



Greetings Rotarians,

I hope that my Rotary family had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I have so much to be grateful for. My family is healthy and happy and I hosted dinner at my house, which turned out pretty darn good, if I do say so myself. It was nice to be able to prepare ahead of time this year now that I'm retired. Can you believe it is December and the holiday season? It sure comes quickly every year.

In November we worked on updating the Club Bylaws and Member Requirements page, we received a new member application (which we are very excited about), had officer nominations and we are gearing up for a busy December with the Holiday Tea and Block M tournament right around the corner. Our district grant application to upgrade the Junior Livestock Showground arena and install a memorial for Bobby Ray was approved. Now the real work begins. The batting cage project is almost finished, and we will be throwing a painting party this spring.

We are hosting a Christmas Luncheon on December 16th at the Niles. We will be serving delicious meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy with a vegetable and a nice dessert of course. We will be asking for RSVPs so we make sure to have enough food for everyone. Family of Rotarians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

I was honored to present Fritz Barclay with his 3rd Paul Harris Award at the November 4th meeting and we received a banner from the Rotary Club of Aberdeen, Washington, presented by President-Elect Alan Cain after he and Jeanne visited the Oregon and Washington coast in October.

A group of 7 of us (including Hunter George – future Rotarian in the making) attended the Rotary District 5190 Foundation dinner at the Atlantis in Reno and a training at the Truckee Meadows Community College the weekend of November 7th and 8th. It was an inspiring and informational weekend.

I'm looking forward to the Christmas season coming our way. Let's have fun and spread cheer and kindness!

Cheryl

Dianna Bass will be our incoming Area Governor for Area 12 beginning on July 1, 2026. Congratulations to a VERY BUSY Rotarian!



Important Dates To Remember

November 27 - Thanksgiving

December 6 - Winterfest Parade

December 12 - Modoc Middle School Purple Pinky Dance

December 13 - Holiday Tea

December 16 - Christmas Lunch

December 18-20 - Block M Tournament

December 25 - Christmas



2025-26 Program Facilitators

December 2 - Gail Eppler

December 9 - Laine Hoy

December 16 - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 23 & 30 - Dark

2026 Program Facilitators

January 6 - Casey Cockrell

January 13 - Fellowship (No Program)

January 20 -

January 27 - ASSEMBLY Elizabeth Cavasso



In addition to the Rotary Four-Way Test, we also have a **Rotarian Code of Conduct**.

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

Salute to Heroes
HOLIDAY STOCKINGS
for Heroes

Join us in spreading holiday cheer to deployed service members and veterans in VA hospitals by donating holiday stocking stuffers! The MGOE SEALS and Preschool Programs will be collecting donations in person from **October 20, 2025, to November 17, 2025**. Online orders are being accepted now. Your contributions will bring joy and warmth to those who have served our country. Thank you for your generosity!

500 Stocking Goal!

- Slim Jims or Beef Jerky
- Single Serving Packages of Trail mix and mixed nuts
- Fruit Roll-Ups, Fruit by the Foot, Fruit Gummies
- Energy/Protein Bars, Granola Bars
- Sunflower Seeds
- Gum
- Candy Canes
- Individually wrapped Candy
- Individually wrapped cookies
- Single-serving drink mix packets (i.e. Crystal Light)
- Apple cider packets
- Hot chocolate
- Playing cards
- Puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find)
- Card games (Uno, Phase 10)
- Stress balls
- Lip balm

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Far West Fest
May 1-3, 2026 - Grand Sierra Resort
Reno, Nevada

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

Rotary 

Alan and Jeanne Cain recently took a trip to Raymond Washington. They enjoyed the Aberdeen Carriage Museum with many examples of stagecoaches, carriages, and sleighs - both restored and in original condition. Alan also paid a visit to the Rotary Club of Aberdeen and returned with a nice banner.



Nominations for Officers - 2027-28
Voting will take place in December 2025

President - Elizabeth Cavasso
Secretaries - Paul Dolby & Dick Read
Treasurer - Jeanne Cain

The President will select members for Board and Officer positions.

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Membership Requirements

What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide network of more than 1.2 million volunteers—neighbors, friends, and leaders—dedicated to addressing community needs. Key programs include **PolioPlus**, aimed at eradicating polio, and **Rotary Peace Fellowships**, which prepare leaders in peace and development. Learn more at www.rotary.org.

What is the Rotary Club of Alturas?

Our club is committed to enhancing our community and the world. Locally, we support youth and senior programs, promote literacy, award scholarships, and organize annual events such as the Holiday Tea and Golf Tournament. We gather on Tuesdays at noon at the Niles Roadhouse for programs and community updates.

Costs of Membership (Individual, Family, Corporate, and Friends of Rotary)

Required

- **Annual Dues** - \$150 per year, paid in full on July 1 or in two \$75 installments on July 1 and January 1. Dues support Rotary International, District 5190, and the Club. *(In 2026–27, dues increase to \$153.)*
- **Rotary Trivia** - A fun fundraiser—\$10 per incorrect answer—typically raising \$50 per member, matched by the Club to meet the \$100 Sustaining Member contribution to the District.
- **Weekly Lunches** - Members and guests may choose to order from the Rotary Lunch Menu at the Niles Hotel and pay their own checks, including a recommended 15% tip. Members also cover the cost of their guests' meals.

Voluntary

- **Happy Pot** - A spirited tradition with a recommended annual contribution of \$100 to support Club projects.
- **Card Drawing** — A \$7 friendly card game that promotes fun and participation.
- **Monthly Drawing** – For \$20, one contributor is randomly selected to receive a special item.
- **Pass the Hat** – **Members may chip in through a “Pass the Hat” for a cause with an immediate financial need.**

Friends of Rotary

Friends do not pay dues but cover their own lunch, and may contribute to the Rotary Trivia, Happy Pot, Card Drawing, Monthly Drawing, and Pass the Hat.

Club Activities

Members and Friends of Rotary are encouraged to participate in Club activities throughout the year.

Benefits of Membership

Alturas Rotary offers fellowship, community service, networking, skills building, lifelong learning, and travel opportunities. Rotary is recognized globally as a leading service organization.

For more information, contact any Rotarian or visit www.alturasrotary.org. We look forward to hearing from you.



Beautiful Persimmons ready to eat!!



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!