



Dear Rotary Club of Alturas,

SPRING is in the air! I am loving the weather but I am also worried about how dry and warm it has been. We are either going to get all of our “winter” storms in April and May, or we are going to have a long, hot, dry summer. I’m hoping for storms – kinda : )

Our little club stays very busy all the time. We have had some good programs lately. On February 10<sup>th</sup> Karen had the Teach Crisis Center, Gena and Kristen, give us a very informative presentation on the services they are providing for victims of abuse and educating the children in our schools. March 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan informed us of the Peace-building and Conflict Prevention work of Rotary. He showed us pictures of the Kigali Genocide Memorial of the Rwanda crisis that he and Jeanne toured during their trip to Africa. At that meeting, our club voted to support a partnership with the Rotary club in Kigali to install a peace pole on the grounds of the museum. On March 10<sup>th</sup> we had Dave and Lois Bianchi join us for lunch and gave a very nice presentation on the Polio work in Rotary. They have also decided to join us for our Foundation dinner! Next week Jim Richardson from the Modoc County Road department will be giving us a presentation on the Main Street Beautification project.

The batting cages are being utilized by Little League and the Modoc High school players all of the time! We still have a few things to do to finish it up, but it is so nice to see it benefitting the youth during the winter and spring season.

Our Luck of the Irish Bingo was a big hit on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Gail did an excellent job organizing it and a rough estimate of the income is \$2,500, with very few bills because of Rotarian’s donations to the cause. We had a great crew helping and I thought it went smooth. Good Job Rotary.

Our Foundation dinner is coming up on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Alan has a lot in store for us and the planning is coming right along. Please remember to RSVP to me if you are planning to go and haven't done so already. I have about 40 reservations so far!

Little League Opening Day is April 18<sup>th</sup>, and we will be running the concessions from 8:30 to 2:30 that day. We need volunteers for morning (8:30-11:30) and afternoon (11:30-2:30) shifts. Please sign up.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> Susanville Rotary will be 100 years old. More information to come on the celebration dinner.

The Fish Derby date will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Little League has agreed to schedule the younger-aged games for the afternoon of that day, so hopefully we will have a better turnout. Mark it on your calendar!

We will be helping with the Ronda Haselip Memorial Special Olympics event again this year on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Dianna will have to sit this year out because of her upcoming knee surgery, so we will be assisting the Public Health Department serve the lunch. Please try to make it.

If you have any good ideas for presentations at our meetings, please let me know. We will see if we can make it happen.

