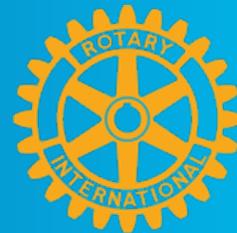


ROTARY CLUB OF ALTURAS

Changing Lives Locally and Around the World



“Rotary shows us what is possible, inspires us to reach for it, and gives us a path to act - and to *Be the Inspiration* to our world.”

BARRY RASSIN, PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, 2018 - 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club

- Feb 11: ARCF Meeting
- Feb 19: Club Board Meeting
- Mar 30: Foundation Dinner

District

- Feb 1: Grants Mgmt. Training
- Feb 2: Pre-PETS Training

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

February: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

- Feb 5: Laine Hoy
- Feb 12: Alan Cain
- Feb 19: Onalea Sweeney
- Feb 26: Bobby Ray, Assembly



Reverend Ben Zanstra gratefully accepts \$2,500 to purchase a new propane refrigerator for the Blue Lake Youth Camp

Life is always better when you're camping...with a refrigerator!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Peace is a gift we give to each other

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month. Wouldn't it be fantastic to have peace throughout the world, maybe we will one day. Until then, we as Rotarians can start in our communities working to build a peaceful world one step at a time.



Take a few minutes to read RI President Barry Rassin's story in the February edition of the Rotarian for an understanding of how peace and conflict can be resolved.

Have a great month all!

DIANNA BASS, PRESIDENT 2018 - 2019

March: Water & Sanitation

- Mar 5 Leta Bethel
- Mar 12: Ftiz Barclay
- Mar 19: Walt Davis
- Mar 26: Dick Read, Assembly

April: Maternal & Child Health

- Apr 2: Paul Dolby
- Apr 9: Karen Shimamoto
- Apr 16: Jeanne Cain
- Apr 23: Carol Sharp
- Apr 30: Barry Pierce, Assembly

May: Youth Service

- May 7: Mike Mason
- May 14: Danny Kotsier
- May 21: Cathleen Williamson
- May 28: Amanda McAdams, Assembly

June: Rotary Fellowship

- Jun 4: Sandy Stevenson
- Jun 11: Jim Wills
- Jun 18: Kathy Delgado
- Jun 25: David Mason, Assembly

CLUB PROFILE

Chartered: January 28, 1928
 Charter # 2741
 Club #517 District #5190
 P.O. Box 1630
 Alturas, California, USA 96101
 (530) 233-2616
 Active members: 27
 Honorary members: 4

FIELD TRIPS: INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN

For many the sky is the limit, but to aviators the sky is home

January is Vocational Month and on January 8, Carol Sharp arranged for our club to take a field trip to the Alturas Municipal Airport. We ventured to the airport where our gracious hosts, Joe Picotte (Alturas City Public Works Director) and Mark Steffek (City Council Member and pilot) were awaiting our arrival.

Joe explained the day to day function of the airport and Mark showed us his airplane. The City of Alturas has many regulatory responsibilities in order to keep the airport running safely and for public use.

The airport is a big part of our community. It not only houses planes and supports small plane pilots, it is also a very vital part of emergency services in our community. The airport is used by air ambulances as well as firefighting personnel during the fire season as a helibase for many small recon helicopters as well as large helicopters that cary people, cargo, and water. We are very fortunate to have such a great facility in our community.



Joe Picotte talks about the ins-and-outs of running a city-owned airport



Ask Mark Steffek how he started flying and you will hear a love story



The engine is the heart of an airplane, and the pilot is it's soul

DIANNA BASS, PRESIDENT 2018 - 2019

TOGETHER, WE TRANSFORM LIVES

When was the last time you did something for the first time?

Imagine being a first-time parent. For months you and your spouse have discussed names, speculated about the baby's personality, and wondered about who the baby will look like. After months of pre-natal care, finally the day of birth arrives. You are excited to meet your new little human, and hope that the delivery goes well and the baby is perfect in every way.



Amara's cleft palate before surgery

The birthing process lasts for hours or sometime days. Never-the-less when the baby arrives and the struggles of the delivery are cast to the wind, you look into the eyes of your newborn child. Unconditional love, unconditional love interwoven with a thousand questions and fears. Your baby is the one in 300 in northern Baja California. Mexico that is born with a cleft palate.

In the United States, one every 700 babies are born with a cleft palate. Fortunately, for most babies in the United States, the life-changing surgical process begins early in their life. For children in medically underserved areas, many do not have access to treatment and are ostracized by society because of their physical deformity.

As Rotarians, we know that together, we inspire, connect, and transform lives. When Tina Spencer-Mulhern was planning for her term as District 5190 Governor, she had a dream. Inspired by her own partial cleft palate experience, Tina decided that her signature project would be to raise \$30,000 to support Smiles Without Borders. The mission of this 501 c3 foundation is to provide dental education and treatment, at no cost, to underserved children in developing countries.

In short order, District 5190 raised funds and presented them to the Smiles Without Borders Foundation in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. The gift was then redirected to the Thousand Smiles Foundation which provides free life-saving surgeries to children so that they can eat properly, speak normally, and be more accepted in their communities. If you would like to know more about the Thousand Smiles Foundation check out <https://thousandsmiles.org>.



