



Dear Rotarians,

The Rotary year is almost half over, and as usual, we've been pretty busy. Back-to-School Bingo, the Jim Wills Memorial Golf Tournament, Homecoming concession, the October Brewfest, and the JLS sale barn improvements have been the major projects, but there have been other accomplishments as well.

We've amended our Bylaws to accommodate additional types of memberships - in addition to Corporate Membership, we have Family Membership, and Friend of Rotary.

We've transported kids to REGL, and purchased new banners and Rotary flags for the Hotel Niles.

We purchased vests for the Interact kids who will help with the Block M Basketball Tournament, as well as vests for Rotarians working in different events. We hope to give our Rotary Club some additional exposure.

Additionally, planning is well underway for the Holiday Tea and Block M events in December. And by the way, we also contributed \$830 to the Holiday Stockings for Heroes project.

Recently, we've had productive discussions on how the Club can help the seniors in our communities. We'll get the specifics ironed out soon, but I believe we have a good start on a very worthwhile endeavor.



YES ! Barry REALLY is having fun at our Octoberfest! And loving the food too! Smile Barry!

Lastly, as always, I extend my thanks to you for your participation in all we do, both now and in the future. I'm so proud of this Club!

Yours in Rotary Pride and Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Barry



BLUEGRASS AND BEER



OCTOBER BREW FEST

MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD

OCTOBER 26
6:00 to 9:00 PM

THE NILES HOTEL
304 S. Main Street in Alturas

WIN PRIZES
Spin & Win Wheel of Fortune with many fabulous prizes

GET TICKETS
\$30 Pre-sale from Alturas Rotary club members and United Country Stevenson Realty
\$35 at door

LIVE MUSIC BY THE STUKEL MOUNTAIN STRANGLERS!

Proceeds will support Alturas Rotary in benefiting your community of Modoc



Great Turnout - Fun Time - Wonderful prizes - Nice Music - GREAT Food - Thanks everyone!





Facilitators for Upcoming Meetings

- Nov 5 Jim Cavasso
- Nov 12 Fellowship
- Nov 19 Karen Shimamoto - RYLA & REGL
Students and Assembly
- Nov 26 Dark

- Dec 3 Dick Read
- Dec 10 Laine Hoy
- Dec 17 Christmas Lunch
- Dec 24 Dark
- Dec 31 Dark

Dates to Remember

November 5	Election Day
November 9	Rotary Clubs in Action, Truckee Meadows Community College
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 14	Holiday Tea
December 19-21	Block M Basketball Tournament
December 25	Christmas

Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Alturas Adopted Changes as of October 2024

Article 6 Dues - Annual Club Dues are \$145 for the individual or primary person for the family or corporate membership.

Article 10 Membership

Section 3 - Family - Family is defined as Domestic Partners living in the same household. Primary member pays financial obligations. Proxies pay for lunch when they attend meetings but have no vote unless the primary is absent.

Section 4 - Friend of Rotary - A Friend does not pay dues, pays for lunch when they attend a meeting, can contribute to the Happy Pot, has no vote, cannot hold office or chair committees, is inducted into the Club, has a name badge with "Friend of Rotary", participates in club programs/activities/events, is included on the club email list to receive newsletters and other club correspondence.



District Visitors - Mark and Hillary Schuss

Hillary represented the **District Rotary Youth Exchange Program for District 5190**. The District would like to see the RC of Alturas participate again in RYE - for either the long-term or the short-term programs. She acknowledged Alan and Jeanne Cain for hosting 5 students over the years!

This year we have seven long-term students coming to District 5190. The cost is about \$9500/year.

Short-term exchanges are for 3-6 weeks. A student from the US stays with an international student/family, and then they switch.

Students 15 ½ to 18 ½ are eligible to participate. Applications are accepted in October, with the Club conducting the first interview, followed by a District interview in November. Selected students leave for their host countries in July/August.

Hillary encourage us to join in the fun and participate again!



Mark is the District 5190 Member Chair. He is a member of the RC of International Exchange which currently has 12 members. Anika, his daughter (22) is the President of their Rotary Club.

We all know that Membership in Rotary is always a topic of conversation. RI lost 25,000 members world-wide, but District 5190 increased our numbers! Worldwide we are 1.16 million members.

Mark's suggestions for New Members - Put them in a committee right away! Ask them what their interests are. Do an annual assessment of your Club. Are there any tensions that should be addressed? Consider a mentorship program in your Club. Rotary International website has leadership development training and lots of information.

Retention of membership is vital. Think about dynamic programs, sharing news about people in your Club. New members leave within six months if not engaged. Those who stay for two years will probably stay. So, show your passion and support of Rotary!

THANKS Hillary and Mark for your wonderful visit to Alturas!

RC of Alturas to support Rotary Family Health Days in Uganda

For an international project, our Rotary Club has decided to join in supporting this District 5190 Global Grant. Our contribution will support a continuing project sending medical teams to rural health camps to provide screening (testing) and treatment for malaria, hypertension, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, Covid, cervical cancer, TB, vision, hearing, and dental.

Additional child health services include deworming and vaccinations. Education is also provided for nutrition, healthy lifestyle choices and family planning.

Individuals who are identified with a medical problem are either treated immediately or arrangements made for them to get treatment.

This Global Grant will treat hundreds, if not thousands of patients in a short period of time and help villages become sustainable with healthier residents.



New Rotarian Mark Ross ! Soon to be Inducted!

Mark has been attending our Rotary meetings for awhile and as you can see, he is already busy helping with wonderful Rotary projects in our community!

He relocated to Alturas from Montana. He brings great skills from his business in contracting, handyman work, and heavy equipment.

Mark is interested in contributing to our Community and looking forward to being involved with the Rotary Club of Alturas!

District Grant Project - Junior Showgrounds Sale Barn Renovation

Each year the Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise partner on a District Grant project.

This year with the Sunrise Club taking the lead, both Clubs will renovate the sale barn with new panels. Preparation for this involved lots of Rotarian labor!

Members from our club were Barry, Gail, Mike, Jim, Laine (and his equipment), Elizabeth, Cheryl, Dick, Mark, Alan, and Hunter. The Sunrise members were Laura, Shane, June (Shane and Laura's daughter), Isobel, Paul Bailey, Frieda, Bill, Paul Mitchell, and Joe Catania's tractor (although he was not there.).

More on this project to come!





Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Program - 10 AMAZING students attend from Modoc Middle School

The Rotary Clubs of Alturas and Alturas Sunrise each sponsored five Modoc Middle School Eighth Graders to attend the District 5190 Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Program (REGL). REGL I - Sept 13 - 15 was attended by Emilee, Bode, Dusty, Chloe and Owen. REGL II - Sept 20-22 was attended by Andre, Hayden, Jasmine, Brody, and Addyson. We will hear from them on November 19th when they attend our Rotary meeting! Special thanks to Principal Matt McCandless and Teacher/Interact Advisor Keith Weber and all the MMS Staff who nominated these students. Special thanks to Rotarian Elizabeth Cavasso who is their Interact Advisor and attended REGL as an Adult Mentor Volunteer.



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!

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