



Dear Rotary Club of Alturas,

I am appreciative of my Rotary family. Together we can accomplish such great things and be such a support to each other. That has really come into play lately for me. My parents are in their mid-80s and I fear we are coming to the end of their lives, and my Rotary family has supported me in a BIG way. I can't thank my club enough for being there and sending kind thoughts and checking in and covering for me while I need to be with my family. Life is precious, handle with care.

We have had a very busy month, again. Our Luck of the Irish Bingo on March 15th was a fun event. We had a good turnout and gave 12 corned beef and cabbage meals to lucky winners, plus a few apple pies for ties, and we had many raffle prizes that were donated by our members. Thank you Gail and Timi for organizing this event!

Our Foundation dinner on March 28th was such a nice event! "An Evening in Uganda" was President-Elect Alan Cain's vision and we made it happen. Our meal of pumpkin soup, roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, lasagna, and fruit resembled the food that the Cain and Richert families ate while in Uganda during their trip in December and January. We were entertained by a slide show and stories of the good work being done by the Kellerman Foundation and fellow Rotarians to provide health care and housing for people that were removed from their native habitat.

Our club received a few awards for the 2024-25 year from District Governor Larry Harvey during the event – Every Rotarian, Every Year Club – 100% of our members in our club gave \$100 (or more) to the Rotary Foundation (TRF), making us a 100% Foundation Giving Club and we were given a certificate of appreciation for our financial support of End Polio Now.

I personally received a Paul Harris Fellow pin and award, which I treasure, and a special award for being a fourth generation Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Alturas. When I began my presidency, I had no idea that my great grandfather JF (Frank) Kerr was a founding member. I appreciated the surprise tribute and feel great pride in my legacy.

We have Opening Day of Little League on April 18th where we will be working concessions and dedicating the batting cages to the memory of Jay Eppler who was the President of Little League in 2000 and initiated the idea and effort to make the batting cages a reality. With an anonymous \$100,000 donation in summer of 2025, and another \$16,000 from our Club, we were able to double the batting area from 2 to 4 bays and increase the utilization of those facilities.

Our District grant project for this year is coming together. Although we won't see the final project until next year, we have purchased all of the panels, posts, and gates for the Junior Livestock Grounds and a Bobby Ray Memorial bench made of granite to be placed at the JLS grounds. This has been visionary project that I am looking forward to seeing finished next year when we put it all together. Thanks to Jim Cavasso for working with the City of Alturas and Junior Livestock Show Board advisors to make sure the facility will meet our community needs. Also thank you Fritz Barclay, Janet Lewis, Elizabeth Cavasso for helping with the designing of the memorial bench for Bobby Ray.

We have also worked on a new scholarship policy that the club will vote on next meeting. It has taken some real teamwork and collaboration to draft, discuss, redraft, discuss, and finalize a policy that is fair to all applicants. I want to thank Elizabeth, Karen, Fritz, Alan, Dianna, Dick and Walt for your input and thoughtful consideration on this. The whole club appreciates you.

It's hard to believe I have less than 3 months left in my presidency year. I know that we are finishing strong with the Multi District Conference, Fish Derby, Ronda Haselip Memorial Special Olympics event, and let's not forget the Duck Race ticket sales! I'm looking forward to having FUN with all of my fellow Rotarians at these events.

