



Learn About and Support Rotary

Rotarians are people of action, driven by a desire to create opportunities, strengthen communities, and find solutions to the tough challenges that affect people around the world.

Together with our partners, neighbors, and friends, we:

- Support education, expand access to education and empower educators to inspire more children and adults to learn
- Promote peace, encourage dialogue to foster understanding within and across cultures
- Fight disease, educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening or preventable diseases
- Provide clean water, build local solutions to bring clean water and sanitation services to more people every day
- Grow local economies, create opportunities for individuals and communities to thrive financially and socially
- Eradicate polio, uniting the world to end polio, once and for all
- Save mothers and children, expand access to quality care, so mothers and children can live and grow stronger

Rotary is a trusted partner and resource. With members and projects in almost every part of the globe, there's no limit to the good we can do.



Club of Alturas
1928 - 2018



The First Ninety Years of the Rotary Club
of Alturas, California

District 5190
Zone 25/26

Presidents of the Rotary Club of Alturas

1928-29 J. H. Mahan
1929-30 C. S. Baldwin
1930-31 E. F. Auble
1931-32 Crait Jarman
1932-33 O. D. Morgan
1933-34 Mitchell Tillotson
1934-35 Phil Woodward
1935-36 John O. Cummings
1936-37 Ray Hards
1937-38 Francis Drag
1938-39 Bert Helms
1939-40 Warren M Sloss
1940-41 Mark Smith
1941-42 Nels Mathews
1942-43 Clarence Ebbe
1943-44 Leon Johnson
1944-45 Paul Reimer
1945-46 Paul Tanner
1946-47 Orville Spath
1947-48 Reuel Laird
1948-49 L. J. Austin
1949-50 Dr. Philip McKenney
1950-51 James R. Laird
1951-52 A. B. Wilson
1952-53 Frank DeVore
1953-54 Orville W. Boyd
1954-55 Karol Woodward
1955-56 James L. Reid
1956-57 G. Guy Young
1957-58 Glenn Flournoy
1958-59 Nolan Bannister
1959-60 Paul B. Baker
1960-61 David W. Metlen
1961-62 Kent Larsen
1962-63 Daly Brown
1963-64 Norval Eastin
1964-65 Raymond Callahan
1965-66 Floyd Porter
1966-67 Maurice "Mick" Jones
1967-68 K. C. Tierney
1968-69 Robert L. Sloss
1969-70 Dave Stomps
1970-71 Harry O. Flournoy
1971-72 Bill Tierney
1972-73 R.A. "Pete" Stanford
1973-74 Russell Stauffer

1974-75 Gordon House
1975-76 John Joines
1976-77 Glenn Jobe
1977-78 Jim Knauss
1978-79 Robert Brooks
1979-80 Neal Phillips
1980-81 Guy M. Young
1981-82 Rob Flournoy
1982-83 Bobby G. Ray
1983-84 Cecil Pierce
1984-85 John Baker
1985-86 Donald D. Crum
1986-87 Joe Coffin (Past D.G.)
1987-88 Richard Steyer
1988-89 Anthony Lelli
1989-90 Dean Harbaugh
1990-91 Daniel Silveria
1991-92 Seab McDonald
1992-93 Frank Burk
1993-94 Francis "Fritz" Barclay
1994-95 William Madison
1995-96 John Dederick
1996-97 Walter Davis
1997-98 Anthony Lelli/Donald D. Crum
1998-99 Mike Mason
1999-00 Phil Smith
2000-01 Roger Dorris
2001-02 David Mason
2002-03 Alan Cain (Past D. G.)
2003-04 Leta Bethal
2004-05 Jim Cavasso
2005-06 Carol Callahan
2006-07 Jeanne Cain
2007-08 Jeanne Cain
2008-09 Tim Burke
2009-10 Penny Cruse
2010-11 Jim Wills
2011-12 Elizabeth Cavasso
2012-13 Carol Sharp
2013-14 Elizabeth Cavasso
2014-15 Karen Shimamoto
2015-16 Matt Cruse
2016-17 Joy Johnson
2017-18 Dianna Bass

90 Years Later...

Club Officers

Dianna Bass, President
Paul Dolby/Dick Read, Secretary
Jeanne Cain, Treasurer
Joy Johnson, Past President
Bobby Ray, Director
Jim Cavasso, Director
Laine Hoy, Director

