



*Rotary From The Heart*



What a busy Spring!

We enjoyed our first annual “**Luck of the Irish Bingo**” held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success with approximately 85 people in attendance. Following the event, we were able to provide \$2500 to the Modoc County Senior Citizen’s Center for their use in purchasing food items. Appreciation goes to all Rotarians who were there to work the Bingo, who donated raffle items, cookies, pies, and their time. We look forward to our next bingo event and hopefully it will be as well attended and as profitable as this one. Again, I thank you all for your enthusiasm and excitement during the day.

We held our first **scholarship** meeting to prepare for the 2024 graduating students and college students who are interested in applying for our “**Rotary Club of Alturas - Future Leader Scholarship**”. Applications have been forwarded to the local high schools, and will be sent to private and charter schools this week. In addition, information will be available on our WEBSITE and FACEBOOK pages. It is our hope to provide three \$2500 scholarships to worthy applicants in 2024. Please feel free to pass the information on to those students who might be interested.



We started planning for our annual **Area Rotary Foundation Dinner** which will be held on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Niles Hotel, J.E. Niles Room** (Social at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets for this event are \$40.00 per person (**advance sales ONLY**) and are available from Jeanne Cain and Cheryl Knoch. I encourage all of you to participate in this very enlightening evening of celebration. Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Scott Kellerman**. Rather than providing you with pages of information to read, please refer to FACEBOOK – “The Kellerman Foundation” and enjoy! The things this family and the Kellerman Foundation have done are nothing short of AMAZING... the kind of things that give you “Goose Bumps.”

In addition to Dr. Kellerman, we are sharing the evening with our District Governor Stacy Graham, District Governor Elect Dennis Geare, Past District Governor and The Rotary Foundation Chair, Roberta Pickett.... all of whom live, love, and breathe “Rotary.” We will also honor some very deserving members of our own community during the evening. This promises to be an evening that you really do not want to miss.

As if we haven't been busy enough in the past month, we participated in the **Modoc County Little League** opening day where 13 of our Rotarians worked many hours in the concession stand flipping over 620 burgers, grilling numerous hotdogs, preparing pizzas, pretzels, nachos, and the like. It was a great AWARENESS of what Rotary can do as a group in helping the community.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Fish Derby** at Pine Creek Reservoir! Watch for information in the Modoc Record! Mike Mason, Fritz Barclay, and Barry Pierce are the chairpersons of this committee.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> is the Rotary “Better Together” District Conference.** This year we will be in Reno where District 5190 will be joined by Districts 5150 and 5180. Eight of our club members will be attending this exciting weekend.

Another AWARENESS adventure for our club, which should round out the month of May, will be our participation in the **Rhonda Haselip Invitational**, a Special Olympics type event for individuals with special needs. This event will be held on **May 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Modoc High Football Field.**

June SHOULD be quiet ---- except for planning for a Hot Dog/Hamburger Booth during the Fandango Days celebration.

And of course, the Annual Demotion Party! (Can't believe this year has gone by so fast!)

As always, I thank and appreciate all of you for ALL you do!

***With Love and in Rotary Service***

***Gail Eppler, President***



### Dates to Remember

April 8	ARCF Meeting
April 13	Rotary Workday - Little League Concession
April 27	Foundation Dinner - Scott Kellerman
May 11	Rotary Fish Derby
May 13	ARCF Meeting
May 16-18	District Conference
May 23	Ronda Haslip Invitational
June 6	Modoc Middle School Promotion (Interact)

## Great Comments from Barry Pierce - President Elect

Fellow Rotarians.

Thanks to all of you, I had the opportunity to attend the PETS conference in San Jose last month. The President-Elect Training Seminar is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Rotary and interact with others about to step into the presidency of their respective clubs. I must tell you the excitement at that event is hard to describe and I'm sure I learned as much from my fellow president-elects as I did from the seminars. Either way I came away from PETS with a much better concept of club organization and a lot of ideas for our club in the coming year.

I'm sure all of you feel as I do that we're very fortunate to belong to the Rotary Club of Alturas. We have a wonderful mix of members with varied levels of Rotary experience which leads to a very open-minded group.

I have been involved in Rotary for a number of years and I can say without question that Rotary gives us the best opportunity to not only do needed projects in our community, but be involved in something much larger than ourselves. As we join with other clubs around the world we work to make this a better place for all of us to live. I'm proud to be a Rotarian as I know you are. I'm looking forward to joining you in making 24-25 a great Rotary year.

**Yours in Rotary fellowship, Barry**



### Spring Bingo Helps Support Senior Lunches !

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Alturas, President Gail gave TEACH Executive Director Carol Madison a check for \$2500 to help with Senior Meals.

# **Celebrate - The Rotary Foundation**

**"DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD"**

Area Twelve Rotary Foundation Dinner  
Saturday 27 April 2024  
Niles Hotel, J.E. Niles Room  
Social 6:00 Dinner 6:30  
No Host Bar

Cost \$40 (includes tax & tip)  
Advance Sales Only

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Scott Kellerman  
D5190 District Governor, Stacy Graham  
D5190 District Governor Elect, Dennis Geare  
D5190 TRF Chair, Roberta Pickett  
Special Guests, Rotary Club of Lakeview, Oregon  
Rotary Foundation Recognition Presentations

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**Play Ball ! Opening day of Modoc Little League ! So many ballplayers!!**





Interact had a St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dance -

Dianna Bass, Elizabeth Cavasso, and Karen Shimamoto **survived** a Middle School dance where the students raised close to \$800 !

