



Rotary

Club of Alturas



CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD

Rotary Club of Alturas President  
Gail Eppler

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Alturas Rotarians and Friends,

As we all look forward to the 2023-2024 Rotary Year, I feel honored to have been selected to "lead" The Rotary Club of Alturas! With that being said, it will always and forever remain "OUR CLUB", not mine, not any other individuals'. I look forward to getting to know each of you better through our upcoming activities, events, challenges, and growth.

A couple of my plans:

**MARKET ROTARY** – I feel that there are many people out there who don't know what ROTARY is about, what we do, who we are, and what makes our hearts swell with pride when we know we have done something awesome and helpful in our community and the world. I do NOT have a grand plan for a project, but want to concentrate on doing smaller projects, and participate in outreach in our community. We can and will discuss items as they come around. We have many events and opportunities to socialize and get out in the community and do good things during the next year.

We started off with Fandango Days, where we participated as organizers and judges for the Annual Parade and assisted in the "Kids Corner Games" in the park as we celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

OUR CLUB

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we honor Walt Davis as he is “Demoted” from his year as president of the Rotary Club of Alturas. Walt will move on to bigger and better things as Area Governor for Area 12 of District 5190. Go Walt!!!!!!

July 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the pleasure of greeting our District Governor, Stacy Graham as she enthusiastically begins her year representing District 5190. The Rotary Club of Alturas and Sunrise Rotary will host a BBQ in her honor and will share the evening with her at the Rotary Fields. You do not want to miss this event!

From there we move into preparation and organization of the Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament on July 29<sup>th</sup>. There are more events to come at which time we will welcome and need your participation. Please study our calendar of events and join in the experience of ROTARY. If you have an idea, I would love to hear about it. That’s how WE can **“CREATE HOPE in the WORLD.”**

**ROTARY EDUCATION** - At our weekly meetings, we will dedicate one meeting a month for “Rotary Education” for all of our members --- we have amazing people in our group who have lived ROTARY for many years, and they have so much to offer to our newbies, myself being one! I also want to discuss the possibility of bringing back FIRESIDE CHATS for ALL new members when they are inducted into our club. There is so much to learn about “US” and this AMAZING organization that we have chosen to belong to.

**CLUB SURVEY** – In my quest to get to know you all better, please watch for a Club Survey very early in the new Rotary Year. I want to know what makes you tick, your hobbies, your likes / dislikes, what you like about our club, what you don’t necessarily like, what you would like to see changed, etc.

Have you ever listened to the song, "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars? If you have not, please go to YOUTUBE and listen. It’s pretty “spot on” for me! Some of the lyrics don’t fit for a Rotary group, but “the gist” of the song says so much about FRIENDSHIP. I guarantee you will hear it off and on during the coming year! *“YOU CAN COUNT ON ME - LIKE 1,2,3; I’LL BE THERE, AND I KNOW WHEN I NEED IT, I CAN COUNT ON YOU - LIKE 4,3,2; AND YOU’LL BE THERE BECAUSE THAT’S WHAT FRIENDS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.”*

I sincerely look forward to 2023-24 and am excited to be a “Rotarian” in the Rotary Club of Alturas. And here we go..... Be watching --- It’s going to be a fun year.

Yours in Rotary,

GAIL

**Important Dates to Remember**

July 7th – DEMOTION PARTY Rotary Club of Alturas – Walt Davis, and Sunrise Rotary – Tom Krauel. 6:00 p.m. – Rotary Ball Fields – Concession Area. Main Dish provided – please bring pot-luck sides.

July 9 - 14 - RYLA III - Grizzly Creek Ranch, Portola

July 18/19/20 – DISTRICT GOVERNOR STACY GRAHAM VISIT

- 18th – Rotary Club of Alturas, 12noon at the Niles.
- 19th BBQ – Hamburger Bar; Potluck (Rotary Club of Alturas – Desserts) / Sunrise – Sides)
- 20th – Sunrise Rotary, 6:30 am at Antonio's

July 28th - Active Shooter Training - Lunch

July 29th – Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament – 8am signups / 9am Tee Off

JOIN US!

**BBQ**  
*Party*

**CELEBRATING DG  
STACY GRAHAM**

ALTURAS SUNRISE ROTARY BRING SIDES  
ROTARY CLUB OF ALTURAS BRING DESSERTS

HAMBURGER BAR, YARD GAMES, BEVERAGES PROVIDED	<b>JULY 19</b> 5:30 P.M.
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★ QUESTIONS CALL LAURA SNELL 515-290-2735 ★

OUR CLUB

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 November - The Rotary Foundation  
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 May - Youth Service  
 June - Rotary Fellowships



Fandango Days Grand Marshall  
 Rotarian Leta Bethel  
 Riding in Rotarian Paul Dolby's Lovely Car!  
 Congratulations!



Rotarians Walt Davis, Karen Shimamoto, Willy Hage, and Elizabeth Cavasso tabulating the scores for the Floats in the Parade - fun job!





**In the 2023-24 Rotary year ahead, Rotary International President Gordon McInally encourages us to come together to offer our time, talents, and resources to *Create Hope in the World* through several key initiatives:**

**Prioritizing Mental Health**

Talking about and addressing mental health is important to the well-being of our global community. Let’s do our part to help one another feel more supported, advocate for health services, and build bridges to expand access to care.

**Building Peace through Virtual Exchanges**

Rotary has a historic commitment to fostering peace by advancing understanding and goodwill through personal connections. By using technology and enlisting innovative ideas to make connections, we give more people the opportunity to experience our global community. Give members and participants new ways to experience other cultures, make new friends, and broaden their global awareness.

**Empowering Women and Girls**

By continuing to elevate the voices and unlock the power of girls and women around the world, we can build upon our vision to foster more equitable communities. Encourage your clubs and district to keep finding ways to prioritize the health, well-being, education, economic security, and agency of girls and women.

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
Of the things we think, say, or do:  
Is it the truth?  
Is it fair to all concerned?  
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?  
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

### Rotary Scholarships in 2023

Our Rotary Club approved two new scholarships starting in 2023. The first will be for \$1500 to a student planning to attend a vocational, trade or two-year college. The second scholarship is for \$3500 to a student planning to attend, or is attending a four-year college, or seeking a graduate degree. Applications are due by June 15, 2023. Karen Shimamoto has applications forms and instructions. The committee reviewing the applications will be Carol Madison, Dianna Bass, Mike Mason, Gail Eppler and Karen Shimamoto. *This committee will meet on July 11, 2023. Announcements in August.*

### Bobby Ray Memorial Fund

Our wonderful Club approved starting this special Fund with \$40,000 to help the City of Alturas eventually build a new swimming pool. It will be awhile before these funds accrue to enough assets to make this dream a reality. We hope our investments will do well in the coming years, and of course we will appreciate new donations! **Now over \$50K!**

### Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund Challenge

A donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) will match contributions to the Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. (This means \$20,000!!!) As always, we appreciate you spreading the word.

#### Program Facilitator

July 4	DARK - Happy 4th!
July 11	Gail Eppler
July 18	District Governor Visit
July 25	Carol Madison/Assembly
August 1	Cynthia Campbell
August 8	Alan Cain (Education)
August 15	Fritz Barclay
August 22	Paul Dolby
August 29	Karen Shimamoto/ Assembly

### Alturas Rotary Community Foundation Balances

#### MODOC ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

**\$111,552.84**

#### ALTURAS ROTARY UNRESTRICTED

**\$78,047.01**

#### ALTURAS ROTARY MONEY MARKET

**\$30,813.48**

#### BOBBY RAY MEMORIAL FUND

**\$53,723.84**

#### TOTAL

**\$274,137.17**

-JUNE 30, 2023

KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES

President	Gail Eppler	President - Elect	Barry Pearce
Past President	Walt Davis	Secretaries	Dick Read Paul Dolby
Treasurer	Jeanne Cain	Directors	Alan Cain Jim Cavasso Sandy Stevenson
Club Admin	Dianna Bass	Facebook & Social Media	Dianna Bass & Elizabeth Cavasso
Website	Elizabeth Cavasso	Newsletter	Karen Shimamoto
Fireside Chats & Orientation	Veteran Rotarians!	Foundation	Alan Cain & Jim Cavasso
Fundraising	Mike Mason, Jeanne Cain, Dianna Bass	International	Alan Cain
Membership	Paul Dolby, Sandy Stevenson, Alan Cain, Jeanne Cain	Public Relations/News Articles	Carol Sharp, Alan Cain
Youth	Karen Shimamoto Elizabeth Cavasso	Brewfest (October)	Sandy Stevenson
Golf Tournament	Mike Mason, Fritz Barclay, Barry Pearce	Fish Derby	Mike Mason, Fritz Barclay, Kathy Delgado, Barry Pearce
Programs	Dick Read	Lithium Ion Program	Elizabeth Cavasso, Jim Cavasso, Kathy Delgado, Barry Pearce
Spring Bingo & BBQ		Block M	Dianna Bass, David Pena
Endowment	ARCF Board	Budget	Elizabeth Cavasso, Karen Shimamoto, Dianna Bass, Barry Pearce, Jeanne Cain
Interact	Elizabeth Cavasso		



## President's Message

We made it through July – and nearly half of August! We celebrated Walt at his Demotion Party, and our District Governor, Stacy L. Graham during her visit to MODOC. Our District Governor addressed our club and shared her reasons for choosing her theme for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. Her very personal story was truly “Rotary from the Heart.” I wish you all could have heard it. There were tears, compassion, and realness to what she said about those ROTARIANS who helped her when she was at some very low places in her life. It gave ME inspiration, and hopefully we can all be “That Person” in someone’s life - to reach out, to care, to listen, to hear, to help! **That’s What Friends Are For!! (Remember the song???)**

In addition to honoring Stacy, we honored our very own Dick Read, with the “Quiet Rotarian Award”, as well as Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto with the “Heart of Rotary Award”. These honors truly manifest what these three people bring to OUR Rotary Club. They offer advice, wisdom, knowledge, and so many other attributes when called upon. I thank each of you, Dick, Elizabeth and Karen for being who you are and for your contributions to Rotary as we “Create Hope in the World”.

