



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

And just like that it's not only 2024, but it's February as well..... How does time move so rapidly? Sometimes I wish there was a way to slow it down, but as we all know that's impossible.

As members of the Rotary Club of Alturas, we all have opportunities to be involved in numerous worthwhile projects and events, and to do amazing things in our community. Whether it is a small or large project doesn't matter, what does matter is being an active part of our Club.

During December, (that seems like a long time ago!) many of us participated in two annual events; the Holiday Tea, and the Modoc High School "Block M" Basketball Tournament. We donated funds and items for "Shop with a Cop" and "Holiday Stockings Soldiers", and in January we participated in a remodel of the Modoc Middle School Teachers' Lounge. All of those events / endeavors were fulfilling and exemplified what Rotary is about. "Service from the Heart!"

Though January and February have been somewhat quieter for us as Rotarians --- we have upcoming events that will require the assistance, presence and participation from all of us. In March (17th) we will hold our first Annual "Luck of the Irish Bingo"; in April (27th) we will enjoy our "Foundation Dinner"; May (23rd) will bring

the Rhonda Haselip Special Olympics Event; and in June (TBD) the ever so enjoyable "Fish Derby." Please watch future **Newsletter messages and your EMAIL** for additional information regarding the above events.

Looking forward to the next few months and working beside each of you!

With Love and in Rotary Service

Gail Eppler, President

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**



Dates to Remember

February 13	Interact Club to Rotary
March 11	ARCF Meeting
March 17	Luck of the Irish Bingo
April 27	Foundation Dinner
May 16-18	District Conference
May 23	Rhonda Haslip Invitational
June 1	Fish Derby

Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise - Our Annual Christmas Lunch



Falconer Bo Bastian - WOW!

Alan Cain arranged for Falconer Bo Bastian to share his amazing skills on January 9th. Bo and Lauren Bastian live in Cedarville enjoying the open desert skies to practice their falconry. Bo's dad Brad Bastian introduced them to our wonderful Modoc country.

Bo introduced us to Stout, a female peregrine falcon. Peregrines are the fastest bird of prey. They can reach 249 mph! They are the perfect apex predator. They are friendly and easier to train than other birds.

Bo is a Master Class Falconer which is the practice of pursuing wild game with wild birds. "Manning" is getting the birds to be used to a human handler. Eventually they will hunt game. Many birds are bred in captivity, and with a license (which Bo has), wild young birds can be captured. Falcons, hawks, and eagles are used to pursue waterfowl, pheasant, and quail.

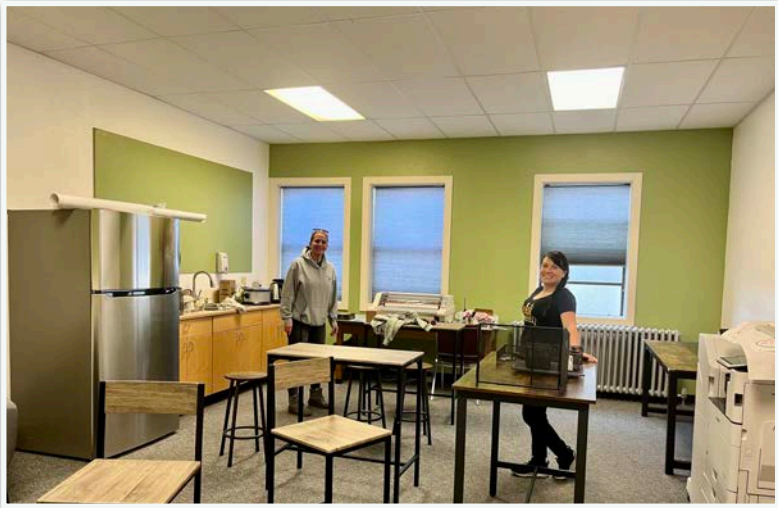
The head mask hood covers the bird's eyes and keeps them calm. It is made from thin-grade cowhide or kangaroo hide. During training the bird is tethered on a long line a fed by hand. Bo feed them pigeons, quail and other similar foods. Red-tailed hawks pursue varmints.



President Gail honors Rotarians of the Month - Jeanne Cain, Elizabeth Cavasso, and Karen Shimamoto



*Rotary Helps Modoc Middle School Community Support Club with Teacher's Lounge !
(not pictured - refrigerator delivery by John Wisser !!)*



Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

Feb 6	Carol Sharp
Feb 13	Karen Shimamoto (Education)
Feb 20	Dave Pena
Feb 27	Sandy Stevenson (Assembly)
March 5	Walt Davis
March 12	Barry Pierce (Education)
March 19	Lori Galvin
March 26	Dick Read (Assembly)
April 2	Paul Dolby
April 9	Alan Cain (Education)
April 16	Bill Engle
April 23	Mike Mason
April 30	Dianna Bass (Assembly)

