

ROTARY CLUB OF ALTURAS



Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

RI President-elect Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Holger Knaack
President Rotary
international, 2020-2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Club Lunch Meetings

August 4, 11, 18, & 25 -
Meetings at Niles Hotel

Rotary Club Events

August 10 - ARCF Meeting

TBA - President's Retreat

August 24 - Freeman Honey
Tour

August 25 - Hospital Tour

TBD - Rotary Golf Tournament;
Arrowhead

TBD - Rotary Attic Sale

TBD - Fish Derby

TBD- Dinner in the Park



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AUGUST Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

August is membership month. For our club, that means not only locating new, quality members but the retention of those that remain. One of the constants in life is change. So it stands to reason a club's membership is never constant and will change in both number and structure. I believe I speak for the membership of our Club when I say we would rather have quality than quantity! Let's see if we can replace those we've lost with active new members who want to serve our community.

This is a very unusual year to say the least. Some of our members don't feel comfortable attending meetings yet, but as this crisis subsides, they will return. Our fundraising efforts have been, at the very least, postponed and as we have discussed, 2020-2021 may turn out to be more about the promotion of fellowship and other internal issues than about raising money. Let's take advantage of that!

We have the District Governor's visit coming up in just a couple of weeks and we have a fun BBQ scheduled at the Youth Park on September 2nd during her stay in Alturas. This will be the first of

December 12 - Holiday Tea

District & RI

August 3 - Youth Program Webinar

August 12 - Community Service Webinar

August 13 - District Grant Training

Sept 12 - Vibrant Club Workshop

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

August: Membership & New Club Development

August 4 - Kathy Delgado

August 11 - Bobby Ray

August 18 - Danny Koetsier

August 25 - Assembly - Fritz Barclay

September: Basic Education & Literacy

September 1 - District Governor Berta Pickett

September 8 - Dick Read

September 15 - Paul Dolby

September 22 - Karen Shimamoto

September 29 - Assembly - Mike Mason

October: Economic & Community Development

November: Rotary Foundation

December: Disease Prevention & Treatment

January: Vocational Service

February: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

many opportunities to spend quality time together. It's also a great time to invite prospective members to come along and see what Rotary is all about! I don't know about you but one of the best elements of Rotary to me is the fellowship. Whether that's helping a child weigh a fish, or just sitting at the Niles Coffee Shop planning an activity with your fellow Rotarians. Remember "Rotary Opens Opportunities". Lets take advantage!

Barry Pierce

President 2020-2021



Trees Planted at Skate Park - just putting in some finishing touches for our last year's Grant. Thank you Elizabeth Cavasso !

District 5190 Past District Governor & Sparks Rotary Club member Vicki Puliz has been nominated as a Director for Rotary International.

Vicki was selected to represent Rotary Zones 26 & 27 which includes approximately 1,200 clubs and 71,000 Rotary members in 14 states in the western United States and one province in Canada. There are 17 Rotary International Directors from around the world who each serve a two-year term.

Vicki along with Joe Donohue were instrumental in starting REGL & RYLA in District 5190.



July 23, 2020
Rotary Club of Alturas
Elizabeth Cavasso

Goat Head Weed Hunt

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success." – Henry Ford

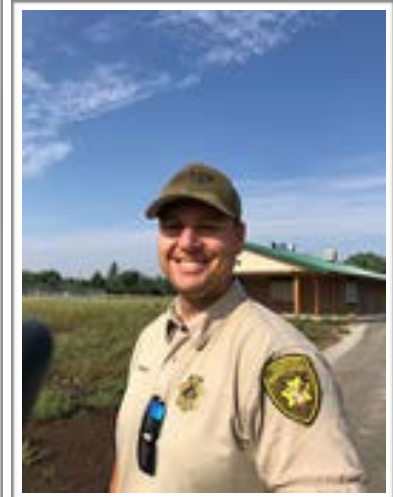
Goathead weeds are a nasty species that thrives in rocky locations, yet is readily found in pastures and fields. The weed, also known as puncturevine, is difficult to eradicate, can poison livestock and pets, flatten bicycle tires and if you've ever stepped on it you know it's dreadful. Well, this lovely invasive plant is spreading voraciously throughout the Alturas Rotary Youth Park and it's got to go.



