



My fellow Rotarians,

We're on the downhill side of another successful Rotary year and I know we collectively share pride in what we've done together. For example, I had a visit from my neighbor, Bill, who delivers Meals on Wheels. He gave our Club a *thank you card* signed by many of the recipients of the Rotary blankets. He told me that a good number of the seniors were moved to tears at our gesture. We might think of this as an annual event?

We've also got some very important events coming up.

- The Foundation Dinner April 11th,
- Luck of the Irish Bingo March 16th,
- Dragon Lady scholarship fundraiser on March 21st,
- The District Conference in Fallon in May
- The Rhonda Haselip event on May 22nd (we're providing lunch)

And of course, let's not forget the elephant in the room.... the Duck Race! You can bet Mike and Joe will be coming to all of us for



help on that one! I certainly think it's safe to say that Rotary is continuing to make its mark on our little town. Let's keep up the good work!

Yours in Rotary Pride,
Barry



Keeping Our Seniors WARM !!

Our Rotary Club ordered 200 wonderfully soft and warm blankets to distribute to Seniors.

60 - Alturas Homebound

23 - Alturas Senior Center

50 - Alturas Warnerview

40 - Surprise Valley Homebound & Senior Center

23 - Surprise Valley Long-term Care

We'll save 1 for the District Conference Basket, and only have 3 left! So we voted to order 50 more!

Thank you Elizabeth Cavasso for designing and ordering. Thanks to Barry Pierce and Gail Eppler for organizing and delivering blankets. And thanks Barry, Gail, Linda Morin, Karen Shimamoto, and Interactors Paisley Knight and Ranota Mendez for putting bows on the blankets! And a special thanks to our Rotarians for supporting this wonderful project!



Leslie Boyle - CEO Alturas Ranches

Thanks Rotarian Casey Cockrell for inviting CEO Leslie Boyle of Alturas Ranches to a recent Rotary lunch meeting. Leslie has been CEO since 2019 and was their Operations & Sales Manager beforehand.

Alturas Ranches is about 50,000 acres owned and managed by the Barry Swenson Family. They grow primarily alfalfa, wild rice, and wheat, as well as raise Angus cattle. They have about 40 permanent employees, and increase to close to 100 employees during the summer.

Their wild rice is featured in various markets including Amazon Prime, and their alfalfa pellets are shipped around the world for animal feed with a crude protein of 15%.

Their latest project is to use their square mile reservoir on the Madeline Plains for solar power. They are leasing the surface to a solar company to generate power and to offset pumping costs.

Alturas Ranches has a generous scholarship program offering upwards of \$20,000 for education! AR has and continues to be an amazing supporter of our local youth programs and sports teams. Thanks Leslie!





LUCK OF THE IRISH "BINGO"

March 16, 2025

J.E. Niles Room – Niles Hotel

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 12:00 noon)

PRIZES: HAMS / PIES FOR TIED GAMES

BLACK OUT \$150

RAFFLE BASKETS / DOOR PRIZES

For additional information contact Gail Eppler 530.526.8270 or Dianna Bass 530.708.1086



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	6	Belle Madison	Jim Casanova	Laine Hoy	Bonnie Kelly	Candy Vanhook	Danny Verria	Stacy Sphar	Travis Ortega	Danny Parker	Fritz Barclay
	5	Fritz Barclay	Mike Mason	Gail Eppler	Stacy Sphar	Fritz Barclay	Lori Petty	Mike Mason	Jim Casanova	Laine Hoy	Arrowhead Coatt
	4	Kathy Parkins	Shirley Tangle	Daniel Luna	John Mason	Eda Marie Goulake	Alan Cain	Eric Mason	C. Motson	Stacy Sphar	
	3	Maxine Starr	Daniel King	Fritz Barclay	Stella Wright	Mike Mason	Kathy Farmer	Tony Weil	Fritz Barclay	Richard C. Olson	
	2	Linda Brown	Pam Morell	Rick Mason	Joanna Cain	Bonnie Pierce	Steve Riley	Danny Parker	Stella Wright	Jim Casanova	Laine Hoy
	1	Jim Casanova	Jim Batten	Mason Mike	Travis Ortega	Linda Brown	Eric Mason	Daniel Luna	Julie Williams	Mike Mason	Stella Wright
	0	Laine Hoy	Arrowhead Coatt	John Mason	Rose Boudette	Mike Mason	Fritz Barclay	Shirley Tangle	Bonnie Pierce	Rick Mason	Linda Brown
	9	C. Olson	Mike Mason	T. Mason	Fritz Barclay	Jim Casanova	Danny Verria	Mike Mason	Kathy Farmer	Fritz Barclay	Danny Verria
	8	Shirley Tangle	Fritz Barclay	Eric Mason	Della Barclay	Laine Hoy	David Mason	John Mason	Eric Mason	St. Warner	Peggy Clearinger
	7	Mike Mason	Richard Wright	Shirley Tangle	Laine Hoy	Bonnie Pierce	Stacy Sphar	Fritz Barclay	Arrowhead Coatt	Mike Mason	Mike Mason

