

Rotary Club of Alturas



Dear Rotarians,

What is the Rotary Club of Alturas?

Do we have an identity in our community? Of course we do! We are the premier service club in Modoc County and I'm sure no one would dispute that! If you want to make a significant difference those who need help in our town, this is the place to be. Let's go back to the first question...what is the Rotary Club of Alturas?

When I think of this Club, I think, first of all, we're a group of friends. In my mind, everything we do says that about us. Friends help each other. Friends don't let each other down and come through for each other in a pinch. Friends also fill in the weak spots. If the group is a bit weak or lacking experience in a particular area, someone always steps in to help. In addition, when a devil's advocate is needed, someone will step up to perform that awkward task. That's always the sign of a strong, tight group!

For all these reasons and more, I'm proud of our Club. I'm also proud of all of you individually because all of you show pride in being a Rotarian. We all believe in "Service Above Self". In our Club, this isn't just a



phrase, it's a way of living and a source of pride.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to think hard about some new projects we might take on. What about some smaller and more frequent events? A monthly BBQ? More Bingo? We'll talk more about this in our meetings, but please be thinking about ideas to share.

Yours in Rotary Pride,

Barry



A Wonderful Visit (July 16 - 18) from District Governor Dennis Geare to the Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise.



Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

Sept 3 Elizabeth Cavasso
Sept 10 Fellowship (no program)
Sept 17 Carol Sharp
Sept 24 Walt Davis (Assembly)

Oct 1 Cheryl Knoch
Oct 8 Fellowship (no program)
Oct 15 Dianna Bass
Oct 22 Sandy Stevenson
Oct 29 Cynthia Pena (Assembly)

Dates to Remember

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| August 14 | First Day of School |
| September 8 | Back to School Bingo ! |
| September 14 | Modoc (TEACH) Alzheimer's Awareness Run |
| September 13-15 | Rotary 8th Grade Leadership Camp |
| September 20-22 | Rotary 8th Grade Leadership Camp |
| September 21 | Hunter Novak - Eagleville Airport |
| October 4 | Modoc Homecoming/Help at Concession |
| October 26 | Octoberfest ! |



Another Amazing and Successful Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament! July 27th.
(a little smokey, but still lots of fun!)



Rotary 4-Person Scramble 2024 Winners

1st - David Allhiser, Eddy Price, Alan Weber, & Drew Morgan

2nd - Bill Jacques, Daniel Bocchi, Allen Ferreira, & Scott Vanderhoff

3rd - Mike Mason, Jerry Wheeler, Danny Parker, & Dave Duncan

The Amazing Past President Gail Eppler's DEMOTION Party !!!

Gail's Silly Superstitions ?? !!



Megan Nelson is from Alturas CA. Her parents are Jodee and Jack Nelson also from Alturas, CA. Megan attended Modoc High School (MHS) and graduated in 2022. In high school she started taking classes through College of the Siskiyous, invited to be in the California Scholarship Federation, and graduated as the 2022 MHS Salutatorian. She currently attends Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) and her major field of study is Dental Hygiene. Her GPA at OIT is 3.87.

Megan has worked continuously through college (holding two jobs) to fund her own college education. As a dental hygiene major, she participates in the school's dental clinic that serves students, and patients with disabilities and financial burdens. Megan is currently the student director for the Campus Activities Board, hosting on-campus events to promote student engagement on campus and in the community. She was one of 13 students in the US to attend a collegiate conference with the American Red Cross. She is responsible for holding two blood drives per year on her college campus. Megan has a passion for helping others, grateful for the opportunities she has received, and will continue to promote the well-being of her community.