In addition, to those of you who participated in our Annual Jim Wills Golf Tournament, as well as meetings, and board meetings ----- It’s been a very busy 6 weeks



and my appreciation goes out to every one of you for your help in our many fun events. The saying “many hands make light work” certainly rings true!

In looking back over all that has happened, I started thinking of the “Rotarian of the Month”. With so much involvement from Rotarians, I wanted to present each of you with that honor. In the end, I selected Pam Morell and Mike Mason for their efforts in seeking raffle and auction prizes for the Golf Tournament. Their tenacity in securing those prizes was key in OUR realizing a great profit for this event. The final numbers are still being crunched, and sign sponsor payments are being collected, so we don’t have the rock-solid figures yet, but we will soon. As voted on, a portion of these profits will be donated to the Alturas Community Theater to assist them with a new heating system for the theater building. The theater is a hub of entertainment, movies, plays, etc. in our little town and our donation of funds will be greatly appreciated by the ACT board and patrons who attend events at this venue.

Both the Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise elected to provide \$3,000 of the Block M Funds to the

Modoc High School Boosters Club. They are fundraising to purchase a trailer that can be taken to different locations (both in- and out-of-town games) and allow the Boosters Club to sell clothing and souvenirs. You will see a ROTARY LOGO on that trailer when the fundraising is completed, and the trailer purchased.

Last week, Alan Cain provided the first of our “Rotary Education” programs and shared information about Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus, as well as different ways we can “give” to the Rotary Foundation and to Rotary Programs. (i.e., Rotary Direct and the Bequest Society). When DG Stacy was here, she also shared information concerning the Bequest Society for Rotary. Do you want to do good in the world beyond your lifetime... Do you want to leave a Rotary Legacy? YOU CAN!!! Right now, there is an anonymous Rotarian in District 5190 who has made a commitment to match the cumulative contributions for our District for up to a total of \$1 million. The minimum donation is \$10,000.... WOW!!!!). If you are interested in additional information regarding these items, I strongly urge you to reach out to Alan. He is a wealth of information and knowledge!

**On the horizon,**

We are looking at partnering with Modoc County, and possibly the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Alturas to renovate / replace the directional sign at the Highway 395 and the A3 cutoff on the way from RENO. Thank you, Jim Cavasso, for your efforts on this project. Watch for that “ROTARY LOGO” on that sign.

In addition, we are looking at a Lithium Battery Collection project. Details are still being determined for this effort.

We will welcome and induct David and Lupe Toaetolu into our Club in the next couple of weeks. It’s great to see the Rotary Club of Alturas grow!

Until next month!

**Yours in Rotary Service, Gail**



## Club Happenings



Congratulations to Rotarians of the Month Mike Mason and Pam Morell. What a team to get raffle and auction prizes for the Jim Wills Golf Tournament. VERY GOOD JOB!

[CHECK IT OUT](#)

## Club Website

Have you ever checked out our club website? If not, your’e missing out on useful information that describes our club, programs, Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF), members, and more.

## Dates to Remember

- August 14 ARCF Meeting
- August 23 School Starts
- September 11 ARCF Meeting
- Sept 15-17 REGL I
- Sept 22-24 REGL II
- October 7 October Brew Fest
- December 9 Holiday Tea
- December 19 Christmas Lunch with Sunrise
- March 17 Spring Bingo & BBQ
- May 16-18 District Conference
- June 1 Fish Derby

### **Interact is Acting Up**

Modoc Middle School Interact Club students are taking time off to enjoy the season’s lazy days, warm nights, and endless possibilities. In the background, advisors Keith Weber and Elizabeth Cavasso are prepping for the 2023 - 2024 school year and the Interact Club’s 9th year of service.

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians’ partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come in contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse (Adopted by the RI Board of Directors, October 2019). Learn more about Rotary District 5190’s Youth Protection Policy by clicking [HERE](#).

With the student’s safety in mind, Keith and Elizabeth have asked the Modoc Middle School Principal to seek permission from the parents/ guardians of the Interact students to take and use photos of the Interact students in official Rotary business that may appear in the local newspaper, website, Facebook, etc. These kiddos have great stories to share, and we know that photos of them in action are worth a thousand words.

### **Rotary Club of Alturas Scholarships**

Scholarships were awarded to the following outstanding students!

\$3500 - Maxwell Blankenship

\$1500 - Ian Camacho

\$500 - Koan Brown

More to come!

### **Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF)**

*\*\$30,000 is reserved for a shade structure in the Main Street Plaza*

Modoc Rotary Endowment Fund	\$115,410.58
Alturas Rotary Unrestricted	\$79,610.61
Alturas Rotary Money Market *	\$30,842.65
Bobby Ray Memorial Fund	\$55,406.84
Total (As of July 28, 2023)	\$281,270.68

### **Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings**

- Aug 1      Cindy Campbell**
- Aug 8      Alan Cain (Education)**
- Aug 15     Fritz Barclay**
- Aug 22     Paul Dolby**
- Aug 29     Karen Shimamoto (Assembly)**
- Sep 5       Jeanne Cain**
- Sep 12     Carol Sharp (Education)**
- Sep 19     Pam Morell**
- Sep 26     Walt Davis (Assembly)**

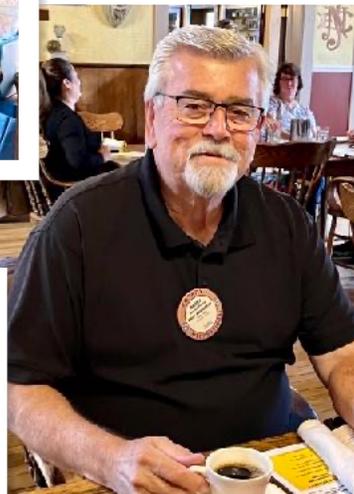
## Governor Stacy Graham Visits Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise

RC of Alturas met with Governor Stacy to update her on our Club's activities. What a productive conversation of our accomplishments and also what we can do to continue GREAT Rotary work.

News from Stacy included our upcoming District Conference at the Grand Sierra Resort on May 16-18. It will include District 5150 from San Francisco, District 5180 from Sacramento, and our District 5190. The Rotary International President Gordon McInally will attend! There will also be a special breakout for Interactors.

At our Rotary meeting Stacy awarded the Quiet Rotarian Award to DICK READ and the Rotary From the Heart Award to Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto.

Great BBQ dinner at the ballfields including Block M Funds providing \$3000 to the Modoc Boosters Club for their Trailer.





**Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament  
July 29, 2023**

Some of our profits from the tournament was approved by the RC Board to support the Niles Theater Heater Project! Replacing the heater will be \$130,000! So they loved hearing about our contribution to help accumulate needed funds.

Winning Team was Jack Britton, Tre Larranaga, Greg Valencia and Alex Valencia. Second Place was Modoc Family Optometry. Third Place was Jodie Veverka, Michelle Lloyd, Jamie & Aaron Teuscher. Congratulations!





Tournament Winners - Alex & Greg Valencia, Tre Larranaga and Jack Britton.

Second Place Winners - Modoc Family Optometry

Third Place Winners - Jodie Veverka, Michelle Lloyd, Jamie and Aaron Teuscher





**Club Officers 2023 -2024**

**President - Gail Eppler**  
**President-Elect - Barry Pierce**  
**Past President - Walt Davis**  
**Secretary - Dick Read & Paul Dolby**  
**Treasurer - Jeanne Cain**  
**Director - Alan Cain**  
**Director - Jim Cavasso**  
**Director - Sandy Stevenson**

Rotary  Club of Alturas



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Rotarians,

I remember traveling to a small village, not far from Dresden, Germany (east Germany), that looked like it has not changed for 300 years. On many of the homes was a name and year. I asked is that the name of the owner that first lived in the home? The answer was that is the name of the builder and the year he completed the home. It impressed me that the builder put his name on the house to show the quality of his workmanship and he was still being recognized for it 300 years later!