**Yours in Rotary,**

**Cheryl**

**2026 Program Facilitators**

**March 3 - Alan Cain**

**March 10 - Fellowship No Program**

**March 17 - Jim Richardson, Modoc  
County Road Dept.**

**March 24 - Native Youth Hawaii Run**

**31 - ASSEMBLY - Paul Dolby**

**April 7 - Mike Mason**

**April 14 - Fellowship No Program**

**April 21 - Carol Sharp**

**April 28 - ASSEMBLY - Gail Epler**

**Important Dates to Remember !**

**March 15 - Rotary Spring Bingo**

**March 28 - Area 12 - Foundation Dinner**

**April 4-12 - Spring Break**

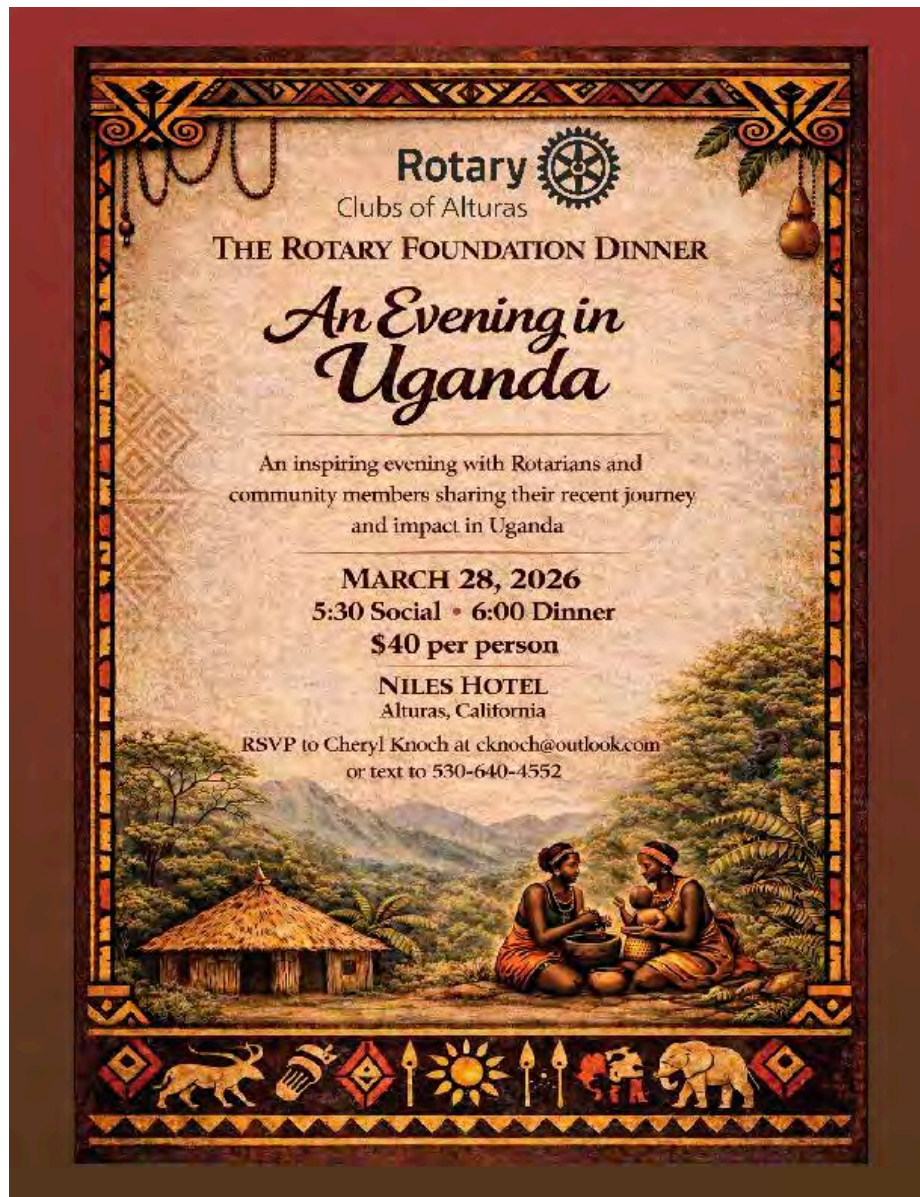
**April 13 - ARCF Meeting**

**April 18 - Opening Day Little League**

**May 1 - 3 Multi-District Conference Reno**

**May 16 - Rotary Fish Derby**

**May 21 - Ronda Haselip Special Olympics**



This is the Mutwa family, living in a Batwa settlement. Their current mud home will hopefully be replaced by a new locking brick home. This project is one of many worthwhile and important projects of the Kellerman Foundation. **Come to our Foundation Dinner and learn more about the amazing trip taken by the Cain and Richert Families to Uganda.**