Volunteer DDS from Southern California treat a young patient



District 5190 volunteers team up and construct a new computer office

The Thousand Smiles Foundation is in the later stages of building a new clinic.

Patients now have access to a modern dental facility and x-ray equipment. Two operating rooms will come online by May 2019. Four times a year, medical, dental, and general volunteers comes together to screen potential patients, provide dental care, and offer cleft palate surgeries. Those that need reoccurring surgeries return every three months to continue with reconstruction that may take up to 12 surgeries from infancy in to early adulthood.

A couple dozen Rotarians and friends from D5190 recently travelled to Ensenada for a two days of work at the clinic. The main project was to frame in an office for the computer manager. Half the group worked on this task, while the rest of the group served lunch to patients and their families or toured the new facility.



Smiles Without Borders, Thousand Smiles, and District 5190 Smiles work together to bring smiles to Mexican children

A handful of folks got to meet with Amara, a two-year old girl who was going in for her fourth cleft palate surgery. Amara, named after her father Amar, and her mother come from Tijuana every three months for successive surgeries. Thanks to generous Rotarians and the Rotary Foundation Amara is well on her way to living a normal life with her loving parents.



Amara, her parents, and District Governor Tina pass the time before Amara's 4th cleft palate surgery



Amara's surgery was a success!

To top off this transforming adventure, a check for \$303.50 was presented on the behalf of the Modoc Middle School Interact Club to the Smiles Without Borders and Thousand Smiles foundations to cover the cost of Amara's surgery. This gift is a powerful example of how our youth are joining with Rotarians in doing good in the world.



ELIZABETH CAVASSO, NEWSLETTER EDITOR

ABCs of Rotary

Always follow the 4-Way Test. It Will Never Lead You Astray

Be kind to others and to yourself. Kindness does matter.

Cheer on our athletes in all sporting events.

What is a Rotarian?

Rotarians – A Great Group of People Doing Great Things

Ready to lend a helping hand.

On board for community service projects.

Teaches by example service above self.

Acts in an exemplary manner.

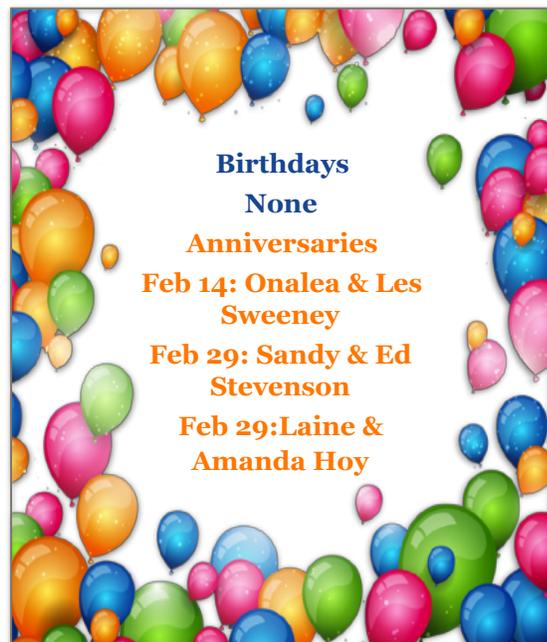
Remains true to self, to the club, and to Rotary International.

Individually and as a group supports the community.

Acknowledges the good things in life.

Noonday Tuesday meeting attender.

CAROL SHARP, NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTOR



CLUB LEADERSHIP

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

Dianna Bass, President
Sandy Stevenson, President Elect
Dick Read / Paul Dolby, Secretary
Jeanne Cain, Treasurer
Bobby Ray, Director
Laine Hoy, Director
Jim Cavasso, Director

2018 - 2019 Committee Chairs

Club Admin: Elizabeth Cavasso
International: Alan Cain
Membership: Onalea Sweeney
Public Relations: Cathy Williamson
Rotary Foundation: David Mason / Dave Pena
Service Projects: Walt Davis

Vocational: Laine Hoy / Carol Sharp
Youth: Karen Shimamoto
Youth Park Oversight: Jim Cavasso

2018 - 2019 Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF) Board of Trustees

Voting Members
Elizabeth Cavasso, Chair (6/30/22)
Alan Cain, Vice Chair (6/30/19)
Karen Shimamoto, Secretary (6/30/20)
Dianna Bass, Trustee (6/30/19)
Jim Wills, Trustee (6/30/19)
Laine Hoy, Trustee (6/30/21)
Sandy Stevenson, Trustee (6/30/19)

Non-Voting Members
Monica Derner, Treasurer/CPA
Walt Davis, Financial Advisor

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Rotary International (as of 12/30/18)

Annual Fund Goal: \$5,000
Annual Fund YTD: \$2,714.00 (54%)
Annual Fund Per Capita: \$100.52
PolioPlus Goal: \$2,600
Polio Plus YTD: \$2,420.04 (93%)
Total Giving: \$5,134.04

Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF) (as of 12/30/18)

John Wall Trust (JWT)
Bonds \$255,111.40
Invested \$599,828.89
Cash \$17,520.48
Total \$872,460.74

Edna Brown
Stocks: \$57,539.76

Rotary Club of Alturas
Invested \$127,466.63
Cash \$1,868.61
Total \$129,335.24

Total All Accounts
\$1,059,335.74