



Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings!

I have immensely enjoyed the last six months as the president of OUR Rotary Club. Each of you have been so responsive to all the things I have asked of you. You have humored me when I made mistakes while I was striving to be effective. That, in and of itself, deserves a **"Thank you"!**

Our club has been very busy since July 1st --- and we wonder why we are tired and out of energy some days! Remember in July, I mentioned that one of my goals was more "Rotary exposure" in our community! I think we are on the way.... Here's a look back at our last six months!

July:

- We arranged the lineup of the **Fandango Parade**, judged the parade entries, and assisted with the KIDS CORNER in the park .
- We, along with Sunrise Rotary, held a **Demotion Party** of the 22/23 club presidents, Walt Davis and Tom Krauel.
- Our **District Governor, Stacy L. Graham** visited our club and shared heartfelt information. We were delighted to present: The **Heart of Rotary awards** to Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto, and a **Quiet Rotarian Award** to Dick Read. That evening we honored Stacy at a BBQ at the Rotary Ball Fields. During the festivities we presented Debbie Mason, (wife of Rotarian Mike Mason) with a **Paul Harris award**, and presented the Modoc High School Boosters Club \$3,000 from the Alturas Rotary /

Sunrise Rotary joint Block M Funds to be used toward their **Boosters Trailer**.

- We held a very successful **Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament** and raised enough revenue to present our beneficiary of the Golf Tournament, the Alturas Community Theater, with a check for \$5,000 for their "Heater Restoration Project".

August:

- We proudly presented **Scholarships** to the following: Max Blankenship (\$3,500); Ian Camacho (\$1,500); and Koen Brown (\$500).
- We happily cooked and served lunches to **First Responders** as they participated in an Active Shooter Training.
- We "Passed the Hat" for two regular meetings and raised a substantial amount for **"Create Hope for Maui"** after a devastating fire on the island.
- We started planning for the annual **Block M Basketball Tournament** scheduled for December 14-16, 2023.
- We honored and said thank you to **Susie Younger and Kris Anderson** for creating a beautiful stained-glass gift which we presented to our District Governor in July.
- Several Rotarians from our club attended a "Rotary Evening" at Oracle Park to enjoy a **Giants Baseball Game**.

September:

- Was oddly quiet! However, we were awarded a **District Grant** to be used to assist the NCO with insulation removal in the attic of the Cottage building. This grant was for \$2,500 and matched with \$2,500 from our club. Our first workdays were September 28 & 29. Shane Starr, President of the NCO Ry was very appreciative! There were 10 of us that weekend and we all were extremely happy to see Sunday @ 4:00 pm come around. Whew.... that was work, and we were tired and dirty, but pleased with our successful days.

October:

- We hit the ground running by working in the concession stand at the **Modoc High School Homecoming Game**.
- We enjoyed the tunes from an Irish Band and mingling with friends and family at our **annual Brewfest**. A fun evening had by all! The designated beneficiary was the Modoc District Fair for picnic tables / benches. Information is being gathered for this purchase.
- We served hotdogs to participants of a TEACH-Crisis Center Domestic Violence / Sexual Abuse Awareness event entitled, **“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”**. In addition, we served a team of football players who had just completed a grueling practice on the same field where the “walk” was being held, and who were hungry!
- A **Rotary Leadership Institute** was led by Wyn Spiller and Greg Bogdanoff on behalf of District 5190. Fifteen Rotarians (from the Rotary Club of Alturas, Sunrise Rotary and Lakeview Rotary) participated.
- Following a presentation from Frankie Widby, Alturas Police Department, we passed the hat for two meetings to collect funds for **“Shop with a Cop” 2023 Christmas** Event. We raised \$904 in support of this worthwhile event.

- We are proud of our Modoc Middle School Interact students who held a **“Purple Pinky” Dance** and raised over \$1,000 for eradication of Polio worldwide.
- I happily saw many of you wear ORANGE on Halloween at our meeting. Even Alan Cain, who was not available to attend the meeting, texted me a picture of him in his “GIANTS” ORANGE. – It was just a fun event.... No point, no reason, just fun!

