



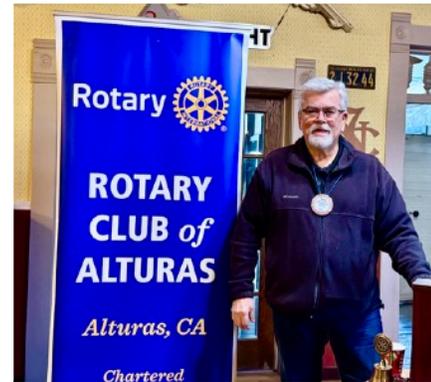
## My fellow Rotarians,

I have just two words for you.... **Duck Race!** What a project! I must admit I was a bit skeptical when Joe and Mike first started talking about it. Two to three thousand Ducks? Rotarians in duck costumes? But the most amazing thing about this project, in my opinion, is the opportunity to unify our two clubs.

Both clubs need this. When the community looks at us, they don't see two clubs, they see only Rotarians working to make things better for all of us. We need to make certain that's exactly what they see.

If you want to see the fruits of our past labor, just go over to Rotary Fields on opening day of the Little League season. You will not only see the kids excited to be in their beautiful uniforms, but you'll also see proud Rotarians slinging hamburgers, hot dogs and making nachos and walking tacos (don't ask) for the fans. It's truly a first-class facility and we should all be very proud! Just wait till you see the improvements that Jim C and his team are about to make to the batting cages!

I also want to mention the Foundation Dinner held at Cal Pines this past weekend. Our club made a great showing, and it was a nice opportunity to visit with all our friends. Our District Governor Dennis Geare, along with two past district governors (Stacy Graham and Roberta Pickett) and our featured speaker, Joanne Robique, also made the trip to be with



us. They love our two clubs!

We honored Leta Bethel, Beth Weber, Diana Bass and Cam Anderson for their many contributions to our club and we also got some impressive awards that we will tell you about at the next meeting. All in all, it was a great night for the Rotary Club of Alturas!

Yours in Rotary  
fellowship,

Barry





**Warren Farnum - City of Alturas Public Works Director Provides Update on the City Pool**

The City has invested \$450 K in reviving the old pool to working order. The geothermal water is heating the pool to a nice 82 degrees. The McConnell Foundation provided \$15K to improve lighting and the roof.

Warren is designing a Splash Park with \$945 K funds acquired through a State grant.

Operating costs continue to be high with a loss of \$62K last year. Many small towns are finding it hard to make ends meet (Lakeview, OR) and are looking for partners/sponsors with health care, hospitals, mental health and service club partners.

All the John Wall Trust funds are still in place; they were designated for a new pool.



**Rotary**  
District 5190

UNITE FOR GOOD

**Far West PETS 2025**  
**Larry Harvey**  
**District Governor 2025-2026**

Our President-elect Cheryl Knoch at  
President Elect Training !

### Modoc Middle School Interact Club and Rotary Club Partner to Assemble 100 Care Kits

Twelve students from the Modoc Middle School Interact Club worked to select, order, and then assemble items for 100 Student Care Kits. Essentials included towels, nail clippers, toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, body wash and combs, as well as stickers, hair ties, and a special note of encouragement were packaged and given to the Alturas Elementary School and Modoc Middle School.






**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 Ross 530.708.1086



Did we have FUN at our Luck of the Irish Bingo? **ABSOLUTELY!** and Everyone wanted this cute bunny!

Thanks to so many who helped! Raffle prizes, donations, Interact helpers, Rotarians, wonderful prizes and FUN!

Hunter explaining his pop-tab project to a willing audience! He has everyone collecting these tabs all over Modoc ! Go Hunter!



### Dates to Remember

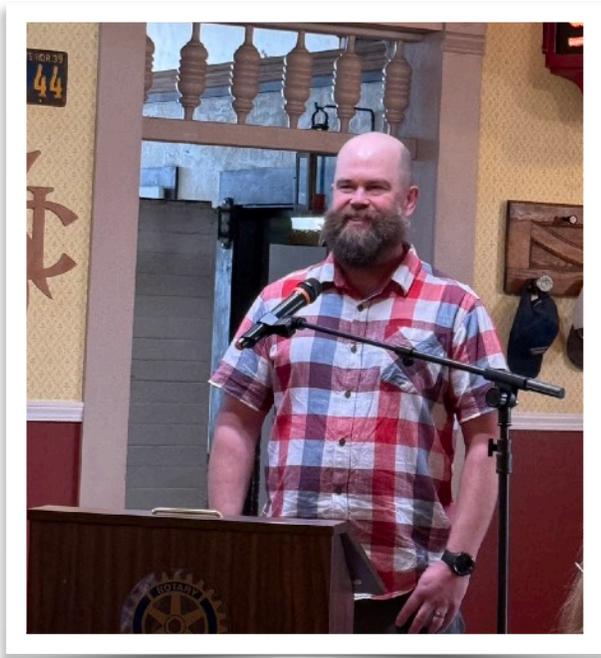
April 11	Foundation Dinner
April 12	Opening Day Little League
April 22	Earth Day
May 2 - 4	District Conference, Fallon, NV
May 22	Rhonda Haselip Invitational
June 5	Last Day of School
June 8	Cheryl's President Retreat
June 15-20	RYLA I
June 22-27	RYLA II
June 16-20	Junior Livestock Show
June 21-25	Rotary International Convention, Calgary
June 30	End of Rotary Year

### Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

April 1 - Paul Dolby  
April 8 - Fellowship (no program)  
April 15 - Carol Sharp  
April 22 - Mike Mason  
April 27 - Cheryl Knoch ASSEMBLY

May 6 - Cynthia Pena  
May 13 - Fellowship (no program)  
May 20 - Jeanne Cain  
May 27 - Laine Hoy ASSEMBLY

June 3 - Linda Morin  
June 10 - Jim Cavasso  
June 17 - Kathy Delgado (Megan Nelson-  
2024 scholarship recipient)  
June 24 - Dianna Bass ASSEMBLY



On March 4th, Chris Bielecki, Modoc National Forest Supervisor, shared some updates on projects and future plans on the Forest. Chris has been with the Forest Service for 25 years, with responsibilities in engineering, lands, minerals, and recreation. He has a BS in Forestry from Humboldt State University and a MS in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University.



**March Windstorm Brought Havoc to our Rotary Youth Park Sign. We're working on getting it repaired..... so sad.....**



**Rotarians - sell those Duck Race tickets !!**

**Time for FUN**

**July 5, 2025 - see you there!**

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*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**



Don't forget to give Jeanne your Pennies for Polio piggy banks!



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 ???