotary District 5190’s Youth Protection Policy by clicking [HERE](#).

With the student’s safety in mind, Keith and Elizabeth have asked the Modoc Middle School Principal to seek permission from the parents/ guardians of the Interact students to take and use photos of the Interact students in official Rotary business that may appear in the local newspaper, website, Facebook, etc. These kiddos have great stories to share, and we know that photos of them in action are worth a thousand words.

Rotary Club of Alturas Scholarships

Scholarships were awarded to the following outstanding students!

\$3500 - Maxwell Blankenship

\$1500 - Ian Camacho

\$500 - Koan Brown

More to come!

Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF)

**\$30,000 is reserved for a shade structure in the Main Street Plaza*

Modoc Rotary Endowment Fund	\$115,410.58
Alturas Rotary Unrestricted	\$79,610.61
Alturas Rotary Money Market *	\$30,842.65
Bobby Ray Memorial Fund	\$55,406.84
Total (As of July 28, 2023)	\$281,270.68

Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

- Aug 1 Cindy Campbell**
- Aug 8 Alan Cain (Education)**
- Aug 15 Fritz Barclay**
- Aug 22 Paul Dolby**
- Aug 29 Karen Shimamoto (Assembly)**
- Sep 5 Jeanne Cain**
- Sep 12 Carol Sharp (Education)**
- Sep 19 Pam Morell**
- Sep 26 Walt Davis (Assembly)**

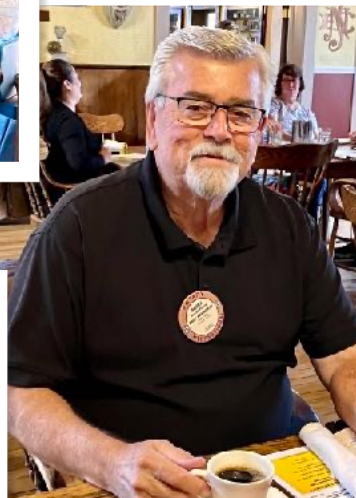
Governor Stacy Graham Visits Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise

RC of Alturas met with Governor Stacy to update her on our Club's activities. What a productive conversation of our accomplishments and also what we can do to continue GREAT Rotary work.

News from Stacy included our upcoming District Conference at the Grand Sierra Resort on May 16-18. It will include District 5150 from San Francisco, District 5180 from Sacramento, and our District 5190. The Rotary International President Gordon McInally will attend! There will also be a special breakout for Interactors.

At our Rotary meeting Stacy awarded the Quiet Rotarian Award to DICK READ and the Rotary From the Heart Award to Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto.

Great BBQ dinner at the ballfields including Block M Funds providing \$3000 to the Modoc Boosters Club for their Trailer.





**Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament
July 29, 2023**

Some of our profits from the tournament was approved by the RC Board to support the Niles Theater Heater Project! Replacing the heater will be \$130,000! So they loved hearing about our contribution to help accumulate needed funds.

Winning Team was Jack Britton, Tre Larranaga, Greg Valencia and Alex Valencia. Second Place was Modoc Family Optometry. Third Place was Jodie Veverka, Michelle Lloyd, Jamie & Aaron Teuscher. Congratulations!





Tournament Winners - Alex & Greg Valencia, Tre Larranaga and Jack Britton.

Second Place Winners - Modoc Family Optometry

Third Place Winners - Jodie Veverka, Michelle Lloyd, Jamie and Aaron Teuscher





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