We as Rotarians do the same, we put our name on our projects. We stand by our quality projects in our community and the world. What an honor it is to be working side-by-side with such giving people. Thank you all for your help!

Walt



*Important Dates to Remember*

**September 16 - 18, 2022 - Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Program.**

Five Rotary Interact Students from Modoc Middle School to Grizzly Creek Ranch. Alan & Jeanne Cain and Isobel Lechner - transporting.

**September 17th, 2022 - clean out the storage container day.** Gloves and dust masks recommended.

**September 23 - 25, 2022 - Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Program.** A second group of five Rotary Interact students from Modoc Middle School to Grizzly Creek Ranch. Bobby & Michelle Ray, and Joe Catania - transporting.

**October 8th, 2022 - Oktoberfest - Pints for Main Street Park Fundraiser.** Line up your ticket buyers and think of a raffle item to contribute. Sandy Stevenson is the chair.

**December 10th, 2022 - Holiday Tea Fundraiser.** Only 14 tables left, do not be left out! Also think of raffle prizes. Jeanne Cain is the chair.

**December 15th through 17th 2022 - The Block M Basketball Tournament.** The committee is getting things lined up. Dianna Bass is the chair.

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## Some Interesting Information about the Rotary Club of Alturas courtesy of Elizabeth Cavasso

Looking back at our Club's history of presidents year-by-year, I discovered these facts:

Looking at 95 years of history from the first year 1928-29 with J. H. Mahan, through 2022-23 with Walt Davis as our President -

- Men have served as President for 82 years (86%)
- Women have served for 13 years (14%)
- Three women have served two terms
  - Jeanne 2006-07 and 2007-08
  - Elizabeth 2001-12 and 2013-14
  - Dianna 2017-18 and 2018-19
- Two men have served two terms
  - Walt Davis 1996-97 and 2022-23
  - Mike Mason 1998-99 and 2021-22
- **Leta Bethel was the first female president in 2003-04**
- Current members who have been president (in addition to those listed above)
  - Bobby Ray 1982-83
  - Fritz Barclay 1993-94
  - Alan Cain 2003-04
  - Jim Cavasso 2004-05
  - Carol Sharp 2012-13
  - Karen Shimamoto 2014-15
  - Sandy Stevenson 2019-20



Super fun quad club meeting  
at the Cedar Pass Ski Hill!  
Rotary Clubs of Lakeview,  
Alturas Sunrise, and Alturas.

**OUR CLUB**

Behind the scenes movement on the Main Street Park

- In process on getting bids to build the shade structure.

- Meeting with grant funding source on September 22, 2022.



**Lilly Toaetolu - Deputy Road Commissioner for Modoc County**

**Sharing information about the Veteran's Memorial/Dorris Park Beautification and Renovation Project**

**We are receiving \$296 million as part of a two-year program to beautify and improve streets, roads, parks, and pathways.**

**Design will be done by Melton Design Group of Redding, CA**

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Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Cavasso	Club Admin	Dianna Bass
Community Service	Ben Sylvia	Foundation	Alan Cain
Fundraising	Jeanne Cain Dianna Bass	International	Alan Cain
Membership	Mike Mason Sandy Stevenson	Public Relations	Carol Sharp
Facebook	Dianna Bass	Vocational	Laine Hoy
Youth	Karen Shimamoto Elizabeth Cavasso	Newsletter	Karen Shimamoto
Gold Tournament	Mike Mason Fritz Barclay Bobby Ray	Fish Derby	TBD
Programs	Gail Eppler		

October 4	Pam Morell
October 11	Elizabeth Cavasso
October 18	Dianna Bass
October 25	<b>Gail Eppler/Assembly/ Board Meeting</b>
November 1	Jim Cavasso
November 8	Sandy Stevenson
November 15	Stephanie Snyder
November 22	DARK
November 29	<b>Dave Pena/Assembly/ Board Meeting</b>

**Alturas Rotary Community  
Foundation Balances**

<b>MODOC ROTARY ENDOWMENT</b>	<b>\$95,230.51</b>
<b>ALTURAS ROTARY UNRESTRICTED</b>	<b>\$90,231.61</b>
<b>ALTURAS ROTARY MONEY MARKET</b>	<b>\$5,407.76</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$190,869.88</b>

- AUGUST 26, 2022



## President's Message

Dear Alturas Rotarians,

And it's almost the end of OCTOBER --- I did not think that any month could be busier than July, but OCTOBER definitely trumped that. We hit the ground running by working in the **concession stand for the Homecoming Football Game** --- it was a fun, but a VERY busy evening.

We followed that up with our **October Brewfest** the very next night. **Thank you Sandy Stevenson** for your hard work making all of the necessary arrangements. It was a job well done! With so many other things happening in Alturas that weekend, we had a smaller attendance than last year. However, for those who joined us, we had a great evening tasting different beer, dancing, and participating in a great raffle. In the end, we did make a profit from the event and plan to purchase tables and benches for the Modoc District Fair. We held a de-brief meeting and will make some changes for next year – it will be bigger and better. Did I hear Polka music?

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, several of us cooked and served hotdogs for the **Modoc Crisis Center's (A division of TEACH, Inc.) "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Awareness event**. Participants enjoyed walking for the cause and eating hotdogs. Rotarians enjoyed visiting with the participants, as well as feeding the Modoc High football players who all stopped by to grab hotdogs after practice. **Thank you Alan, Walt, Dick, Barry, and Danny** for helping out with this event.



A much anticipated **Rotary Leadership Institute** was facilitated by **Wyn Spiller and Greg Bogdanoff** on behalf of Rotary International on Saturday, October 21st. Fifteen Rotarians (from the Rotary Clubs of Alturas, Alturas Sunrise and Lakeview) participated in the training. It was a very engaging and interesting day. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program recommended by the R.I. Board of Directors and strongly endorsed by the Council on Legislation. RLI conducts a series of quality leadership development courses for potential club officers and all club members, including those who have recently joined a Rotary Club. The courses emphasize both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary around the world. All course sessions are completely interactive. RLI believes that leadership education has a positive impact on membership retention by creating enthusiasm and furthering engagement for Rotary. **Thank you, Walt Davis, (our very own Area 12 Governor)** for bringing Wyn and Greg to Alturas to share the information with us!

In September 10 Modoc Middle School students attended REGL. And then in October, the 55 strong Interact Club held a "Purple Pinky" Dance and raised over \$1,000 to help in the eradication of Polio worldwide. Go INTERACT! We are very proud of you.

We look forward to the students visiting us for a Rotary meeting and lunch in the very near future to share their experiences with us.

Many many thanks to **Elizabeth Cavasso** who spent countless hours working on a **District Grant** for our club. We recently received a \$2500 grant (to be matched by our club). This funding of \$5000 will be used to support the **NCO (Northern California Oregon Railroad) in their endeavors to restore the NCO cottage**. We have workdays (October 28 & 29) planned to remove and replace insulation in the attic. Please plan to join us with this project. Many hands make light work!!!!

**Final profits from the Jim Wills Golf Tournament held on July 29<sup>th</sup> have been calculated.** At our October Board Meeting we will determine our donation amount to present to our beneficiary - **The Alturas Community Theater**. We are happy to be able to assist them in funding their Heater Restoration Project.

**Jim Cavasso** has been working with the County of Modoc, the Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Alturas to replace the **directional signage at the Highway 395 and A3 cutoff**. Thank you, Jim Cavasso, for your efforts on this project. Watch for that "ROTARY LOGO" on that sign.

Through all of these happenings, we have also been holding preparation meetings for our **annual Holiday Tea**, the **Block M Basketball Tournament**, and will soon be planning a new fundraiser, a "**Luck of the Irish Bingo**" which will be held on March 17, 2024. Watch for further information on all of these events.

**As a matter of information and a reminder!** There are 26 Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Alturas, and on an average, we usually have ¼ of our members assisting with our different events. In an effort to build more camaraderie, **I would love to see those numbers increase**. Please watch for opportunities to be involved. It's a BIG part of being a ROTARIAN!

**At our Board Meeting next week, we will review our quarterly Treasurer's report.** This report will include information regarding where \$'s go – Happy Pot, Rotary Trivia, Card Drawing, Assemblies, Projects (what percentage goes to the club, etc.). This information will then be forwarded to our membership in the minutes from the Board Meeting.

As reported at our recent meeting, members of the Board voted to discontinue the Fifth Meeting / Third Thursday Rotary Meetings. **Thank you Walt Davis** for attempting to attract younger members into the Rotary Club of Alturas. We found, however, that the numbers and interest were not sufficient to continue the group.