Alturas Rotary Community Foundation Officers

Elizabeth Cavasso, Chair
Alan Cain, Vice Chair
Karen Shimamoto, Secretary
Dianna Bass, Trustee
Laine Hoy, Trustee
Jim Wills, Trustee
Sandy Stevenson, Trustee

Club Members (322 total years of service)

Fritz Barclay - Law, Modoc County Superior Court (30)
Dianna Bass - Restaurant Management, Subway (5)
Leta Bethel - Propane Retail, retired (21)
Jeanne Cain - Office Management (14)
Alan Cain - President Pioneer Auto Body (21)
Elizabeth Cavasso - Wildland Fire, U.S. Forest Service, retired (14)
Jim Cavasso - Owner Cavasso Corporation (15)
Walt Davis - Financial Advisor, Edward Jones (10)
Cathy Delgado - Bank Manager, Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union (1)
Paul Dolby - Insurance, Dolby Insurance Services (28)
Amy Foster - RN/Certified Massage Therapist, Foster Mgmt. & Consulting (1)
Laine Hoy - Heavy Equipment Civil Consultant, White Bear Construction (5)
Doug Johnson - Information Technology, retired, Honorary Rotarian (4)
Joy Johnson - Child Custody Counselor (4)
Mike Mason - Law Enforcement, retired (24)
David Mason - Law, Modoc County Superior Court (21)
Amanda McAdams - Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service (3)
Clarence McCarty - Pastor, Honorary Rotarian (4)
Mark Moriarity - Commander, California Highway Patrol, retired (6)
Dave Pena - General Manager, Four Star Catering (1)
Bobby Ray - Accounting, Certified Public Accountant, retired (42)
Dick Read - Executive Assistant, U.S. Forest Service, retired (5)
Carol Sharp - Public Affairs, US Forest Service, retired (8)
Karen Shimamoto - Forest Supervisor, U.S. Forest Service, retired (12)
Sandy Stevenson - Real Estate, Stevenson Realty (9)
Onalea Sweeney - Real Estate (5)
John Tvrdervich - Honorary Rotarian
Cathy Williamson - Real Estate (1)
Jim Wills - Commander, California Highway Patrol, retired (8)
John Wisse - General Contractor, Honorary Rotarian

Ninety Year Anniversary Committee

Dianna Bass
Carol Sharp
Elizabeth Cavasso

Alturas Heads South of the Border...

Back-to-back in 2005 and 2006, Alturas Rotarians rounded up their passports and headed for Belize, Central Mexico. The mission was to renovate classrooms at the Mt. Carmel Primary School. In a project fondly referred to as, "We Belize in Miracles", the lean and mighty crew painted, installed wiring, built desks, and purchased new chairs for the children.



Once again Rotarians took to the road, this time off to Baja for a hands-on basic education and literacy project. In partnership with the Rotary Club of San Felipe, B.C., Mexico, Rotarians provided a covered learning environment that allows students to be engaged in studies for a full school year.



Junior Livestock Barn



Fandango Days Parade



Rhonda Haslip Invitational

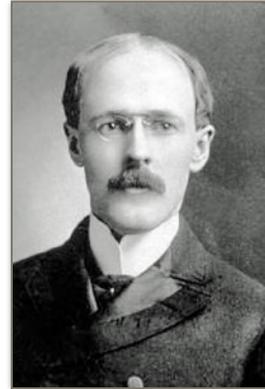


Alturas Little Free Library



Rotary Youth Exchange "Bob"

It All Began in 1905 in Chicago...



Paul Harris

Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, was 32 years old when he conceived the idea of Rotary. He had gone to visit a friend in a nearby city, and was impressed with how many of his friends were also his friend's business acquaintances. He resolved to bring together a group of his own business and social associates for "friendship and fellowship." Harris worked on this idea for five years, and on February 23, 1905, the Club's first meeting was held in Harris' office. The name "Rotary" was adopted from the group's decision to rotate meetings in the offices of members.

In its third year the Chicago Rotary Club decided Harris' idea had proved its worth. A modest expansion program was undertaken. The second Rotary Club was formed in San Francisco in 1908. Later, Rotary became international with the organization of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada.

In 1927, a Meeting was Held in Alturas...

A front page article in the *Alturas Plaindealer* of December 16, 1927 reported "Last Saturday evening, a number of business and professional men of Alturas met at the Congregational Church to discuss the advisability of forming a Rotary Club in Alturas."