Alturas Rotarian Mike Mason presented an idea to the Club to take on the Goat Heads. His challenge was to meet at the ballfields at 7:00 am, gloved, shovel in hand and packing a trash can. Six Goat Head hunters showed up and set out on an east – west style searching for, uncovering and eliminating the offensive plants.

Within a couple of hours the eradicators covered about 10 acres and filled a front-end loader bucket full of the weeds.

In addition to the six Rotarians, Correctional Officer Swasey and 4 inmates from the local jail, cut and piled other undesirable weeds in the area adjacent to the new concessions stand in preparation of seeding for the new lawn area. Together, we, transformed the Alturas Rotary Youth Park and had fun doing it!



Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International’s president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization’s 115-year history.



Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary’s Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary’s impact. “As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that *our ability to adapt* would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history,” Jones said in her vision statement. “Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today’s reality.”

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. “I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,” Jones said. “I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary’s rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary’s Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International’s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation’s Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

Birthdays 🎂

8/3 - Carol Sharp
8/9 - Jim Wills
8/17 - Clarence McCarty
8/24 - Adrienne Moore
8/29 - Jim Cavasso, Karen Shimamoto

Anniversaries ❤️

8/1 - Amanda McAdams & Bill Goodman
8/17 - Clarence and Kathleen McCarty
8/24 - Jeanne & Alan Cain

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Who are our club members? each week, visit, eat, conduct business, perhaps enjoy a program, and then go our separate ways until the next meeting. But – do we really know each other? We are introducing a means to rectify this, featuring a Rotarian in our monthly newsletter.

This edition we will learn a bit more about the life and times of Rotarian Walt Davis.

Walt spent his youth in farming communities. While in college he decided his senior project would be to make ethanol. He built a still, gathered all the ingredients and permits and developed 190 proof ethanol, a fun and successful project. However, once all the details were factored in Walt realized it wasn't very cost effective so he didn't pursue it any longer.

While living in Eureka, California, Walt worked for Bank of America in Ferndale and had an offer to become manager of the Alturas branch of the bank. Not knowing where Alturas was, and having only two days to decide, Walt, along with wife Kerry and 4-year old son Morgan, came to Alturas to check it out. Wanting a place with acreage to accommodate Kerry's love of horses, they were able to find the perfect home, where they still reside today. This was April 1, 1992 and needless to say, Alturas became their home.

During his youth, Walt was continually involved with Boy Scouts. In Alturas the scouting arena had dwindled to a very few interested boys and Walt was asked to take over the program. Walt visited the middle school and recruited some boys and the rest, as 'they' say, is history. Under his guidance the program grew in leaps and bounds. The Troop performed 50 mile hikes, winter survival campouts, backpacking, and learning the basics of what made a successful Boy Scout.

When Walt decided to retire from banking, he had visions of relaxing, hiking, backpacking, and taking some time to enjoy his family. By now his son had established a good life in Nome, Alaska, a place he calls home, loving the small-town attitude he grew up with. Walt and Kerry were both enmeshed in the community so they had no desire to move away. Walt was then offered a job with Edward Jones. Explaining he had no desire to leave Alturas, the agency offered to open an office here if Walt would be willing to manage it. We all know how that worked out. As many local individuals can vouch, this new venture in Walt's life has been a boon to many.

Thanks, Walt, for your contribution to Modoc County over the years. But wait, there's more! Yes, there is much more to Walt Davis. Sitting next to him during Rotary lunches, ask him about his multi-mile hike in a foreign land. Ask him about his history in Rotary. Those questions are sure to generate more, and help to know the real Walt Davis.