Until next month,

**Yours in Rotary Service, Gail**

### Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

Oct 31 Barry Pierce (Assembly)

Nov 7 Jim Cavasso

Nov 14 Fritz Barclay (Education) - RYLA (Karen S)

Nov 21 DARK

Nov 28 David Pena (Assembly)

Dec 5 Bill Engle

Dec 12 Laine Hoy

Dec 19 Christmas Lunch

Dec 26 DARK

Jan 2 DARK

Jan 9 Kathy Delgado

### Dates to Remember

October 28/29	NCO Rotary Workdays
November 13	ARCF Meeting
December 9	Holiday Tea
December 11	ARCF Meeting
December 14 - 16	Block M Tournament
December 19	Christmas Lunch with Sunrise
March 17	Luck of the Irish Bingo
May 16-18	District Conference
June 1	Fish Derby



**Octoberfest FUN !**  
**Cheryl, Paul & Alan helping to POUR! Sandy and Ed dancing away the evening. Dianna giving away raffle prizes!**



**Supporting the Modoc Crisis Center's (A division of TEACH, Inc.) "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Awareness Event.**

### **Warren Farnam - new City of Alturas Public Works Director**

Warren was Modoc County's Director for Environmental Health for 21 years. It was a great position for him, but now as Public Works Director he will move from a regulatory job to a project-oriented position.

Many projects for the City :

- a new sewer project/facility by 2026 - will change to holding ponds with an aeration and denitrification process treated to drinking standards. Will move the facility out-of-town and no longer discharge into the Pit River.
- Using COVID funds to re-fiberglass the swimming pool. Hope to open in 2024. And hoping City is successful in receiving grants for a new pool.
- Geothermal heat exchange
- In partnership with the County - Redo Park - the project has been slimmed down a bit to accommodate rising costs. Also road work for 8th, 4th, E, C, and Nagel Streets.
- Drinking water quality
- Airport Fences
- Will work with Pool and Recreation Committee for upcoming projects
- GIS Arc-Info layering underway

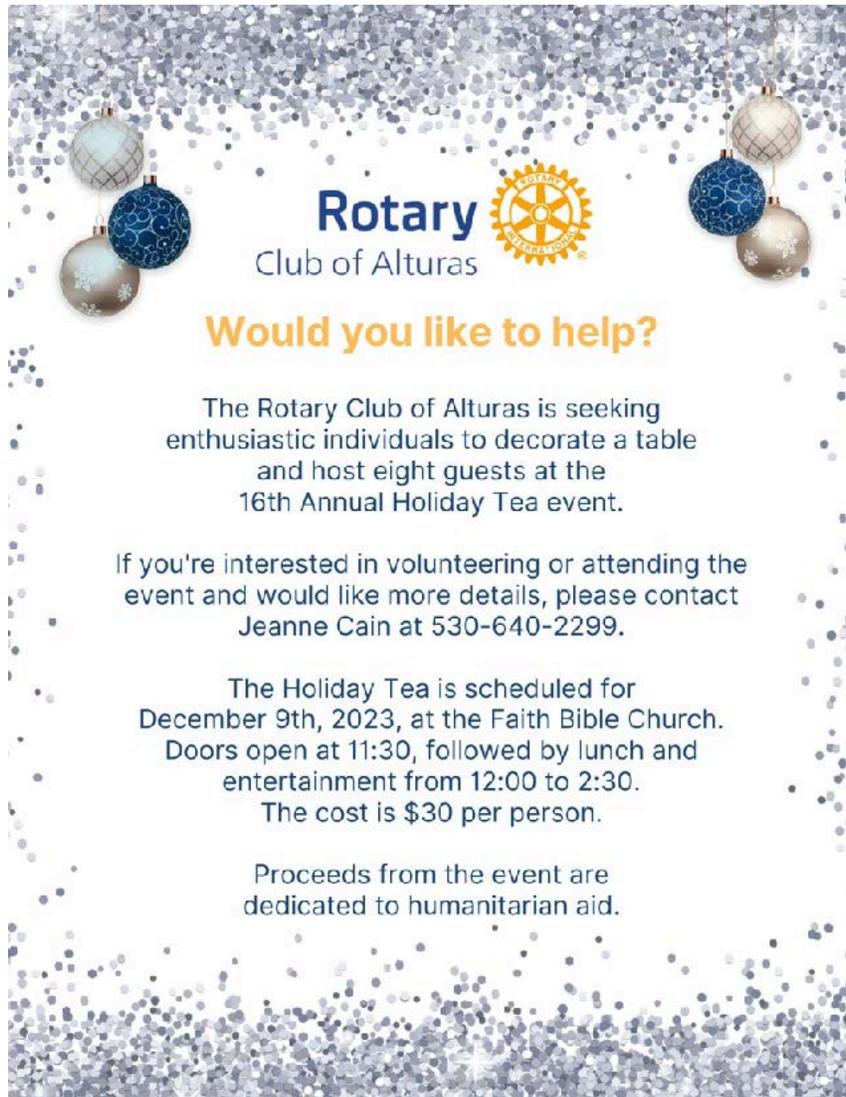




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The flyer features a festive design with a background of silver and blue confetti. At the top, there are several Christmas ornaments in shades of blue, gold, and silver. The Rotary logo is prominently displayed in the center. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue and orange colors for emphasis.

**Rotary**  
Club of Alturas

**Would you like to help?**

The Rotary Club of Alturas is seeking enthusiastic individuals to decorate a table and host eight guests at the 16th Annual Holiday Tea event.

If you're interested in volunteering or attending the event and would like more details, please contact Jeanne Cain at 530-640-2299.

The Holiday Tea is scheduled for December 9th, 2023, at the Faith Bible Church. Doors open at 11:30, followed by lunch and entertainment from 12:00 to 2:30. The cost is \$30 per person.

Proceeds from the event are dedicated to humanitarian aid.

***Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF)***

***\*\$30,000 is reserved for a shade structure in the Main Street Plaza***

Modoc Rotary Endowment Fund	\$102,031.40
Alturas Rotary Unrestricted	\$75,017.83
Alturas Rotary Money Market *	30,892.20
Bobby Ray Memorial Fund	\$51,649.55
Total (As of Sept 29, 2023)	\$259,590.98



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# ROTARY DIRECT

Rotary's recurring giving program

- ### ROTARY DIRECT SAVES...
- ✓ **Time** — Sign up once to give continuous support
  - ✓ **Money** — Lower administration costs means more money for programs
  - ✓ **Lives** — Give to The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world

**There are three ways to enroll in Rotary Direct:**

**Online:** [my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct](http://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct)

**By mail:** Rotary Direct, 17th Floor, Annual Giving  
One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201-3698 USA

**By phone:** +1-866-976-8279

Manage your recurring giving at any time by signing in to My Rotary and going to Donor Self-Service.

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**YES! I INTEND TO GIVE US\$1,000 OR MORE ANNUALLY AND WILL JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY.\***

**YES! I WILL ENROLL IN ROTARY DIRECT.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN, PLEASE COMPLETE.**

Rotary membership ID \_\_\_\_\_

Club name \_\_\_\_\_

Club number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.  
\*Note: By checking this box, donors notify The Rotary Foundation of their intention to contribute US\$1,000 or more every Rotary year to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus Fund. Learn more at [rotary.org/phs](http://rotary.org/phs).

**GIFT DESIGNATION** (choose one)

Annual Fund-SHARE  Other \_\_\_\_\_

PolioPlus Fund

**RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT** (minimum US\$10)

\$25  \$85  \$100  \$250  \$1,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Currency (if not US\$) \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY**

Monthly  Quarterly  Annually (specify month) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**, please attach a voided check  
*Available for U.S. and Canada bank accounts only*  
*Not available online*

**CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD**

Visa  MasterCard  AmEx  Discover

Card number

Expiration  /   CVN

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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### Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings!

I have immensely enjoyed the last six months as the president of OUR Rotary Club. Each of you have been so responsive to all the things I have asked of you. You have humored me when I made mistakes while I was striving to be effective. That, in and of itself, deserves a **"Thank you"!**

Our club has been very busy since July 1<sup>st</sup> --- and we wonder why we are tired and out of energy some days! Remember in July, I mentioned that one of my goals was more "Rotary exposure" in our community! I think we are on the way.... Here's a look back at our last six months!

#### July:

- We arranged the lineup of the **Fandango Parade**, judged the parade entries, and assisted with the KIDS CORNER in the park .
- We, along with Sunrise Rotary, held a **Demotion Party** of the 22/23 club presidents, Walt Davis and Tom Krauel.
- Our **District Governor, Stacy L. Graham** visited our club and shared heartfelt information. We were delighted to present: The **Heart of Rotary awards** to Elizabeth Cavasso and Karen Shimamoto, and a **Quiet Rotarian Award** to Dick Read. That evening we honored Stacy at a BBQ at the Rotary Ball Fields. During the festivities we presented Debbie Mason, (wife of Rotarian Mike Mason) with a **Paul Harris award**, and presented the Modoc High School Boosters Club \$3,000 from the Alturas Rotary /

Sunrise Rotary joint Block M Funds to be used toward their **Boosters Trailer**.