Yours in Rotary,

Cheryl

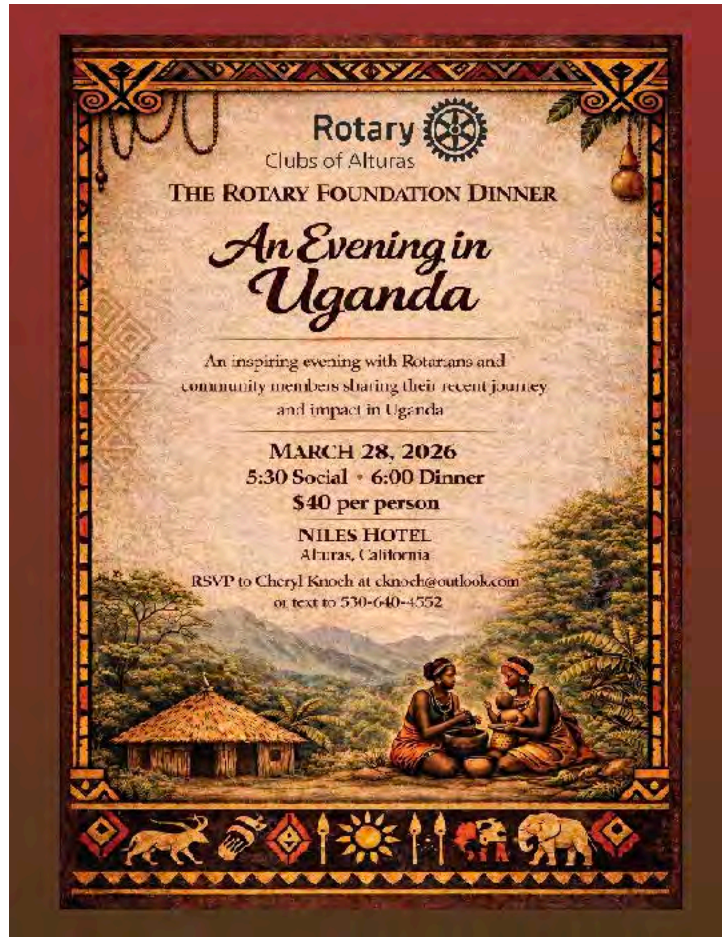
2026 Program Facilitators

April 7 - Mike Mason
 April 14 - Fellowship No Program
 April 21 - Carol Sharp
 April 28 - ASSEMBLY - Gail Eppler

 May 5 -
 May 12 - Fellowship No Program
 May 19 - Fritz Barclay
 May 26 - ASSEMBLY - Laine Hoy

Important Dates to Remember !

April 18 - Opening Day Little League
 May 1 - 3 Multi-District Conference Reno
 May 16 - Rotary Fish Derby
 May 21 - Ronda Haselip Special Olympics
 June 28 - Demotion Park, Likely RV
 July 25 - Jim Wills Golf Tournament



Incoming Area Governor Dianna Bass welcomed everyone to our annual Area 12 Foundation Dinner.

A very special presentation about the Uganda trip was presented by PDG Alan & Jeanne Cain, Dr. Ed & Carol Richert, and Nurse Mari Purdy.

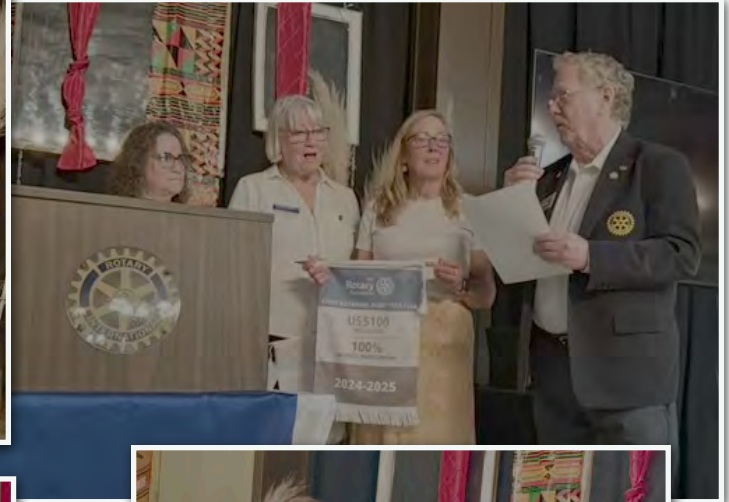
On behalf of the RC of Alturas, ARCF is accepting donations for the Kellerman Foundation to support Batwa housing, Bwindi healthcare, and the Batwa Development Program.





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.





The Area 12 Foundation Dinner had some amazing guests - DG Larry Harvey, PDG Stacy Graham, Roberta Pickett, Dave Bianchi, and DGN Bob Stewart.

They helped us recognize important accomplishments of our Rotarians!

- Dick Read received his Paul Harris Fellow plus 6
- Dianna Bass received her Paul Harris Fellow plus 7 & 8
- Cheryl Knoch received her first Paul Harris Fellow
- Mari Purdy received a Paul Harris Fellow

The Rotary Club of Alturas received awards for Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), 100% Sustaining Member Club, and Polio-Plus. Nice accomplishments and support from Rotarians!

- A Very Special Recognition was given to RC of Alturas President Cheryl Kerr Knoch. She is a 4th generation Rotarian! Her great grandfather was a founding member of the RC of Alturas back in 1928. Her grandfather and father were both Rotarians in our Club. And Cheryl continues their family commitment and support to Rotary as our current year's president. Congratulations Cheryl!