Thank you to Carol Sharp for her excellent interviewing skills and a fun presentation

CLUB LEADERSHIP

2020 - 2021 Board of Directors

Barry Pierce, President
Mike Mason, President Elect
Sandy Stevenson, Past President
Dick Read / Paul Dolby, Secretary
Dianna Bass, Treasurer
Carol Sharp, Director
Laine Hoy, Director
Jim Cavasso, Director

2020 - 2021 Committee Chairs

Club Admin: Dianna Bass
International: Alan Cain / Karen Shimamoto
Membership: Mike Mason / Jeanne Cain
Public Relations: Carol Sharp
Rotary Foundation: Jeanne Cain
Service Projects: Mike Mason
Vocational: Dick Read / Carol Sharp
Youth: Elizabeth Cavasso / Karen Shimamoto
Youth Park Oversight: Jim Cavasso

2020 - 2021 Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF) Board of Trustees

Voting Members

Alan Cain (6/30/22)
Elizabeth Cavasso (6/30/21)
Laine Hoy (6/30/20)
Karen Shimamoto (6/30/24)
Barry Pierce (6/30/21)
Sandy Stevenson (6/30/21)
Mike Mason (6/30/21)

Non-Voting Advisors

Monica Derner, Treasurer/CPA
Walt Davis, Financial Advisor
Brian Foster, Youth Park

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Rotary International (as of 7/31/20)

Annual Fund Goal: \$
Annual Fund YTD: \$
Annual Fund Per Capita: \$
PolioPlus Goal: \$
Polio Plus YTD: \$
Total Giving: \$

Alturas Rotary Community Foundation (ARCF) (as of 7/31/20)

John Wall Trust (JWT)
Total \$

Edna Brown

Stocks: \$64,131.28

Rotary Club of Alturas

Invested \$146,834.93
Cash \$11,802.79

2020 - 2021 Committees

Club Admin: Dianna Bass

Programs - Dick Read
Public Relations: Carol Sharp
Facebook: Dianna Bass & Elizabeth Cavasso
Newsletter: Karen Shimamoto & Elizabeth Cavasso
Website: Elizabeth Cavasso
Attendance: Dick Read, Jeanne Cain
Paul Harris Trivia: Alan Cain
Budget Committee: Karen Shimamoto, Elizabeth Cavasso, Dianna Bass, Barry Pierce, and Sandy Stevenson
Endowment: Karen Shimamoto, Barry Pierce, Bobby Ray, Fritz Barclay, Elizabeth Cavasso, Jim Wills
Demotion Party: Mike Mason

Membership: Mike Mason / Jeanne Cain

New Members: Dick Read, Elizabeth Cavasso

Rotary Foundation: Jeanne Cain

Polio: Sandy Stevenson
Foundation Dinner: Dave Pena

International: Alan Cain / Karen Shimamoto

Vocational: Dick Read / Carol Sharp

Youth: Elizabeth Cavasso / Karen Shimamoto

REGL: Karen Shimamoto
RYLA: Dave Pena, Karen Shimamoto
RYE: Alan Cain
Interact: Elizabeth Cavasso, Alan Cain, Dianna Bass
HS Scholarships: Dave Pena, Dianna Bass, Jeanne Cain, Karen Shimamoto
HS Monthly Reports: Karen Shimamoto

Service Projects: Mike Mason

Fandango Parade: Dianna Bass, Barry Pierce
Attic Sale: Dianna Bass, Barry Pierce, Mike Mason
Dinner in the Park: Dianna Bass
Holiday Tea: Dianna Bass, Jeanne Cain
Block M Basketball: (ALTURAS)- TBD
Rhonda Haselip: Dianna Bass
Rotarians At Work Day: Jim Cavasso
Alturas Little Free Library: Elizabeth Cavasso, Carol Sharp
Junior Livestock Show: Bobby Ray, Barry Pierce
Golf Tournament: Fritz Barclay, Mike Mason
Fish Derby: Mike Mason, Fritz Barclay
Youth Park Oversight: Jim Cavasso