- We held a very successful **Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament** and raised enough revenue to present our beneficiary of the Golf Tournament, the Alturas Community Theater, with a check for \$5,000 for their "Heater Restoration Project".

#### August:

- We proudly presented **Scholarships** to the following: Max Blankenship (\$3,500); Ian Camacho (\$1,500); and Koen Brown (\$500).
- We happily cooked and served lunches to **First Responders** as they participated in an Active Shooter Training.
- We "Passed the Hat" for two regular meetings and raised a substantial amount for **"Create Hope for Maui"** after a devastating fire on the island.
- We started planning for the annual **Block M Basketball Tournament** scheduled for December 14-16, 2023.
- We honored and said thank you to **Susie Younger and Kris Anderson** for creating a beautiful stained-glass gift which we presented to our District Governor in July.
- Several Rotarians from our club attended a "Rotary Evening" at Oracle Park to enjoy a **Giants Baseball Game**.

**September:**

- Was oddly quiet! However, we were awarded a **District Grant** to be used to assist the NCO with insulation removal in the attic of the Cottage building. This grant was for \$2,500 and matched with \$2,500 from our club. Our first workdays were September 28 & 29. Shane Starr, President of the NCO Ry was very appreciative! There were 10 of us that weekend and we all were extremely happy to see Sunday @ 4:00 pm come around. Whew.... that was work, and we were tired and dirty, but pleased with our successful days.

**October:**

- We hit the ground running by working in the concession stand at the **Modoc High School Homecoming Game**.
- We enjoyed the tunes from an Irish Band and mingling with friends and family at our **annual Brewfest**. A fun evening had by all! The designated beneficiary was the Modoc District Fair for picnic tables / benches. Information is being gathered for this purchase.
- We served hotdogs to participants of a TEACH-Crisis Center Domestic Violence / Sexual Abuse Awareness event entitled, **“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”**. In addition, we served a team of football players who had just completed a grueling practice on the same field where the “walk” was being held, and who were hungry!
- A **Rotary Leadership Institute** was led by Wyn Spiller and Greg Bogdanoff on behalf of District 5190. Fifteen Rotarians (from the Rotary Club of Alturas, Sunrise Rotary and Lakeview Rotary) participated.
- Following a presentation from Frankie Widby, Alturas Police Department, we passed the hat for two meetings to collect funds for **“Shop with a Cop” 2023 Christmas** Event. We raised \$904 in support of this worthwhile event.

- We are proud of our Modoc Middle School Interact students who held a **“Purple Pinky” Dance** and raised over \$1,000 for eradication of Polio worldwide.
- I happily saw many of you wear ORANGE on Halloween at our meeting. Even Alan Cain, who was not available to attend the meeting, texted me a picture of him in his “GIANTS” ORANGE. – It was just a fun event.... No point, no reason, just fun!

**November:**

- In honor of **Veteran’s Day**, we acknowledged Dick Read and Barry Pierce as the two Veterans in our club.
- Along with individual donations from several Rotarians, and one of our \$250 Scholarships, we supported the **“Holiday Stockings for Heros”** drive. This group filled 271 stockings for service men and women who are deployed overseas, and to veterans in homes and hospital settings.

**Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings**

<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>Bill Engle</b>
<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>Laine Hoy</b>
<b>Dec 26</b>	<b>DARK</b>
<b>Jan 2</b>	<b>DARK</b>
<b>Jan 9</b>	<b>Kathy Delgado</b>
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Mike Mason (Education)</b>
<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Leta Bethal</b>
<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Elizabeth Cavasso (Assembly)</b>
<b>Feb 6</b>	<b>Carol Sharp</b>
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- After months of planning a **new directional sign was installed at the Highway 395 and the A3 cutoff**. Thanks to Jim Cavasso, the County of Modoc, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Alturas. When you drive by it ---- look for our Rotary Brand on the bottom right-hand corner!

**AND December:**

- December 2 – the FINAL workday on the **NCO Cottage** for our Grant. We are ALL pleased that this project is complete. Final documentation was forwarded to the District 5190 Grant Committee.
- 12 Tables of guests enjoyed our **Annual Holiday Tea** on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The beneficiary for this event will be a Alturas Rotary Club HUMANITARIAN FUND set up for emergency situations for club members. Distribution will be as approved by the Board and membership. \$1,000 was provided to Matt Cruse, a former member of the Rotary Club of Alturas, when a devastating fire destroyed his business in Greagle.
- And we end our year with the **Annual Block M Basketball Tournament** on December 14-16.

During these last six months of meetings, board meetings, planning meetings for events, and more, Rotarians Mike Mason, Pam Morell, Alan Cain, Barry Pierce, Sandy Stevenson, and Jim Cavasso have been recognized as “**Rotarians of the Month**”. We have also inducted **five new members to our club**. **Welcome to David and Lupe Toeatolu, Casey and Andria Cockrell, and Kerry Davis**. We all look forward to working with and getting to know each of you!

I realize that this message is LONG, and though we have been extremely busy, the past 6 months have been so very enjoyable, because of EACH of YOU! Thank you for all you have done. I look forward to 2024 and our upcoming projects!

**Remember, we have no meetings on December 26 and January 2. Enjoy your break. I will see you all in 2024!**

**To close, there are so many people in the entire world who celebrate this season in as many ways as there are people, so whichever way you choose to celebrate, I wish you peace, happiness, and fulfillment in all you do. Go forward and continue to “Create Hope in the World”.**

*With Love and in Rotary Service*

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December 9	Holiday Tea
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President Gail Eppler presents to the amazing Niles Theater group a check for \$5000 to help with their heater project and keep us toasty during the winter! Congratulations!



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December 2 - Insulation was cut to size and laid between the rafters.

President Shane Starr of the NCO Railway Historical Society - "Our 1917 cottage attic was a true mess, with old insulation needing removal. There were three generations of electrical wiring to deal with, a century of old debris, and many 2x4s. It speaks volumes to the character of Rotarians that when the attic was cleaned out, they came back to install the new installation. Alturas Rotary has been an **exceptional group of people to work with during this project.**"



# 16th Annual Rotary of Alturas Holiday Tea





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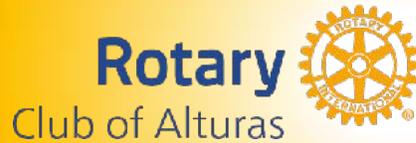
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**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

And just like that it's not only 2024, but it's February as well..... How does time move so rapidly? Sometimes I wish there was a way to slow it down, but as we all know that's impossible.

As members of the Rotary Club of Alturas, we all have opportunities to be involved in numerous worthwhile projects and events, and to do amazing things in our community. Whether it is a small or large project doesn't matter, what does matter is being an active part of our Club.

During December, (that seems like a long time ago!) many of us participated in two annual events; the Holiday Tea, and the Modoc High School "Block M" Basketball Tournament. We donated funds and items for "Shop with a Cop" and "Holiday Stockings Soldiers", and in January we participated in a remodel of the Modoc Middle School Teachers' Lounge. All of those events / endeavors were fulfilling and exemplified what Rotary is about. "Service from the Heart!"

Though January and February have been somewhat quieter for us as Rotarians --- we have upcoming events that will require the assistance, presence and participation from all of us. In March (17<sup>th</sup>) we will hold our first Annual "Luck of the Irish Bingo"; in April (27<sup>th</sup>) we will enjoy our "Foundation Dinner"; May (23<sup>rd</sup>) will bring

the Rhonda Haselip Special Olympics Event; and in June (TBD) the ever so enjoyable "Fish Derby." Please watch future **Newsletter messages and your EMAIL** for additional information regarding the above events.

Looking forward to the next few months and working beside each of you!

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Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise - Our Annual Christmas Lunch



### Falconer Bo Bastian - WOW!

Alan Cain arranged for Falconer Bo Bastian to share his amazing skills on January 9th. Bo and Lauren Bastian live in Cedarville enjoying the open desert skies to practice their falconry. Bo's dad Brad Bastian introduced them to our wonderful Modoc country.

Bo introduced us to Stout, a female peregrine falcon. Peregrines are the fastest bird of prey. They can reach 249 mph! They are the perfect apex predator. They are friendly and easier to train than other birds.

Bo is a Master Class Falconer which is the practice of pursuing wild game with wild birds. "Manning" is getting the birds to be used to a human handler. Eventually they will hunt game. Many birds are bred in captivity, and with a license (which Bo has), wild young birds can be captured. Falcons, hawks, and eagles are used to pursue waterfowl, pheasant, and quail.