Chicks !! Happy Spring!



President Gail and Brewfest Extraordinaire Sandy Stevenson Present a check to Macy Von Rader for Modoc County Fair Tables.



Cameo and Clayton Thompson share information about their business - Heart To Hogs. Pork is available to you! Give them a try!

### Club Officers 2023 -2024

- President - Gail Eppler**
- President-Elect - Barry Pierce**
- Past President - Walt Davis**
- Secretary - Dick Read & Paul Dolby**
- Treasurer - Jeanne Cain**
- Director - Alan Cain**
- Director - Jim Cavasso**
- Director - Sandy Stevenson**

## Grocery Outlet New Owner

### Spencer Barr

From Mt. Shasta and is loving being back in a small town again. Spencer grew up in a large family of 7 boys and he's the 5th in line. He's been in several towns and cities operating Grocery Outlets, with Redding, Pennsylvania being his last store.

He enjoys participating with schools and community service projects, and looking forward to contributing to projects in Modoc.

Grocery Outlet is the largest discount grocery business in the nation. There are over 500 stores nationwide, with a recent acquisition of 40 stores in the South. GO is opening an average of 10 stores/month!

The GO Business model - Spencer and the GO Company each own a 50:50 share of the store. Products are purchased opportunistically and held in warehouses across the nation. The closest warehouse is in Sacramento, CA.

Jeff and Adrienne Moore, previous GO owners in Alturas, are now in Roseville, CA.



## Modoc County District Attorney Nina Salarno

Nina comes to Modoc with 26 years of criminal justice experience having served as Deputy DA in Placer, Sacramento, and Tulare Counties. She has a passion to serve as a victims' rights advocate working tirelessly for public safety. The mission statement for her office - Truth & Justice; Community Empowerment; and Rights of Victims. Definitely a new energy in our community!



### ***Our Rotary Commitments - A gentle reminder!***

When we all joined Rotary, we were introduced to the best and most enriching organization in the world. (Maybe a personal opinion, but to me it is!) As with all memberships, it comes with commitment! Commitment to attend weekly meetings, to fundraising events which are held throughout the year, and to meeting the financial obligations of the club. For a refresher here are the 2023-24 obligations:

- **Annual Dues**: Rotarians pay \$145 yearly, either in full on July 1 or \$72.50 on July 1 and \$72.50 on January 1. The dues go to Rotary International, Rotary District 5190, and the Club, and are required of all Rotarians.
- **Weekly Lunches**: Lunch costs \$20 per week (for 49 weeks), of which \$15 pays for the meal, and the remaining \$5 stays with the club. Members must pay even during absences as we are committed to paying the restaurant for the meals. When more than one family or corporate member attends a meeting, they will pay for their lunch.
- **Happy Pot**: The weekly happy pot allows individual, family, or corporate members to donate to the club on an upbeat note and at their own pace. It is recommended that members contribute \$100 annually to the Happy Pot.
- **Rotary Trivia**: Individual, family, or corporate members are asked questions and pay \$10 for incorrect answers. This is an enlightening and fun means to build a recommended \$50 per year for each member. These funds are used to pay for \$50 of the \$100/member needed to be a Sustaining Member Rotary Club. The Club contributes the remaining \$50 to the District.
- **Rotary's Polio Plus and Annual Fund programs**: Our club goal is \$3,000 for 2023 - 2024. This money is obtained through fundraisers and donations throughout the year. Individual, family, and corporate members also support additional Rotary International projects according to personal desires. Funds are contributed to the Club Treasurer or through Rotary Direct.

*As we are looking at the end of the current Rotary year (June 30), please ensure that your annual commitments / financial obligations are up to date and will be met by June 30<sup>th</sup>. (Thank you to all of you who have done so already!) If you have any questions as to where you stand, we can provide confidential information).*

### ***Humanitarian Fund - new Board approved fund from our weekly card game.***

**A HUMANITARIAN FUND will be established which will be available for individuals in need, or for disaster relief in the community. Funds deposited into the Humanitarian Fund will be derived from the weekly card game and will be based on the number of cards sold at the weekly meeting. (i.e. - 10 cards sold to members - \$10 to fund; 15 cards sold = \$15 to fund, etc.) These funds will be distributed as approved by members of the Board and membership.**



Pop-Tab Project - Hunter George (Elizabeth and Jim's grandson) to send to the Ronald McDonald Pop-Tab Collection Project.

Save your pop-tabs and give them to Hunter!

### Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

April 2	Paul Dolby
April 9	Alan Cain (Education)
April 16	Bill Engle
April 23	Mike Mason
April 30	Dianna Bass (Assembly)

May 7	Cynthia Pena
May 14	
May 21	Jeanne Cain
May 28	Laine Hoy (Assembly)

June 4	Pam Morell
June 11	Jim Cavasso
June 18	Kathy Delgado
June 25	Cheryl Knoch (Assembly)



From your Newsletter Editor - Karen Shimamoto

Please let me know how I can include items in our newsletter of interest, fun, and amazement for you!