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Far West Fest

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

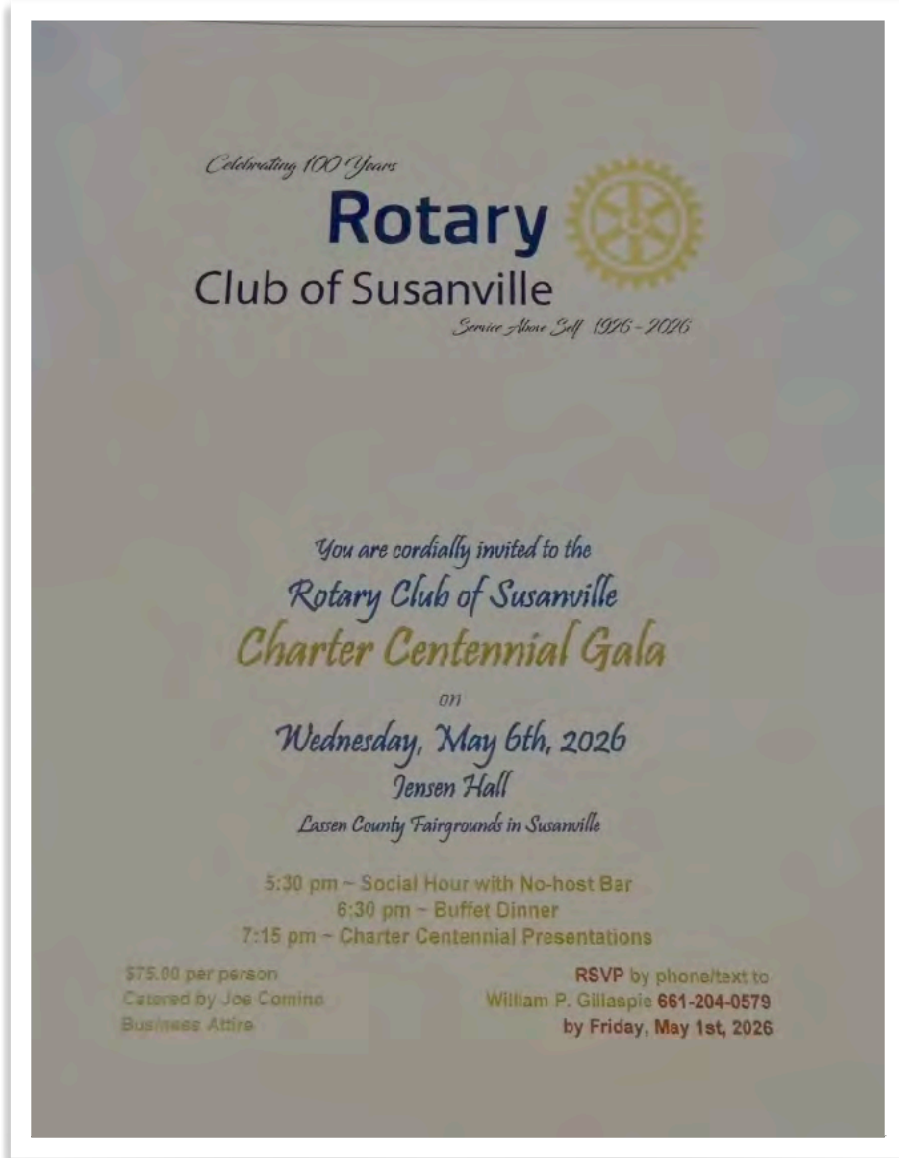
Welcome Rotarians
District 5130 - District 5170 - District 5190
District 5220 - District 5230



Thanks to Andria Cockrell we learned about the 2025 Makahiki Pule Run in Hawaii. Some of our students participated in the run last November. For many of them - Acelynn, Hannah and Ta-tsa-it was their first of many things - first time flying, first time to Hawaii and first time being away from their families for a period of time.

We received an interesting presentation from Rosa George who guided these young native youth to an experience of many memories and pride.

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The Rotary Club of Susanville is celebrating their 100 years as a Club. They are the Rotary Club that sponsored our Rotary Club so many years ago.

Wishing them a great Charter Centennial Gala!



Jim Richardson shared ideas to improve the safety and sense of community for Highway 395, also known as Main Street Alturas.

How many of you have observed and even experienced - speeding ? pedestrians trying to cross Main Street? Challenges with truck and vehicle traffic? Near-misses? Noise, dust, and an environment unpleasant to walk through town?

Main St. is an old style 4-lane design.... With changes in paint placement, it is possible for it to be 3 lanes - 2 lanes for traffic heading north and south and a middle turn lane. With redesign of passenger crosswalks, Main Street would open up space for improved visibility, slower traffic, safer turning, and generally improved ambiance of Main St. It might allow for restaurants to have outdoor seating in the summer, provide opportunities for viewing art, and have more community events. And we may see more residents and visitors walking in town.

Cal Trans is offering to hear from the public and to design and implement a new traffic pattern on Main Street. Attend the next City Council meeting on April 21 to support changes to Main Street!



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!