The head mask hood covers the bird's eyes and keeps them calm. It is made from thin-grade cowhide or kangaroo hide. During training the bird is tethered on a long line a fed by hand. Bo feed them pigeons, quail and other similar foods. Red-tailed hawks pursue varmints.



President Gail honors Rotarians of the Month - Jeanne Cain, Elizabeth Cavasso, and Karen Shimamoto

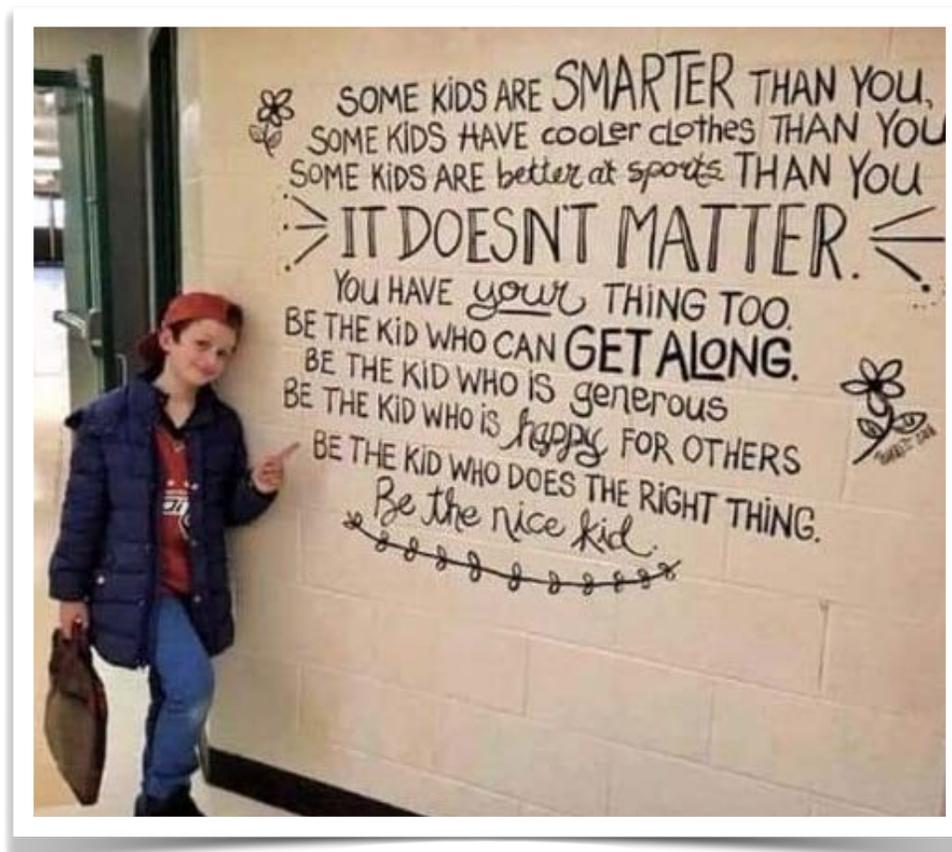


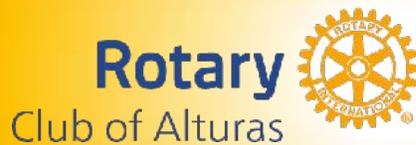
*Rotary Helps Modoc Middle School Community Support Club with Teacher's Lounge !  
(not pictured - refrigerator delivery by John Wisser !!)*



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Happy Spring!!!

During this last month we enjoyed sharing our meeting with our Modoc Middle School Interact Club. They truly are an awesome bunch of students, and we are lucky that they are beginning to pave their way in Rotary!

We have had a couple of quiet months, but now it's time to hit the ground running! I'll start by saying thank you for all you do! For showing up to our projects, for participating in our weekly meetings, and for offering and providing insight when it is needed.

I want to remind you of our "Luck of the Irish Bingo" on Sunday, March 17 with the doors opening at 12 noon, and games beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Preparations are underway for our annual Foundation Dinner where we will celebrate ROTARY, and the achievements made. In addition, awards and recognition will be presented to some very deserving people. That information is confidential at this point, so please mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup> (Niles Hotel) and join our club members for a very enjoyable evening.

May and June will see our participation in the Rhonda Haselip Invitational (Special Olympics type event), and our Annual Fish Derby. These events are currently being

planned, so information will be forthcoming SOON!

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**Modoc Middle School  
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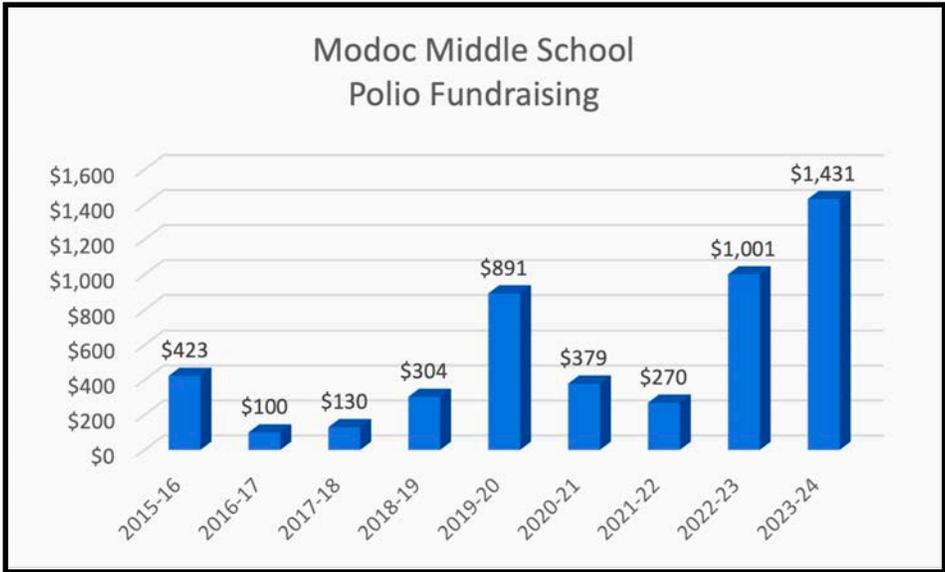


**Modoc County Board of Supervisors Recognizes Modoc Middle School Interact Club**

The Modoc County Supervisors gave special recognition to the Modoc Middle School Interact Club for their dedication in raising funds to combat Polio around the world. In the last 9 years they have raised \$4929 to purchase polio vaccine. These funds are matched 2-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

With the current year's contribution of \$1431, the result will be \$4293 worth of polio drops to help prevent polio in children world-wide. That means vaccinations for 8586 children!

Congratulations Modoc Middle School Interactors - Your are the BEST!!





**Rotarian of the Month - DICK READ -  
Congratulations!!**

**PDG Alan Cain and Jeanne Cain recently  
returning from their amazing trip to  
Argentina and Chile.**

**This banner if from the Rotary Club of  
Roque Perez, a new young club about  
20 miles from Lobos, Inaki's  
hometown.**



JOIN in some St. Patrick's Day Fun

"LUCK OF THE IRISH BINGO"

MARCH 17, 2024

JE NILES ROOM, NILES HOTEL

1:00 - 3:30 pm

(Doors open at 12:30 pm)

Buy-in is \$20 which includes 15 regular games, 1 special game and 1 blackout game (\$150). (Additional cards ARE available!)

Great raffle baskets and other items - (25 Tickets for \$20), door prizes throughout the day, refreshments at intermission!

We would love to see you there!  
Sponsored by the ROTARY CLUB OF ALTURAS

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### ***Our Rotary Commitments - A gentle reminder!***

When we all joined Rotary, we were introduced to the best and most enriching organization in the world. (Maybe a personal opinion, but to me it is!) As with all memberships, it comes with commitment! Commitment to attend weekly meetings, to fundraising events which are held throughout the year, and to meeting the financial obligations of the club. For a refresher here are the 2023-24 obligations:

- **Annual Dues**: Rotarians pay \$145 yearly, either in full on July 1 or \$72.50 on July 1 and \$72.50 on January 1. The dues go to Rotary International, Rotary District 5190, and the Club, and are required of all Rotarians.
- **Weekly Lunches**: Lunch costs \$20 per week (for 49 weeks), of which \$15 pays for the meal, and the remaining \$5 stays with the club. Members must pay even during absences as we are committed to paying the restaurant for the meals. When more than one family or corporate member attends a meeting, they will pay for their lunch.
- **Happy Pot**: The weekly happy pot allows individual, family, or corporate members to donate to the club on an upbeat note and at their own pace. It is recommended that members contribute \$100 annually to the Happy Pot.
- **Rotary Trivia**: Individual, family, or corporate members are asked questions and pay \$10 for incorrect answers. This is an enlightening and fun means to build a recommended \$50 per year for each member. These funds are used to pay for \$50 of the \$100/member needed to be a Sustaining Member Rotary Club. The Club contributes the remaining \$50 to the District.
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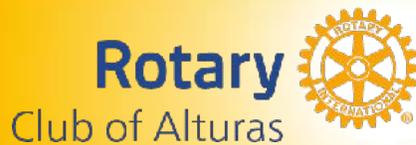
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**The 7th Graders won.**

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March 5	Walt Davis
March 12	Barry Pierce (Education)
March 19	Lori Galvin
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*Rotary From The Heart*



What a busy Spring!