**Rotary**  
Club of Alturas

LUCK OF THE IRISH  
**BINGO**

March 15, 2026  
J.E. Niles Room  
Doors 11:30 AM | Bingo 1:00–3:30 PM

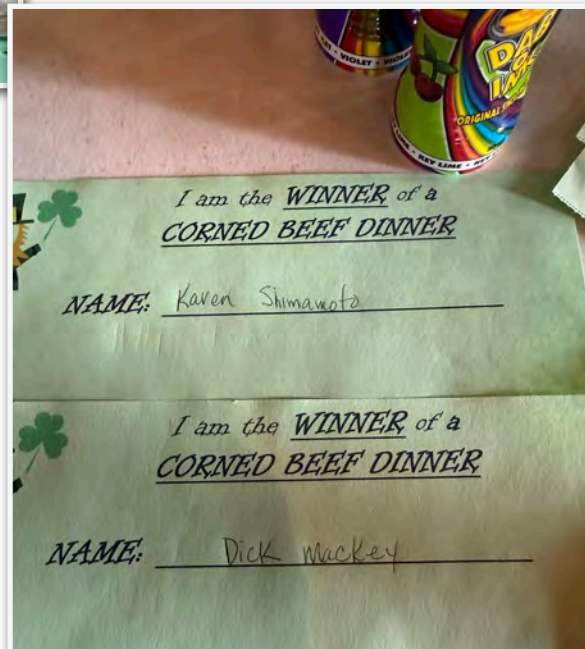
Something lucky is coming to the Niles Hotel...  
On March 15, we're turning the J.E. Niles Room into a celebration of fun, food, and a little Irish fortune.

- Win supplies for a corned beef dinner
- Pies for tied games
- \$150 Blackout Prize
- Door prizes + gift basket raffles.

Gather your friends. Wear green. Bring your lucky charm.

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# Far West Fest

May 1-3, 2026 - Grand Sierra Resort  
Reno, Nevada

Welcome Rotarians  
District 5130 - District 5170 - District 5190  
District 5220 - District 5230



**Far West PELS 2026**  
**Kurt Raffetto**  
**District Governor 2026-2027**



**CREATE  
LASTING  
IMPACT**



In attendance at the recent Far West President Elect Training were PDG Alan Cain and incoming Area Governor for District 12 Dianna Bass. Looking forward to hearing about their training, news from the Rotary District, and Rotary International. We continue to have amazing and outstanding leaders for the Rotary Club of Alturas! Get ready to celebrate our 100th Birthday!



## **Mid-year Message from Governor Larry Harvey**

As we have crossed the halfway point of our Rotary year, I'm filled with gratitude and pride when I look at all that our clubs across District 5190 have accomplished together. Over these past months, I've had the privilege of completing 61 club visits — each one a reflection of Rotary's spirit of service, fellowship, and innovation.

One of the standout achievements this year has been our growth and renewal. We've established a new satellite club in Fernley, and two new Rotaract clubs are now taking shape — one at Lassen Community College and another at the University of Nevada, Reno. We've also welcomed four new Interact clubs, helping inspire the next generation of Rotarians to lead and serve.

Even more encouraging is that our district is showing a positive net gain in membership. In a time when many organizations are struggling to grow, this speaks volumes about the passion and adaptability of our members.

During my visits, I've also seen clubs getting creative with how they meet and connect. Many have shifted to twice-a-month meetings, often combining them with end-of-month socials or hands-on projects. These approaches are creating new energy — allowing for flexibility while strengthening relationships and community impact.

Overall, it's clear that many clubs are emerging from the challenges of the COVID era. They're reconnecting with their communities, growing membership, and re-engaging with vital youth programs like Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE), RYLA, REGL, and Interact. These efforts are bringing renewed purpose and vitality to our district.

One particularly exciting idea gaining traction is the creation of "Friends of Rotary" volunteer groups — individuals who may not be ready to commit to full membership but are eager to help with projects and service events. This idea was inspired by the Rotary Club of Greenville, which grew from 3 to 18 members after the fire and now has a list of 12+ community members who regularly assist in projects. They even host quarterly thank-you events to recognize and include their "Friends of Rotary" more formally. It's a wonderful model for community engagement, connection, and future growth.

As we look ahead to the second half of the Rotary year, I encourage all of us to build on this momentum — supporting our clubs, nurturing new ones, and continuing to innovate. Rotary is at its best when we evolve together, creating opportunities for service, friendship, and lasting impact. I am looking forward to the mid-year visits and Area Foundation events being scheduled over the next few months. Please reach out to your AG or me if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your dedication, creativity, and leadership. Together, we are not only strengthening our clubs and communities — As a District we **Unite for Good** and **Make Dreams Come True**.

Larry Harvey  
District Governor 5190



A nice trip to Joshua Tree National Park



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!