Quarter 1: \$

CHIEFS VS EAGLES

Quarter 2: \$

CHIEFS VS EAGLES

Quarter 3: \$

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Quarter 4: \$

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And the winners are:

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Dates to Remember

February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	President's Day
March 16	Luck of the Irish BINGO
March 21	Dragon Lady Scholarship Dinner
April 11	Foundation Dinner

Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

Feb 4	Karen Shimamoto
Feb 11	Fellowship (no Program)
Feb 18	Timi Blankenship
Feb 25	Dick Read (Assembly)
Mar 4	Alan Cain
Mar 11	Fellowship (no Program)
Mar 18	Lori Galvin
Mar 25	Karen Shimamoto (Assembly)





Modoc Producers - Farm to Home and Farm to School !

Thank you Leah Larsen and Dick Mackey for sharing what producers of vegetables and meat provide to our local community. Joining Leah was her spouse Brian Taylor and daughter Maya. They are from Ft. Bidwell and Alturas and own Bidwell Canyon Farms. Dick has Canyon Creek Ranch out of Alturas.

Bidwell Canyon Farms grows 40 different varieties of vegetables. They have permanent beds, with lots of care of their soils. They use interplanting, for example lettuce combined with peppers. Leah has a degree in botany, and Brian does construction. Their two girls go to high school in Alturas, and were home-schooled until 8th grade.

They have been in business for 12 years, supplying produce to restaurants like the Hotel Niles, two food hubs and Saturday markets.

Leah recently was awarded a 3-year grant to teach life skills in food production. She works with the Alturas Headstart program to incorporate vegetables into breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. She is working towards a school garden and even a culinary program at the school - so important to know how to cook! They will build a four-season greenhouse and have vegetables and roots year-round!

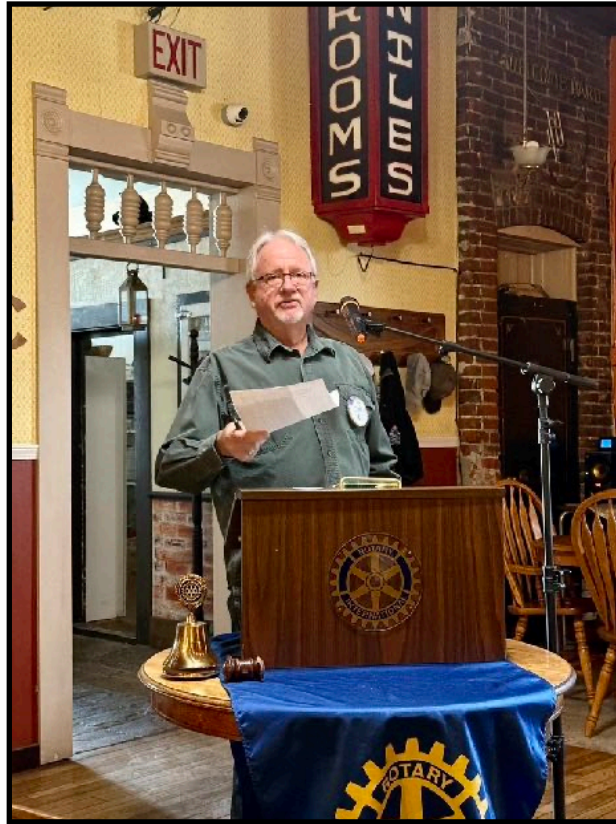
Dick Mackey has supported the Saturday market in Alturas with vegetables from his hoop house and garden. He also has organic grass-fed beef and wood-fired pottery for sale. Like Leah and Brian, Dick believes local produce and food is important for our community. His products are also available through Modoc Harvest, and online food hub.

Dick is also involved in heritage apple trees. He will be participating in a grafting workshop in March.

Contact Leah and Brian at bidwellcanyonfarm@gmail.com.

Contact Dick Mackey at dickmackey123@gmail.com

thanks so much !!



And there is always Rotary Trivia to stump you!!! Thanks Alan for entertaining us each week..... and earning the Club some \$\$

Just a pretty picture of
Summer Lake in North
Lake County Oregon





Rotary
District 5190

*Rotarians Make
Beautiful Music!*

We're heading to Fallon, NV for our 2025 Annual District Conference. Fallon is the "Oasis of Nevada". There is a lot to do and see in this beautiful area!

Fallon NAS is home to the Fighting Saints of VFC-13, the Desert Outlaws of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific, and the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center, NAS Fallon serves as the Navy's premier tactical air warfare training center.

**Rotary District 5190
2025 District Conference
Fallon, Nevada - May 2-4, 2025**



From your Newsletter Editor - Karen Shimamoto

Please let me know how I can include items in our newsletter of interest, fun, and

Wow.... Proud to be a Rotarian ???