Rotary Club of Alturas & Alturas Rotary Community Foundation

2024 Scholarship Awards

Megan Nelson - \$2500
Jenna Nelson - \$2500
Max Blankenship - \$2500



Jenna Nelson is from Alturas CA. Her parents are Jodee and Jack Nelson also from Alturas, CA. Jenna attended Modoc High School (MHS) and graduated in 2022. Jenna took undergraduate classes from College of the Siskiyous and Butte College before transferring to California State University at Chico. She was on the Dean's List at Butte College as well as Chico State. Her major is Criminal Justice and she carries a GPA of 3.87.

Jenna is financially independent and works to support herself and education. Her career goal is Juvenile Probation Officer, and is also interested in becoming a Law Enforcement Officer, with plans to apply to the Police Academy. Jenna is a Community Service Officer (recently promoted to Sergeant) with the Chico State University Police Department. She gives students rides home during dark hours, performs foot patrols, and responds to emergency blue light calls. Her motto from her Uncle Tony – "You won't get anywhere if you don't try!"

Max Blankenship is from Alturas CA. He is a 2nd year recipient of this scholarship.

His parents are Timmarie and Jim Blankenship also from Alturas, CA. Max attended Modoc High School for 9th and 10th grades. He transferred to the Mt. Lassen Charter School for Grades 11 and 12 and took classes from the College of the Siskiyous during this time. He graduated in 2022 and began college at Allan Hancock Community College in Santa Maria, CA. He currently has a 3.89 GPA, and on the Dean's list.

Max lives in Santa Maria with his grandfather, plans to get his AA in Physics and hopefully transfer to Cal Poly SLO for an Electrical Engineering degree. Last year when he was awarded the Rotary Scholarship for his first time, he worked full-time at a hotel to pay for his education. This year he was able to get a new job as a precalculus tutor on campus. Max is a MESA/STEM student at Allan Hancock, and remains active in scouting and karate (Black Belt). Max was a wonderful speaker at a recent Rotary Club of Alturas meeting where he shared his educational and career story.



SEPTEMBER is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.



| Rotary Club of Alturas | 2023-24 Contributions | | Fundraiser |
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| July 2023 | | | |
| August 2023 | Scholarships – Max Blankenship, Ian Camacho, Koen Brown | \$5500 | ARCF Endowment |
| September 2023 | Surprise Valley Senior Lunches | \$408 | Club Administration |
| | NCO House Renovation | \$2500 | Club Administration w/ District Grant |
| October 2023 | Matt Cruse - | \$1000 | Holiday Tea |
| November 2023 | Alturas Community Theater – Heating? | \$5000 | Golf Tournament |
| | Holiday for Heroes | \$250 | Misc .Scholarships |
| December 2023 | A3 Highway Sign | \$1180 | Club Administration |
| | Rotary Youth Leadership Awareness (2 students) | \$1900 | Club Administration |
| January 2024 | Modoc Middle School Teacher’s Lounge | \$724 | Club Administration |
| February 2024 | Modoc Cancer Awareness | \$100 | Club Administration |
| March 2024 | Liam Prince Recovery | \$250 | Misc. Scholarships |
| | Modoc Co. Senior Center | \$2500 | Spring Bingo |
| | Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (5 students) | \$1800 | Club Administration |
| April 2024 | Modoc District Fair(Tables) | \$2000 | Oktoberfest |
| | Modoc Little League | \$150 | Club Administration |
| May 2024 | | | |
| June 2024 | Ronda Haselip Invitational Food & Cooking | \$618 | Club Administration |
| | Kellerman Foundation | \$2500 | ARCF Investments |
| | Junior Livestock Show BBQ | \$1000 | Club Administration |
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| | | \$29,380 | |

Wow.... Proud to be a Rotarian ???



“Back to School BINGO”

**Sept. 8th, NILES HOTEL, DOORS OPEN AT 12 noon, games
begin at 1! LOTS OF FUN, prizes, refreshments...
COME JOIN US FOR THE AFTERNOON !!!!**



A nice Muley stealing from my
bird feeder - the nerve!

This is at my house in Reno, not
at the ranch.....



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our newsletter of interest, fun, and amazement
for you!