We enjoyed our first annual “**Luck of the Irish Bingo**” held on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success with approximately 85 people in attendance. Following the event, we were able to provide \$2500 to the Modoc County Senior Citizen’s Center for their use in purchasing food items. Appreciation goes to all Rotarians who were there to work the Bingo, who donated raffle items, cookies, pies, and their time. We look forward to our next bingo event and hopefully it will be as well attended and as profitable as this one. Again, I thank you all for your enthusiasm and excitement during the day.

We held our first **scholarship** meeting to prepare for the 2024 graduating students and college students who are interested in applying for our “**Rotary Club of Alturas - Future Leader Scholarship**”. Applications have been forwarded to the local high schools, and will be sent to private and charter schools this week. In addition, information will be available on our WEBSITE and FACEBOOK pages. It is our hope to provide three \$2500 scholarships to worthy applicants in 2024. Please feel free to pass the information on to those students who might be interested.



We started planning for our annual **Area Rotary Foundation Dinner** which will be held on **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Niles Hotel, J.E. Niles Room** (Social at 6:00 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets for this event are \$40.00 per person (**advance sales ONLY**) and are available from Jeanne Cain and Cheryl Knoch. I encourage all of you to participate in this very enlightening evening of celebration. Our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Scott Kellerman**. Rather than providing you with pages of information to read, please refer to FACEBOOK – “The Kellerman Foundation” and enjoy! The things this family and the Kellerman Foundation have done are nothing short of AMAZING... the kind of things that give you “Goose Bumps.”

In addition to Dr. Kellerman, we are sharing the evening with our District Governor Stacy Graham, District Governor Elect Dennis Geare, Past District Governor and The Rotary Foundation Chair, Roberta Pickett.... all of whom live, love, and breathe “Rotary.” We will also honor some very deserving members of our own community during the evening. This promises to be an evening that you really do not want to miss.

As if we haven't been busy enough in the past month, we participated in the **Modoc County Little League** opening day where 13 of our Rotarians worked many hours in the concession stand flipping over 620 burgers, grilling numerous hotdogs, preparing pizzas, pretzels, nachos, and the like. It was a great AWARENESS of what Rotary can do as a group in helping the community.

**May 11<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Fish Derby** at Pine Creek Reservoir! Watch for information in the Modoc Record! Mike Mason, Fritz Barclay, and Barry Pierce are the chairpersons of this committee.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> is the Rotary “Better Together” District Conference.** This year we will be in Reno where District 5190 will be joined by Districts 5150 and 5180. Eight of our club members will be attending this exciting weekend.

Another AWARENESS adventure for our club, which should round out the month of May, will be our participation in the **Rhonda Haselip Invitational**, a Special Olympics type event for individuals with special needs. This event will be held on **May 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Modoc High Football Field.**

June SHOULD be quiet ---- except for planning for a Hot Dog/Hamburger Booth during the Fandango Days celebration.

And of course, the Annual Demotion Party! (Can't believe this year has gone by so fast!)

As always, I thank and appreciate all of you for ALL you do!

***With Love and in Rotary Service***

***Gail Eppler, President***



### Dates to Remember

April 8	ARCF Meeting
April 13	Rotary Workday - Little League Concession
April 27	Foundation Dinner - Scott Kellerman
May 11	Rotary Fish Derby
May 13	ARCF Meeting
May 16-18	District Conference
May 23	Ronda Haslip Invitational
June 6	Modoc Middle School Promotion (Interact)

## Great Comments from Barry Pierce - President Elect

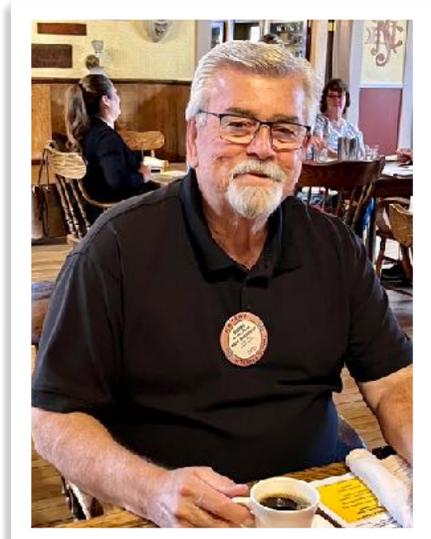
Fellow Rotarians.

Thanks to all of you, I had the opportunity to attend the PETS conference in San Jose last month. The President-Elect Training Seminar is a wonderful opportunity to learn about Rotary and interact with others about to step into the presidency of their respective clubs. I must tell you the excitement at that event is hard to describe and I'm sure I learned as much from my fellow president-elects as I did from the seminars. Either way I came away from PETS with a much better concept of club organization and a lot of ideas for our club in the coming year.

I'm sure all of you feel as I do that we're very fortunate to belong to the Rotary Club of Alturas. We have a wonderful mix of members with varied levels of Rotary experience which leads to a very open-minded group.

I have been involved in Rotary for a number of years and I can say without question that Rotary gives us the best opportunity to not only do needed projects in our community, but be involved in something much larger than ourselves. As we join with other clubs around the world we work to make this a better place for all of us to live. I'm proud to be a Rotarian as I know you are. I'm looking forward to joining you in making 24-25 a great Rotary year.

**Yours in Rotary fellowship, Barry**



**Spring Bingo Helps Support Senior Lunches !**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Alturas, President Gail gave TEACH Executive Director Carol Madison a check for \$2500 to help with Senior Meals.

# Celebrate - The Rotary Foundation

"DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD"

Area Twelve Rotary Foundation Dinner  
Saturday 27 April 2024  
Niles Hotel, J.E. Niles Room  
Social 6:00 Dinner 6:30  
No Host Bar

Cost \$40 (includes tax & tip)  
Advance Sales Only

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Scott Kellerman  
D5190 District Governor, Stacy Graham  
D5190 District Governor Elect, Dennis Geare  
D5190 TRF Chair, Roberta Pickett  
Special Guests, Rotary Club of Lakeview, Oregon  
Rotary Foundation Recognition Presentations



Rotary

Clubs of Alturas and  
Alturas Sunrise

For more information: Alan Cain 530-640-1499

CHANGING THE WORLD IS POSSIBLE. IT STARTS WITH YOU - THE KELLERMAN FOUNDATION



**Play Ball ! Opening day of Modoc Little League ! So many ballplayers!!**





Interact had a St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dance -

Dianna Bass, Elizabeth Cavasso, and Karen Shimamoto **survived** a Middle School dance where the students raised close to \$800 !

Chicks !! Happy Spring!



President Gail and Brewfest Extraordinaire Sandy Stevenson Present a check to Macy Von Rader for Modoc County Fair Tables.



Cameo and Clayton Thompson share information about their business - Heart To Hogs. Pork is available to you! Give them a try!

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## Grocery Outlet New Owner

### Spencer Barr

From Mt. Shasta and is loving being back in a small town again. Spencer grew up in a large family of 7 boys and he's the 5th in line. He's been in several towns and cities operating Grocery Outlets, with Redding, Pennsylvania being his last store.

He enjoys participating with schools and community service projects, and looking forward to contributing to projects in Modoc.

Grocery Outlet is the largest discount grocery business in the nation. There are over 500 stores nationwide, with a recent acquisition of 40 stores in the South. GO is opening an average of 10 stores/month!

The GO Business model - Spencer and the GO Company each own a 50:50 share of the store. Products are purchased opportunistically and held in warehouses across the nation. The closest warehouse is in Sacramento, CA.

Jeff and Adrienne Moore, previous GO owners in Alturas, are now in Roseville, CA.



## Modoc County District Attorney Nina Salarno

Nina comes to Modoc with 26 years of criminal justice experience having served as Deputy DA in Placer, Sacramento, and Tulare Counties. She has a passion to serve as a victims' rights advocate working tirelessly for public safety. The mission statement for her office - Truth & Justice; Community Empowerment; and Rights of Victims. Definitely a new energy in our community!