November:

- In honor of **Veteran’s Day**, we acknowledged Dick Read and Barry Pierce as the two Veterans in our club.
- Along with individual donations from several Rotarians, and one of our \$250 Scholarships, we supported the **“Holiday Stockings for Heros”** drive. This group filled 271 stockings for service men and women who are deployed overseas, and to veterans in homes and hospital settings.

Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

Dec 5	Bill Engle
Dec 12	Christmas Lunch
Dec 19	Laine Hoy
Dec 26	DARK
Jan 2	DARK
Jan 9	Kathy Delgado
Jan 16	Mike Mason (Education)
Jan 23	Leta Bethal
Jan 30	Elizabeth Cavasso (Assembly)
Feb 6	Carol Sharp
Feb 13	Karen Shimamoto (Education)
Feb 20	Dave Pena
Feb 27	Sandy Stevenson (Assembly)

- After months of planning a **new directional sign was installed at the Highway 395 and the A3 cutoff**. Thanks to Jim Cavasso, the County of Modoc, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Alturas. When you drive by it ---- look for our Rotary Brand on the bottom right-hand corner!

AND December:

- December 2 – the FINAL workday on the **NCO Cottage** for our Grant. We are ALL pleased that this project is complete. Final documentation was forwarded to the District 5190 Grant Committee.
- 12 Tables of guests enjoyed our **Annual Holiday Tea** on the 9th. The beneficiary for this event will be a Alturas Rotary Club HUMANITARIAN FUND set up for emergency situations for club members. Distribution will be as approved by the Board and membership. \$1,000 was provided to Matt Cruse, a former member of the Rotary Club of Alturas, when a devastating fire destroyed his business in Greagle.
- And we end our year with the **Annual Block M Basketball Tournament** on December 14-16.

During these last six months of meetings, board meetings, planning meetings for events, and more, Rotarians Mike Mason, Pam Morell, Alan Cain, Barry Pierce, Sandy Stevenson, and Jim Cavasso have been recognized as “**Rotarians of the Month**”. We have also inducted **five new members to our club**. **Welcome to David and Lupe Toeatolu, Casey and Andria Cockrell, and Kerry Davis**. We all look forward to working with and getting to know each of you!

I realize that this message is LONG, and though we have been extremely busy, the past 6 months have been so very enjoyable, because of EACH of YOU! Thank you for all you have done. I look forward to 2024 and our upcoming projects!

Remember, we have no meetings on December 26 and January 2. Enjoy your break. I will see you all in 2024!

To close, there are so many people in the entire world who celebrate this season in as many ways as there are people, so whichever way you choose to celebrate, I wish you peace, happiness, and fulfillment in all you do. Go forward and continue to “Create Hope in the World”.

With Love and in Rotary Service

Gail Eppler, President

Dates to Remember

December 9	Holiday Tea
December 11	ARCF Meeting
December 12	Christmas Lunch with Sunrise
December 14 - 16	Block M Tournament
January 8	ARCF Meeting
February 12	ARCF Meeting
March 17	Luck of the Irish Bingo
May 16-18	District Conference
June 1	Fish Derby



President Gail Eppler presents to the amazing Niles Theater group a check for \$5000 to help with their heater project and keep us toasty during the winter! Congratulations!



Elizabeth Cavasso presenting Shane Starr of the NCO Railway Nonprofit Group with a check for \$5000 to help with insulation for the historic building restoration. Half the amount is from the District 5190 Grant for small projects, and the remaining half is from the Rotary Club of Alturas.

On October 28 & 29, Rotarians and the NCO members used the weekend to clean and prepare the attic for insulation. Several people worked in the dark, dusty attic removing debris and vacuuming the old insulation. Others monitored the vacuum machine, cleared blockages in the suction hose, and replaced trash bags as they filled.

December 2 - Insulation was cut to size and laid between the rafters.

President Shane Starr of the NCO Railway Historical Society - "Our 1917 cottage attic was a true mess, with old insulation needing removal. There were three generations of electrical wiring to deal with, a century of old debris, and many 2x4s. It speaks volumes to the character of Rotarians that when the attic was cleaned out, they came back to install the new installation. Alturas Rotary has been an **exceptional group of people to work with during this project.**"



16th Annual Rotary of Alturas Holiday Tea





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