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Excellence Is a Team Effort

A new Rotary year begins with District 5330 Club of Excellence honors, a committed leadership team, meaningful member recognition, and fresh opportunities to serve Beaumont and Cherry Valley.



CLUB OF EXCELLENCE

Excellence Is a Team Effort

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary is beginning the 2026–27 year with something worth celebrating: recognition from Rotary District 5330 as a **Club of Excellence**. President Doug Emery shared the banner with members along with the badges and honors earned through a year of service, fellowship, leadership, and steady follow-through.

The banner belongs to the whole club. It reflects scholarships and student support, community projects, the Senior Thanksgiving meal, Casino

Night, Cherry Jubilee, the new Peace Pole, strong partnerships, and the countless behind-the-scenes jobs that turn good intentions into real results.

Recognition is not the finish line. It is encouragement to carry the same energy into a new year: invite people into Rotary, create meaningful opportunities to serve, support one another, and keep listening for what Beaumont and Cherry Valley need next.



The 2026-27 leadership team begins a new Rotary year together.

Meet the 2026-27 Leadership Team

A strong Rotary year is built by people willing to organize, listen, invite, account, encourage, and serve. **Doug Emery** continues as club president, joined by the officers, directors, and committee leaders below.

The titles below describe particular responsibilities, but leadership in Rotary is never confined to a board table. Every member has a place in shaping projects, welcoming guests, mentoring students, strengthening the Foundation, and turning the Four-Way Test into action.



Douglas Emery

President • Immediate Past President



David J. Heiss

Secretary • Past President



Lisa L. Hendrix

Treasurer



Joanna Evans

Assistant Treasurer



Yamelith Mayela Goldberg

President-Nominee



Martin Bright

Club Director



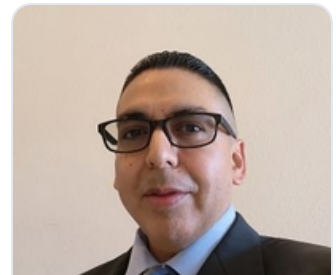
Robin L. Knight

Club Director



Matthew Pistilli

Club Director



Samuel Bermudez Valdez

Club Director



Bruce Elliott Murrill

Membership Chair



Marsha Becker

Club Foundation President • Rotary
Foundation Chair



Sabrina Sepulveda

Youth Services Chair



Steven Brown

Social Media Lead

Economic Development Is Community Development

At our July 30 meeting, **Laura James**, Economic Development Manager for the City of Beaumont, joined the club for a conversation about the work behind a growing local economy. James also serves as president of the **Pass Economic Development Alliance**, bringing a regional perspective to the opportunities shared across the San Gorgonio Pass.

Economic development is sometimes reduced to a list of new storefronts. The real work is broader: helping businesses navigate permits and licensing, connecting employers with workforce and training resources, sharing economic and demographic information, identifying viable sites, and bringing public and private partners to the same table.

That work matters to Rotary because a healthy local economy supports stable employment, stronger nonprofit partners, a sustainable tax base, and more

resources for the quality-of-life projects that make a community feel like home. It also creates natural points of collaboration among the city, schools, service organizations, and local employers.

As Beaumont continues to grow, the central question is not simply how much development occurs, but how thoughtfully that growth serves residents and strengthens the community for the long term. Laura's visit gave Rotarians another lens for understanding that shared work — and the part civic-minded businesses and volunteers can play in it.

Learn more through the City of Beaumont Economic Development Department at beaumontca.gov/1047/Business-Resources.

SERVICE RECOGNIZED

Honoring Commitment to Rotary and Community

Recognition at Rotary is never only about the certificate or pin. It is a way of naming the generosity, consistency, and care that keep a club moving forward.

Della Condon and **Luren Dickinson** were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows, an honor connected to support for The Rotary Foundation and its humanitarian work around the world. Their recognition reflects Rotary's tradition of turning individual generosity into collective impact.

Diana Mangan received a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing six years of service as club secretary — a stretch of steady work that quietly held

the club together. In that time she developed and issued **41 club newsletters**, building the running record of club life that members and the wider community still read today.

Diana also manages the club's **DacDB** records and personally walks new members through that system as they join, making sure each one is properly onboarded and connected to Rotary's wider resources. It is precise, largely invisible work, and the club runs better because she does it.

Congratulations to each honoree, and thank you for the distinctive way each contributes to a stronger club and community.



Della Condon with President Doug Emery after receiving Paul Harris Fellow recognition.



Luren Dickinson and President Doug Emery with Luren's Paul Harris Fellow certificate.



Diana Mangan receives a Certificate of Appreciation from President Doug Emery.

HELP CLOSE TO HOME

Riverside County Office on Aging

Adriana Hubert of the Riverside County Office on Aging visited the club July 23 with a practical message: older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers do not have to navigate every challenge alone.

The agency connects residents with transportation, respite care, home-delivered meals, utility assistance, minor home repairs, case management, caregiver support, technology access, health programs, and help applying for services. Eligibility varies by program, but many resources begin at age 60 or are available based on disability or caregiving need.

Information: 877-932-4100 • RCAging.org • rcAging@rivco.org



Adriana Hubert with President Doug Emery following her presentation.

CLUB FELLOWSHIP

Sammy Drew the Winning Card



Samuel Bermudez Valdez celebrates his Chase the Card win with President Doug Emery.

Congratulations to **Samuel “Sammy” Bermudez Valdez**, whose winning draw brought the latest Chase the Card round to a cheerful close. The game adds a little suspense to weekly fellowship while supporting the club's work.

A new round means a fresh chance to join the fun — and another reason to make Thursday lunch part of the week.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

A New Chapter at Beaumont Library

The club board approved **\$4,000** toward a planned bicycle rack at the Beaumont Library, connecting Rotary service with literacy, mobility, and one of the community's most important public spaces. Additional funding is still being developed for the balance of the project.

Rotarians are invited to the library's **Books & Brews Sneak Peek** on Friday, August 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The Phase I Ribbon Cutting Ceremony follows Tuesday, September 1, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

A New Rotary Year, Already in Motion

Hello BCV Rotarians,

What a wonderful way to begin our new Rotary year. Our District 5330 Club of Excellence recognition reflects the commitment, teamwork, and friendship each of you brings to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary.

Congratulations to Della Condon and Luren Dickinson on their Paul Harris Fellow recognition, to Diana Mangan for her Certificate of Appreciation, and to everyone stepping into a leadership role for 2026–27. Thank you for saying yes to service.

We also welcomed two informative community presentations in July. Adriana Hubert reminded us how many resources are available to older adults and caregivers through the Riverside County Office on Aging. Laura James helped connect the work of economic development with the future of the community we serve.

August keeps that momentum going. We will hear about The Rotary Foundation, welcome Beaumont City Manager Chris Boatman, and have an opportunity to see the renewed Beaumont Library before its ribbon cutting. I hope you will take part, bring a guest, and look for the project or committee where your time and talents can make the greatest difference.

Thank you for all you do to put Service Above Self into practice.

— **Doug Emery, President**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



August 11 Jameer Ali



August 13 Diana Mangan



August 26 Mays Kakish



August 29 Sabrina Sepulveda

COMING UP

August 6 Patsy Orr presents on The Rotary Foundation, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM

August 13 Club Board Meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM

August 20 Beaumont City Manager Chris Boatman, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM

August 27 Club meeting, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM

August 28 Beaumont Library Books & Brews Sneak Peek, 4:00–6:00 PM

September 1 Beaumont Library Phase I Ribbon Cutting, 9:00–10:00 AM

September 3 San Geronio Historical Society presentation, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM

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