### ***Our Rotary Commitments - A gentle reminder!***

When we all joined Rotary, we were introduced to the best and most enriching organization in the world. (Maybe a personal opinion, but to me it is!) As with all memberships, it comes with commitment! Commitment to attend weekly meetings, to fundraising events which are held throughout the year, and to meeting the financial obligations of the club. For a refresher here are the 2023-24 obligations:

- Annual Dues: Rotarians pay \$145 yearly, either in full on July 1 or \$72.50 on July 1 and \$72.50 on January 1. The dues go to Rotary International, Rotary District 5190, and the Club, and are required of all Rotarians.
- Weekly Lunches: Lunch costs \$20 per week (for 49 weeks), of which \$15 pays for the meal, and the remaining \$5 stays with the club. Members must pay even during absences as we are committed to paying the restaurant for the meals. When more than one family or corporate member attends a meeting, they will pay for their lunch.
- Happy Pot: The weekly happy pot allows individual, family, or corporate members to donate to the club on an upbeat note and at their own pace. It is recommended that members contribute \$100 annually to the Happy Pot.
- Rotary Trivia: Individual, family, or corporate members are asked questions and pay \$10 for incorrect answers. This is an enlightening and fun means to build a recommended \$50 per year for each member. These funds are used to pay for \$50 of the \$100/member needed to be a Sustaining Member Rotary Club. The Club contributes the remaining \$50 to the District.
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### ***Humanitarian Fund - new Board approved fund from our weekly card game.***

**A HUMANITARIAN FUND will be established which will be available for individuals in need, or for disaster relief in the community. Funds deposited into the Humanitarian Fund will be derived from the weekly card game and will be based on the number of cards sold at the weekly meeting. (i.e. - 10 cards sold to members - \$10 to fund; 15 cards sold = \$15 to fund, etc.) These funds will be distributed as approved by members of the Board and membership.**



Pop-Tab Project - Hunter George (Elizabeth and Jim's grandson) to send to the Ronald McDonald Pop-Tab Collection Project.

Save your pop-tabs and give them to Hunter!

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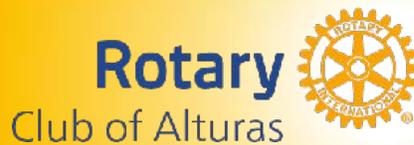
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From your Newsletter Editor - Karen Shimamoto

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



Dear Rotarians,

*A year ago, at this time as I was about to become the President of the Rotary Club of Alturas, I was scared and concerned that I would not do a good job representing the Club. I wanted to get "ROTARY" recognized, wanted more people to be aware of what "ROTARY" does locally, and in the entire world.*

*Now, one year later, as I sit here and ponder what to write in my last newsletter message as your president, all I can think of is how much fun the last year has been for me. I hope each of you feel the same.*

*I will start with one of the most exciting and (for me emotional) events of the past year, the 2024 District Conference. It was Saturday - Awards Presentations for District 5190. As eight of the nine people who attended the conference from our club sat there listening to our District Governor make presentations, I was thinking; "WOW" – what amazing things these other clubs are doing.*

*DG Stacy presented a Paul Harris Recognition to a young man who went to Africa to plant fruit trees to help sustain food for those in the area; he went back several times to make sure all was well. Impressive I thought! Then, she called the name Gail.... there must be another Gail here, but then I heard Eppler --- "ME" I thought – "Oh my goodness" – and then she presented me with a Paul Harris Recognition. A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE ---*

*But the excitement did not end there! Our club, The Rotary Club of Alturas was presented with the "Small*

*Club of the Year" award. That one made tears come to my eyes.... I am so proud of each of you for all you have done during the past year. This award is NOT about me, it is about each of YOU, stepping up, helping out, saying "Yes" and being present during our events and projects.*

*And there was more! --- Our Modoc Middle School INTERACT Club received 4 awards - Award of Excellence in Community Service; Award of Excellence in Fundraising; International Service Award for "leaving footprints in places you may never walk. By doing work internationally, you have created better peace and understanding in the world" and the District 5190 Interact Club of the Year - "Thank you for your leadership, compassion for others, and leading the way in "Creating Hope in the World".*

*Personally, my heartfelt appreciation goes out to each of YOU. As ROTARIANS and INTERACTORS, you should ALL be so very, very PROUD.*

*April and May have been busy – starting out on April 13<sup>th</sup> with a very long day of working in the*

*concession stand for the opening day of the 2024 Little League season. We served over 100 hot dogs and 600 burgers, along with snow cones, nachos, pizza, candy, etc. It was a fun day representing "ROTARY" – but we were tired when we were done!*

*On April 27<sup>th</sup> we were joined by Alturas Sunrise Rotary and Lakeview Rotary members; and dignitaries - DG Elect- Dennis Geare; PDG and current District Foundation Chair, Berta Pickett from District 5190 for our annual Foundation Dinner. We all enjoyed a very compelling presentation from Dr. Scott Kellerman, of the Kellerman Foundation. Following his keynote address we presented him with approximately \$6,000 in donations / pledges for his Foundation. During the evening several awards were presented to deserving community members: Our very own, Karen Shimamoto was presented with recognition for becoming a Bequest Society Member and a Triple Crown Member; Paul Harris Awards were presented to community members: Mike & Roseann Gracza, Delinda Gover-Perez, Amy Britton, and myself. Alturas Sunrise Rotary presented Paul Harris Awards to Lynn & Cindy Culp, and Carol Richert. Congratulations to all!*

*On May 11<sup>th</sup> we all enjoyed the spring sunshine and approximately 70 happy children as we held our annual Fish Derby. There were some big fish caught, lots of hot dogs eaten, lots of Gatorade and water consumed, and lots of smiles. A wonderful day!*

*Most recently we had the pleasure of serving lunch to the participants and volunteers at the Rhonda Haselip Invitational – a Special Olympics type event. For those of you who didn't know Rhonda, she was a very kind and special person, one who would do anything for anyone in need. She worked for several years in the Special Education Department at the Modoc County Office of Education.*

*That brings us to June... we have a couple of things going this month.*

- Modoc Middle School Promotion, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. --- I encourage each of you to consider attending to support our INTERACTORS..... Elizabeth will be speaking at the ceremonies. If you go, you might consider wearing something with "ROTARY" on it. We are proud of those students who are following a path to hopefully become future "ROTARIANS."*
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Planning meeting for Fandango Days! We are cooking/selling Hot Dogs and Hamburgers at the park after the parade! AND .... We are also planning a "Super Bull" – Cow Pie "BINGO" (Not your ordinary Bingo!!!!) GET READY – WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!*
- June 11<sup>th</sup> --- we will start planning for the Annual Golf Tournament on July 27<sup>th</sup>.*
- DATE TBD – we need to begin planning for District Governor Dennis Geare's Visit – July 16-18*

*As I close this newsletter message and come to the end of my year as your President, I thank you all again for making the year memorable, fun, exciting, rewarding, and fulfilling. It has truly been a wonderful and busy experience, something I would do again. As we look forward to Barry's year, I expect it will as busy and even better than 2023-2024.*

*Yours in Rotary Love and Service*

*Gail*





**FUN at District Conference ! Jointly held with District 5150 (San Francisco), District 5180 (Sacramento), and District 5190 (NV and CA)  
Rotary International President Gordon McInally attended!**



**Rotary Club President Barry Pierce - 2024-25  
and President- Elect Cheryl Knoch - 2025-2026  
Congratulations and Thank you!**



### Dates to Remember

June 6	Modoc Middle School Promotion (Interact)
June 7	Modoc High School Graduation
June 17 - 21	Junior Livestock Show and Sale
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June 23-28	RYLA II
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### Opening Day of Little League - What FUN !!



Foundation Dinner - Rotary Clubs of Alturas Sunrise, Lakeview, and Alturas - enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Hotel Niles with Dr. Scott Kellerman, Governor-elect Dennis Geare, District Foundation Chair Roberta Pickett and many celebrated guests from the community.





Thank You Interact Servers!!!



**MODOC MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB**  
 This amazing middle school Rotary Interact Club took top honors at District 5190 Conference!!!!

**DISTRICT 5190 INTERACT CLUB OF THE YEAR**  
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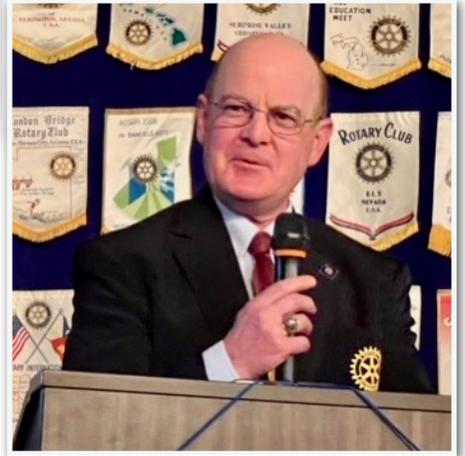
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THANKS SO MUCH  
CLUB OFFICERS !!!





Lily Toaetolu, Deputy Road Commissioner, updating us on the County Veteran's Park project. An enormous amount of work will be completed in time for Fandango Days, so we will all be enjoying new facilities! The remaining work will continue through the summer.



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