



President Cheryl receiving a generous donation for POLIO from Avery Flourney representing the Modoc Middle School Interact Club. They raised \$576 at their Purple Pinky Dance to provide for polio vaccines. They challenged the Rotary Club to match their donation!

Dear Rotary Club of Alturas,

I can't believe it's already February! Time is flying by.

We had the Interact students (38 of them) at our January 13th meeting and it was so nice to have these kids as guests. They were very respectful and enthusiastic to share their **Rotary Interact and REGL** experience. They raised \$576.00 at their purple pinky dance for polio, and our club voted to match that amount from our Holiday Tea proceeds. So overall we contributed \$1,152 to eradicate polio from the world!

We also had a nice presentation from **Luke Bagwell** who is from Alturas and is attending Chico State University in his senior year. He was chosen to present a paper he co-wrote in Washington DC this month. The paper covers post 9-11 policy that was put into place through legislation and he analyzed how the policy was implemented. His major is Political Science with an international studies emphasis. He promises to visit us again to give a recap of his experience. Our club chose

to contribute \$1,000 to him for his lodging and airline expenses. He is very appreciative and we wish him the best of luck!

We also voted as a club to donate \$1,000 to the **Alturas Elementary School music program** from Holiday Tea proceeds. The choir group from AES sang delightful Christmas carols for us at the Holiday Tea and we chose to award them with our appreciation for their music program.

We also inducted in a new member – **Janet Lewis**, into our club on January 20th. We are so lucky and grateful to have her cheerful perspective in our group. She has many talents to contribute and I am looking forward to working right alongside her in the future. Welcome Janet!!

The **batting cage project** that we took on with the generous anonymous donor money is getting lots of use. The youth baseball leagues have been using the new facility almost daily to get ready for their season. We have a few finishing touches to add, but we appreciate **Jim Cavasso, Laine Hoy and Dick Read** for their hard work and follow-through on this project!

The **Duck Race** is coming up fast. We will need to get donations for coupon books and prizes from our community. I know some people don't enjoy asking for donations or selling these things, but it is for a great cause and we need to keep the momentum rolling for the duck race and helping our community! Please try to find a way to pitch in and help.

Thank you to **Gail Eppler and Dianna Bass** for helping me with our **Super Bowl board**. We sold all of the squares for \$20 each and made \$1,000 for our club. Congrats to Jim Cavasso who won the 4th quarter pot for \$250.

Our next fundraiser will be the **Luck of the Irish Bingo on March 15th at the Niles!** Please get the word out to your friends and family. It is always a fun event with raffle prizes and corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes as prizes for winning the bingo games, and of course pies for ties!

Our **Foundation Dinner is also coming up on March 28th**. Alan Cain, our Foundation Chair, is planning a great event to the work he and Jeanne did alongside the Richert clan when they all went to Uganda Africa in December and January. I am looking forward to seeing their pictures and hearing the stories about their visit.

Yours in Rotary,

Cheryl



Batting Cages - A Popular Place !

An amazing \$100,000 donation to expand the size of the batting cage building, together with \$10,000 from the Rotary Club of Alturas - the baseball/softball practice building is in demand!

Thanks to Dick Read, Laine Hoy and White Bear Construction, Jim Cavasso and Modoc Steel, and to many advisors and volunteers, our baseball and softball players are honing their skills.

Important Dates to Remember !

February 8 - Super Bowl

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 14 - PrePETS for AGs (Dianna Bass)

February 16 - President's Day

March 5-8 - Far West PETS for 26-27 Presidents

March 15 - Rotary Bingo

2026 Program Facilitators

February 3 - Walt Davis

February 10 - Karen Shimamoto

February 17 - No Program

February 24 - ASSEMBLY - Need a volunteer

March 3 - Alan Cain

March 10 - Fellowship No Program

March 17 - Laine Hoy

March 31 - ASSEMBLY - Paul Dolby



Modoc Middle School - Interact Club to Rotary - All 38 of them!!!

In January we had the fun pleasure of Interact Advisor Keith Weber and 38 MMS students who are active in Service Above Self come to lunch. They shared their activities, service projects, and time at the Rotary 8th Grade Leadership Program. They even danced for us. We are so lucky to have such wonderful and amazing leaders in our community.



New Member - Janet Lewis

Welcome Janet ! PDG Alan Cain welcomed Janet as our newest member to the Rotary Club of Alturas.

Janet is active with Backcountry Horsemen, the Rural Fire Department, and Cal Fire.

Janet's business is Warner Mountain Bookkeeping in Alturas. Welcome Janet!





Congratulations to Dianna Bass for being selected as Rotarian of the Month.

Thanks for all her continuous work for the Rotary Club of Alturas, Block M, Holiday Tea, and more!



Mountain View Skilled Nursing Facility - CeCelia Toetolu

We enjoyed a great presentation from CeCe Toetolu, Nursing Manager at the new Mountain View Skilled Nursing Facility in Alturas. Currently there are 49 very happy residents in the 50 bed, 24 semi-private room facility. All residents are happy even with the challenges to keep full staffing. They only take local residents, and continue to get inquiries from out of the area. The kitchen is fantastic, along with the Dick Steyer Courtyard and John Wall Library. Dr. Richert is the physician in charge, together with a Physician's Assistant.

The Warner View Facility is still being used with private rooms available.

Presently we do not have hospice, but the facilities provide end-of-life and comfort-focused care.

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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



Rotary
Club of Alturas 

LUCK OF THE IRISH "BINGO"

March 15, 2026



J.E. Niles Room – Niles Hotel
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 11:30 a.m.)

PRIZES: CORNED BEEF DINNER SUPPLIES / 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

Alan & Jeanne Cain - Amazing Trip to Uganda

This is just a little taste of the amazing trip to Uganda to visit the Kellerman Foundation's work for the Batwa people. Together with Dr. Ed Richert and his family, Alan & Jeanne spent Christmas and New Years volunteering, helping, learning, and participating with the Batwa community.

The Batwa are an indigenous, historically hunter-gatherer pygmy people, living in mountain forests. They were evicted without compensation from newly created national parks in 1991 to create conservation areas for mountain gorillas.

The Kellerman Foundation established The Bwindi Community Hospital, the Batwa Community Development projects, and a nursing program to help provide housing, education and healthcare to the Batwa people.

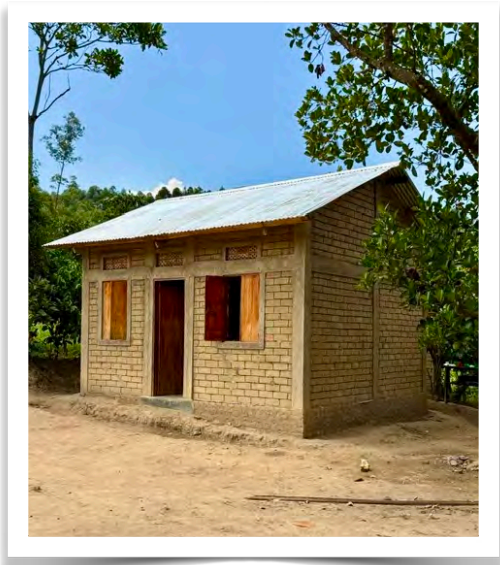
With a donation of \$3000 from the Rotary Club of Alturas, Alan and Jeanne helped to construct a Batwa house from locally made bricks. They also had an adventure going on safari! They will share more about their trip at the Rotary Foundation Dinner on March 28th. Make sure you attend the dinner and program!!



Current/existing type of dwelling

Batwa mother in colorful textile clothing and children





New design of locking brick house that Alan and Jeanne helped to build.



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!