



President Cheryl was an OFFICIAL scorekeeper at the Modoc Block M Basketball Tournament. A President of many talents!



Dear Rotary Club of Alturas,
Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed time with family and friends! I was in Finland for the holidays visiting my daughter who lives in Helsinki. I had a great time, spent some much-needed time with her, and met quite a few of her friends and got to experience true winter. I will try not to complain about Modoc winters anymore.

I cannot believe my presidency year is half over. It is going quite fast, and I have so much more to accomplish. So, my new year's resolution – don't procrastinate!

I would like to thank Elizabeth Cavasso for leading the meeting on January 6th while I was traveling home. I appreciate your help so much!

I would also like to thank everyone for their participation in our very busy December activities! Our Holiday Tea was better than ever, and the Block M ran very smoothly. I would like to especially thank Dianna Bass. She worked so hard on both the Tea and Block M, and is so dedicated to Rotary. We are very excited for her upcoming Area Governor term; she will do a wonderful job!

Upcoming this month is our Middle School Interact club meeting (January 13th) where we will welcome more than 35 kids to our meeting. These students are doing great things at their school and in our community. They raised \$750 at their Purple Pinky dance for Polio, and I am hoping our club will help to make that a larger donation to show them how much we appreciate their work.

I am looking forward to continuing our great work in 2026!

Yours in Rotary,

Cheryl

Important Dates To Remember

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 19 - Martin Luther King Day

2025-26 Program Facilitators

January 6 - Casey Cockrell

January 13 - Interact Students

January 20 - Gail Eppler

January 27 - ASSEMBLY Elizabeth Cavasso

2026 Program Facilitators

February 3 - Walt Davis

February 10 - Fellowship No Program

February 17 - Karen Shimamoto

February 24 - ASSEMBLY Sandy Stevenson





Our 18th Holiday Tea ! Special thanks to Chair Jeanne Cain, Chef Dianna Bass, and amazing chefs Dede, Dave, Paul, Dick and Dick! Our Interact students served 120+ guests - Ellee, Paisley, Levi, Haylee, Rylan, Channel, & Macs. Our 4th & 5th grade singers were a delight! Thanks everyone for your support.



68TH ANNUAL BLOCK M BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
PRESENTED BY ROTARY

DECEMBER 18-20, 2025

GRISWOLD GYM
MODOC HIGH SCHOOL

Come out and support your Modoc Braves as they welcome Portola, Fall River and Tulelake to town for a 3-day tournament. Proudly put on by Alturas and Alturas Sunrise Rotary Clubs



68th Block M Basketball Tournament !!

Dedicated to Rodney Grier - an amazing teacher and supporter of all students!
Congratulations!

Dianna and Frieda did an amazing job organizing so many of us! And thanks to Leslie Boyle for the best programs ever.

Winners of the Tournament were:

- Varsity Boys - Tule Lake
- Varsity Girls - Modoc
- Junior Varsity Boys - Modoc
- Junior Varsity Girls - Modoc



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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



The Rotary Club of Alturas continues to support Youth and Literacy!

To ensure all students received new books to read from the Book Faire, our Rotary Club donated \$1000 to Alturas Elementary School so each student would enjoy a fun read. Nice going!

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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.



How would you like to find this beautiful but deadly owl in your chicken coop ? Elizabeth and Hunter had this visitor in their chicken coop and amazingly, no chickens were prey! Wow!



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!