The same article also stated that four men from Susanville, led by Gus Pardee, were present to explain the workings and aims of Rotary, and how to form a club. After a full discussion, it was decided to form a club under the sponsorship of the Susanville club.

Those present elected a board of directors to serve until July 1st of the next year, and the directors in turn elected the following officers: President J. H. Mahan, Vice-President C. S. Baldwin, Treasurer R. R. Baker, and Secretary E. F. Auble.

A tentative date for the presentation of the new charter was set for, January 20th, 1928, but this was delayed until March 2nd, 1928 due to extreme weather conditions. The official date on the Charter is January 24th, 1928, and the charter number is 2741



J. H. Mahan

The *Alturas Plaindealer* reported the gala event for the charter presentation, which was held at the Niles Hotel and attended by over 200 Rotarians, wives, guests and the visiting dignitaries, who arrived by both train and auto. Among the guests were Almon Roth, Stanford University, District Governor; Leigh Sanford, President, Reno Rotary; George McCracken, President, Fallon Rotary; Gus Pardee and many members of the sponsoring Susanville Rotary Club. After the dinner meeting and program, a dance was held at the Modoc Union High School Hall, with music by Huick's Collegians. The Alturas Rotary Club was on its way.

Charter members of the Rotary Club of Alturas were:

E. F. Auble	J. H. Mahan	A. E. Sweeney
R. R. Baker	S. H. Mc Cartney	Tom Walls
C. S Baldwin	O. D. Morgan	H. C. Watson
R. A. French	J. T. Negley	Leonard Wesleader
J. J. Gloster	C. E. Robinson	Phil Woodward
Frank Kerr	Dr. John Stiles	

After the charter presentation on March 2nd, the club held its first official meeting at the Ladies Civic Club on Tuesday March 6, 1928. A few months later, the club meeting was moved to the Niles Hotel, where it remained until 1975 when temporary closing of the Niles caused a move to the Brass Rail.

The *Alturas Plaindealer* noted, "The sign of a Rotary Club in town means progress of the right sort and is indicative of the class of citizens represented. Alturas may well be proud of the fact that they are going to have a Rotary Club here."

For Ninety Years, Rotary Has Contributed to the Alturas Community...

The Rotary Club of Alturas has a rich history of achievements. It's amazing what we can accomplish when hearts and minds work together. See how leaders from our community have taken action to enhance health, empower youth, promote peace, and improve our community.

Chartered just prior to the depression of 1929, the Rotary Club of Alturas and its members were kept busy just surviving during those early years. Members spearheaded a drive to keep Pine Creek Reservoir after it no longer served in its original role of electric power generation. Dr. Auble and Orville Spath initiated one of the oldest activities, at the annual Fish Derby in 1948. Lovell Ingraham was also very instrumental in this first fish derby, and the editor of the Modoc Record, Bob Sloss, recalled the event vividly. Rotary members patrolled the area prior to the opener to insure kids would have "first crack" at the fishing, and in

- Joined with the Modoc Middle School to remodel the library and create an inviting atmosphere for the young teen patrons, in addition to supplementing their Overdrive e-book platform, with Kindles and e-books for the library's lending collection.
- Partnered with Alturas Elementary School to develop, purchase and install signs throughout the school that encourage positive student behavior.
- Partnered with the Alturas Elementary School in a literacy boost project that replaced "Island of the Dolphins" for the 4th graders, added colored dictionaries, and provided Character Education Book Sets.



Alturas Rotarians have offered financial assistance beyond our United States border to improve the quality of life for fellow humans. In recent years the club made financial contributions to the Bwindi Nursing School in Uganda, literacy programs in South Africa, and the Los Barriles, Baja Clean Water Project.

Annually Alturas and Alturas Sunrise Rotary clubs hold a Foundation Dinner to celebrate accomplishments of the Rotary Foundation and to honor select Rotarians and community leaders with Paul Harris Fellows.

Alturas Hosts Students from Abroad...

Rotary International is proud of its Rotary Youth Exchange program. This is a program to bring high school students from other countries to live and study in local communities for a year. The host families for these young people are usually Rotarians, but do not have to be; the main requirement being willing to open their home to a visiting youth and treating them as their own child.

