

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

November 3, 10, 17 - Meetings at Niles Hotel

Rotary Club Events

Online & TBD - Rotary Attic Sale

November 7 - Community Park Cleanup (by Plumas Bank) - will be rescheduled

District & RI

Nov 6&7 - Vibrant Club Workshop

Dec 31 - RYLA Reservations Due

April 29, 2021 - PH Society Dinner



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

November is Foundation month. As a reminder, here are some major points about the Foundation from our District website:

- The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.
- The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.
- Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

April 30 - May 2, 2021 - District Conference, South Lake Tahoe Harrah's - Enjoy the Journey

June 12 - 16, 2021 - Rotary International - Taipei, Taiwan

PROGRAM FACILITATORS

November: Rotary Foundation

November 3 - Jim Cavasso

November 10 - Dave Mason

November 17 - Dave Pena, Assembly

November 24 - Black out

December: Disease Prevention & Treatment

December 1 - Gail Eppler

December 8 - Laine Hoy

December 15 - Christmas Lunch

December 22 & 29 - Black out

January: Vocational Service

February: Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March: Water & Sanitation

April: Maternal & Child Health

May: Youth Service

June: Rotary Fellowships

CLUB PROFILE

Chartered: January 28, 1928

Charter # 2741

Club #517 District #5190

P.O. Box 1630

Alturas, California, USA 96101

Active members: 29

Honorary members: 1

- With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.
- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Additionally, our District Grant proposal has been approved and funded to benefit the High Desert Community Day School. With the help of the two Rotary Clubs, the school will be able to advance the concept of "hands-on" learning using current technology and hopefully find a new form of motivation for the students.

You will all be excited to hear that 5 of our members have received recognition for joining the Polio Plus Society. As members, these Rotarians have committed to an annual donation to Polio Plus. A big thanks to Carol Sharp, Elizabeth Cavasso, Jim Cavasso, Karen Shimamoto and Jeannie Cain! They will be receiving recognition at the weekly meetings.

Of course, we are still battling the Covid-19 issue and it has taken its toll on attendance at the meetings as well as the procurement of programs. We'll push through, however.

Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Pierce

President 2020-2021



Birthdays 🎂

11/11 - Gail Eppler

11/26 - John Strauch

11/28 - Amy Foster

11/30 - Bobby Ray

Gobble Anniversaries 🍗❤️

11/8 - Dave & Cooky Pena

11/11 - Bobby & Michelle Ray



Who are our club members? Each week at Rotary we 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.

Dick Read was recently named Alturas Rotary’s Quiet Rotarian, recognizing the many hours he donates to Rotary that may go unnoticed by others. In his private life Dick has a hobby that he also works on that others may not realize, and that is working with wood in his home shop. When he watched a friend’s final product working with wood using a lathe, he became very interested and knew he wanted to do the same.

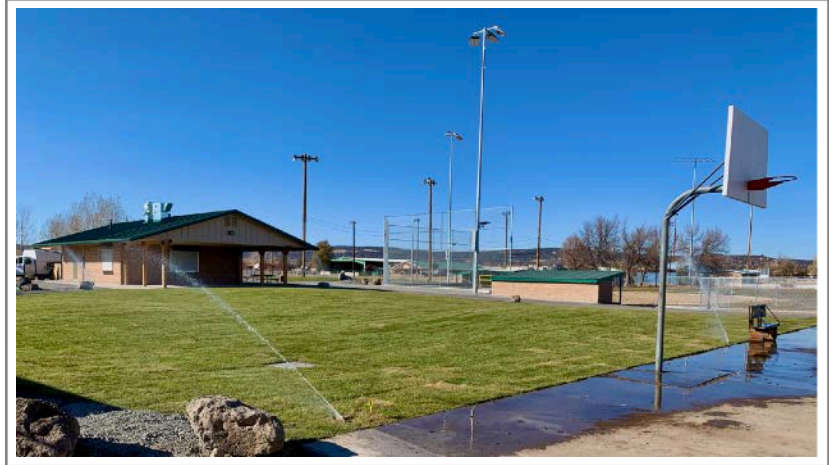
Once a ‘bug’ grabs you it becomes a part of you. When his friend gave him a lathe he no longer used Dick was hooked. He easily learned to look at wood in a different light – realizing the potential to create many beautiful and useful products for his family and for friends. His imagination brought ideas he didn’t know he had – and didn’t hesitate to take advantage of.

Dick has worked with about 15 different kinds of wood, including juniper, buckeye burl, redwood, a 150 year old cherry tree limb, black walnut, deer and elk antlers, driftwood and much more. Each species was noted for a specific product – depending on the makeup of the wood. For his pens he needed a stabilized wood. For bowls and other ideas he could sense which type would give him the outcome he desired. He even glued a bunch of scrap plywood pieces together and turned it into a bowl. To make a perfect snowman he used local juniper. Each item is worked on until he is completely satisfied with the outcome.

Once Dick became more advanced in his woodworking he moved to a larger lathe, giving his old one to a friend. For the pens which are delicate to make, he purchased his father-in-law’s lathe and went to work. Those fortunate to have one of Dick’s pens will treasure it forever. It’s hard to imagine the pen is actually made of wood.

Dick states that working with his lathes is something he can get lost in, lose track of time, and end up with something useful. He forgot to mention beautiful as well. He insists this is his hobby and he doesn’t want to turn it into a business. And what fantastic hobby it is! (Thank you CAROL SHARP for a wonderful article!!)

The Rotary Fields - Ready For the Lights To Be On !!



Beautiful Blue Fescue Turf being installed by the Devil's Garden Conservation Crew next to the new Concession Building and Major/Minor Field. Basketball Courts cleaned off.... Lights ready.... Play Ball !... ok next spring....

We are so Proud of all who have supported this wonderful project!



A Fun Vocational Adventure

Thanks to Dianna Bass for arranging a wonderful tour of Holiday Market! Really fun to see the inner workings of our nice grocery store. Thanks to Manny Alvarez, Store Leader, for the tour and answering our endless questions!



Some of us Rotarians are Maturing Quite Nicely if I say so myself! These comments made me smile. I hope they do the same for you.

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? His thoughts:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.
13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.
14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

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 10/30/20)

John Wall Trust (JWT)
Total: \$0

Edna Brown

Stocks: \$62,975.26

Rotary Club of Alturas

Invested: \$143,566.46
Cash: \$3579.96

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
Demotion Party: Mike Mason, Pam Morrell

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: Amy Foster, Barry Pierce
Attic Sale: Dianna Bass, Barry Pierce, Mike Mason, Dick Read
Dinner in the Park: Dianna Bass
Holiday Tea: Dianna Bass, Jeanne Cain, Jeff Moore, Adrienne Moore, Pam Morrell
Block M Basketball: (ALTURAS)- Dianna Bass
Rhonda Haselip: Dianna Bass
Rotarians At Work Day: Jim Cavasso, Dick Read
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, Dick Read, Laine Hoy