

**Rotary**  
Club of Alturas



**New President Barry Pierce and  
Past President Gail Eppler**

**About Barry -**

He was born in Roseburg, OR. Moved to Alturas in 1963 and graduated from Modoc High School in 1966. Barry's career took him to Reno, NV where he worked in Logistics, a current-day term for businesses in trucking, warehousing and distribution. While in Reno, Barry was a member of Reno Central, serving as President in 1984-85. In 2016 Barry returned to Alturas enjoying the simplicity and comforts of our wonderful community. We are so pleased to have him as our President for 2024-25. He believes that our Rotary Four-Way Test is the way we should lead our lives. Congratulations Barry and deep-felt thanks from your fellow Rotarians!

**Dear Rotarians,**

*Well, here we are again! Another Rotary year begins. And I'm sure you are all as excited as I am about what's to come.*

*We were lucky to have District Governor Dennis Geare's visit early in the year so we could incorporate his ideas into our own. We also had a chance to honor some of our own members during our meeting. Jim Cavasso, Alan Cain and Jeanne Cain were recognized for their hard work and dedication to Rotary and to our club. When you see them, please take a minute and congratulate them on their awards.*

*The theme this year is Rotary Pride. I invite you all to show your pride in who we are and what we do at every opportunity. Let's talk about Rotary to our friends and acquaintances! Our District Governor*

*reminded us during his presentation to think about our community and what it would be like if our club was not here. Makes you think, doesn't it? I believe what we do prompts other individuals and groups to follow suit. The Rotary Club of Alturas has always been a leader in our town. Let's keep leading and setting an example for all others! I'll do my best to guide the ship, but we've all got to man the oars.*

*It's going to be a great year!*

*Yours in Rotary Friendship,*

*President Barry*



New Members !!! Welcome Linda Morin and Timmarie Blankenship to our Rotary Club. Both will be valuable additions to our Club.

**Dates to Remember**

July 6	Fandango Day - Parade and Rotary Food Booth
July 10	4 pm - Scholarship Discussion
July 10	6 pm - President Barry's Retreat - Niles
July 16-18	Governor Dennis Geare Visit
July 27	Rotary Golf Tournament
August 14	First Day of School

**Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings**

July 2	Lori Galvin
July 9	President Barry - The New Year
July 16	Governor Dennis Geare
July 23	Paul Dolby



### RI President Stephanie Urchick

Stephanie Urchick holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has served Rotary in many roles and capacities. Her service includes building a primary school in Vietnam; installing water filters in the Dominican Republic; mentoring new Rotary members in Ukraine; coordinating a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland; and leading efforts to formulate and adopt Rotary's Action Plan, a strategic road map that will help bring even more people together to create lasting and positive change in an evolving world.

**Stephanie Urchick**, member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, PA, will become the second woman to take office as **president of Rotary International on 1 July 2024**. During her one-year term, Urchick will lead the 119-year-old membership service organization in adapting for future success as Rotary's 1.4 million members around the world develop and implement sustainable, community-driven projects that fight **disease**, promote **peace**, provide **clean water**, support **education**, save **mothers and children**, grow **local economies**, and protect the **environment**.

Urchick is urging clubs to assess their strengths and areas for improvement while also encouraging them to embrace different meeting formats and membership styles as they work to mirror the communities in which they exist in terms of gender, age, culture, socioeconomic status, and more.

"Embracing different viewpoints and creating peaceful, welcoming, and inclusive societies is at the heart of Rotary's work," said Urchick. "As president, I will work with clubs to prioritize advancing peace by helping to create the conditions for stable and resilient societies in which people can thrive."

As one of the world's largest membership service organizations, Rotary has made peacebuilding the cornerstone of its global mission. From carrying out service projects to supporting future leaders through youth programs and scholarships, Rotary is taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

## Fandango Day Events



Grand Marshall Maxine Madison with Bill Madison just before they enter the Fandango Days Parade.



### **Maxine Madison 2024 Fandango Day's Grand Marshal**

by Harry Boulade, Chamber of Commerce

In 2006, after an illustrious career spanning a little over four decades in Modoc County government, long-time resident and past Modoc County Clerk Maxine Madison decided to retire into the vast road map of retirement so she could fulfill her family bucket list that was longer than Main Street in Alturas.

Her dedicated public service to Modoc County graced the community with her effervescent smile, joyful demeanor and bubbly personality that was contagious to all who knew and worked with her. In celebration of the 150-year-old birthday of Modoc County, it seemed like the perfect moment to recognize Maxine as the 2024 Alturas Chamber of Commerce Fandango Day's Grand Marshal.

Born May 5, 1935 in Sardis, Oklahoma to Dale and Wilma Bunch, Maxine Bunch was already destined to make her way westward when she was a young child. Because of her father's job, the family relocated from Sardis to Broken Bow, Oklahoma where her brother (Gary) was born, and from there they moved to Arizona for a short stint, only to return to Broken Bow. Her father was born one-half Choctaw Native American and lived deep in the heart of the Choctaw nation in northern Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. According to Maxine, he was a skilled professional welder.

The move to northern California and Willow Ranch was set in stone when a job listing was posted in the local Broken Bow newspaper looking to hire someone at the Willow Ranch Lumber Mill in

Modoc County. This was in 1945 when Maxine turned 10 years of age. Her father took the job and off they went on their 1900-mile journey to “where the west still lives”.

On May 2, 1953, Maxine married Bill Madison. From this marriage, three children were born (Bill, Terri Privett and Andrea Halvorson). The Madisons moved to Alturas when Bill procured a job at the local Alturas Mill. A home was purchased on the East side of Alturas and from that moment on, the rest is history in the annals of the Madison family journal.

In 1966, Maxine went to work for the Modoc County Clerk’s Office under the supervision of Iris Turner. At that time the Clerk’s duties included clerking for the Modoc County Supervisors, Superior Court and all the elections (including special elections) as well as overseeing the election precincts throughout the entire county. “All the women in those days wore dresses to work too,” she recalled. “So many things have changed since then.”

In 1982, Iris Turner retired, and Maxine was elected as the new Modoc County Clerk, a title she held with dignity and honor for the next 24 years. “I was working at the Clerk’s Office when they celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Modoc County,” she said. “I even had the opportunity to marry many people as a Clerk, sometimes having to go to different locations in the County to perform the wedding ceremony.”

When asked about the most memorable moments she could recall working for the Clerk’s Office throughout her illustrious career, Maxine said, “I really liked meeting people and helping them in any way I could. I just loved working with people. I also enjoyed working with the Board of Supervisors back then, I kept all the meeting minutes for them. And most of all, my staff of employees throughout the years were so great. We all worked closely with the Department heads.”

Modoc County, and especially the Alturas Chamber of Commerce, are so graciously honored to have her as our 2024 Fandango Day’s Grand Marshal. We couldn’t have chosen a better person.

**Amazing Rotary Fandango Cooks -  
Walt Davis and Fritz Barclay !!**



And the rest of us served up hamburgers, hot dogs, and lots of water !!!

Thanks to Gail Eppler for organizing this event!  
In addition to Walt and Fritz, thanks to Barry Pierce, Jeanne Cain, Kerry Davis, Mike Mason, Pam Morell, Linda Morin, Cheryl Knoch, Carol Sharp, Karen Shimamoto and Roseann Gracza6!!



Superbull  
Winners  
Michelle  
McMillan  
and  
Carol Sharp



The Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise gave RYLA scholarships to these amazing students !!

Chris Guasp  
Savannah French-Connors  
Randi Urban  
Adin Benson  
Lewis Crumwell

Each Club will invite these students to speak at their Rotary meetings soon!



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