Alturas has enjoyed having students from Argentina, South Africa, Australia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Germany, France, and Thailand. We have also sponsored several local students to Mexico, Brazil, the Netherlands, Sweden, and most recently Chile.



November of 2014, the Rotary Club of Alturas was notified that it was a recipient of a gift from the John L. Wall Trust to construct, repair and maintain the Youth Park. Authorized by the Club and inspired by the \$2.5 million dollar gift, the Alturas Rotary Community Foundation was established to support charitable and educational purposes. Funds previously received from the Edna Brown Trust to support youth activities were added to the Foundation as well. As of December 31, 2017 the Foundation has donated \$1 million to the community for the Junior Livestock show grounds/concession stand, Skate Alturas Park, ball fields, tree planting, local veterans, and youth educational and leadership programs.

Alturas Helps Rotary Grow...

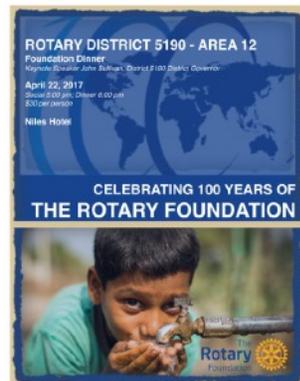
Always on the lookout to spread the Rotary message, Alturas sponsored or co-sponsored new clubs in Surprise Valley (Cedarville) in 1938, and Alturas Sunrise in 1997, both in California. The Club also was a co-sponsor with the Klamath Country Rotary Club of Klamath Falls for the Rotary Club of Lakeview, Oregon. Alturas Rotary sponsored the Interact Club of Modoc Middle School, established January 15, 2015.



Alturas Supports Rotary Foundation...

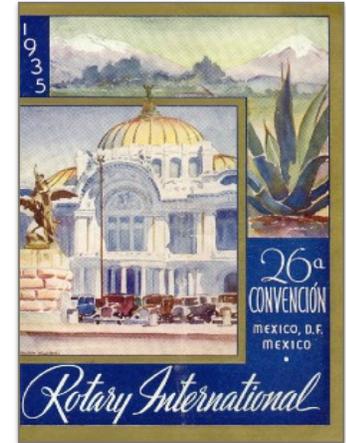
The Rotary Foundation transforms gifts into service projects that change lives close to home and around the world. During the past five years, club members have given \$43 thousand dollars to the Rotary Foundation. Over \$9,000 was awarded back to the club in matching District Service Grants to accomplish valuable community projects.

- Provided the community pool with equipment for safety and rescue needs, adult and senior aquatic exercise classes, and children to have easier access into the pool.
- Partnered with Rotary Club of San Felipe, Baja California to provide critically needed classroom space for students living an educationally underserved rural village.



those early years as many as 300 kids fished and caught as many as 500 fish. ~ *Golden Anniversary, Rotary Club of Alturas 1928 - 1978*

P. A “Pappy” Woodward was President of the Rotary Club of Alturas and attended the 26th Annual Convention of Rotary International in Mexico City. At the Community Service Assembly Pappy reported, “I think the first responsibility of the Rotary club is for each member to be wide enough awake and on his toes in regard to community needs that it is not necessary for the Rotary club to be called on, but rather for the Rotary club to be the one that starts the movement for community improvement and community projects. Let the Rotary club be the leader and call on the others.” ~ *Proceedings Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of Rotary International, Mexico City, Mexico, June 17-21, 1935*



Another early project was the Livestock Show and Sale for FFA and 4-H members. Started in 1949 with L. J. Austin as president, the show and sale included all animals, plus chickens, and ducks and everything sold. That first sale grossed over \$11,000. Over the years many improvements have been made to the show grounds. Barns were built, fences improved and rebuilt and in 1974 the

event was named for one of its most devoted supporters, John O. Cummings. Farm Advisor Bob Savage (now retired) was the main man to “ram-rod” the most successful activity. Management of the event has gradually turned over to the Junior Livestock Board, consisting of FFA and 4-H members who participate, under the guidance of the Farm Advisor. Rotarians continue to support the show in large part as buyers of the animals. ~ *Rotary Club of Alturas 75 Years 1928 - 2003*

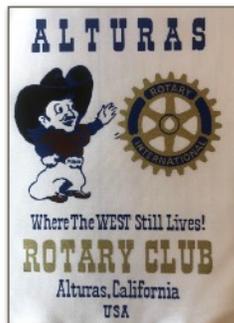
Note: In 2002, animal sales grossed over \$100,000. In 1977, 103 kids sold 103 animals grossing over \$48,000. In 2017, 87 kids sold 87 animals for a gross of \$137,100.



The Rotary Club spearheaded a drive to obtain funds for the Alturas Youth Park. Mick Jones was the person most responsible to bring this project through and he enlisted the help of other civic groups. The Modoc Joint Unified School District, with Superintendent Howard Riddle, also a Rotarian, was a helpful partner in this \$100,000-plus project. Initially the bonds were being paid off by the school district as rent for their use of the facility, but after the passage of Proposition XIII in 1978, other steps had to be taken. With the bonds about to go into foreclosure, the Rotary Club again stepped in. Through a series of radio auctions, organized by Rotarian Tom Kraul, the club managed to raise enough money to more than meet the annual payments. In fact, with some other sources of income and a couple of endowments, the bonds were paid in full several years ahead of schedule. ~ *Rotary Club of Alturas 75 Years 1928 - 2003*

Alturas Rotary officers and directors reported that the Alturas Rotary Club contributed more than \$12,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985. Events sponsored by the club included the annual Fish Derby, performance of the Nutcracker Suite Ballet and the Invitational track meet. The first Annual Radio Action fundraiser was held. Funds were used to cover the Alturas Youth Park annual mortgage payment of \$6,664. Other fundraisers included the Juniper Livestock Show barbecue and the Big John Strong Variety Show. ~ *Modoc County Record, October 24, 1985*

“I’d like to brag a little about what happened in my District 5190, during my tenure as governor in 1996-1997. While my extension chairman and I were futilely trying to get something cooking in a couple of towns without Rotary clubs, Incline Village and Alturas clubs approached me for permission to spin off morning clubs within their own communities. The senior club cost a few members to the “upstart”, but that gave them an incentive to start some recruiting. The new club was able to regain some former Rotarians who had to drop out simply because noontime meetings were too inconvenient for them to maintain acceptable attendance. In Alturas the two clubs share some projects, including a major effort to build a large addition to the town’s Youth Park. Despite the fact that Alturas and Modoc County are economically distressed, Rotary flourishes here, bringing out the best in the community, and pumping benefits right back in.” ~ *The Rotarian, August 1999; Joe A. Coffin, Past Governor, R.I. District 5190*



The Alturas Rotary Club dumped 3,000 rubber ducks into the Pit River at the Estes Street Bridge to start the second annual Great Pit River Duck Race. The purchaser of the first duck to make it to the finish line at the Main Street Bridge won a new 1997 Chevy 4x4 pickup. Chief Rotary duck, Billy Madison, said, “I don’t know how much better we could have done than we have so far. I am just astounded at the community support.” Funds raised from the duck races were earmarked for construction of new baseball and soccer fields at the Youth Park. ~ *Modoc Record, July 1997*

In 1989, the Rotary Council on Legislation voted to admit woman into Rotary clubs worldwide. Ramona Delmas, Lois Freeman, and Leta Bethel became the first women to join the Rotary Club of Alturas. With respect and confidence, the Club elected Leta as its first woman President for 2003 - 2004. Leta’s charm, keen business sense, and sense of humor were welcomed by club members.



Our energetic service organization is dedicated to improving our community. On a local level we sponsor many youth activities, senior programs, promote literacy. Youth are sent to Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) and Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL) camps, and several graduating seniors are provided scholarships. Annually we sponsor/co-sponsor the Boy Scout Troop #49, Modoc High School Block M Basketball Tournament, Junior Livestock Show and Sale, Fish Derby, Rhonda Haslip Invitational, Alturas Little Free Library, Rotary Attic Sale, a float in the Fandango Days Parade, a holiday tea social, a golf tournament, and a “Dinner in the Park” event. On an international level we participate in the End Polio Now campaign, and provide support to other needy causes. For years Rotarians have sponsored a Senior meal at the Modoc County District Fair in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Surprise Valley. Seniors have also been served by a “Senior Movie Night” program, meals at the Modoc County Senior Center, and art supplies for the Warnerview Skilled Nursing Facility. While we keep busy with the projects throughout the year, we also have fun working together and are grateful knowing that the work Alturas and Alturas Sunrise do is important in making a positive difference in the world.

