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A Second Peace Pole for Beaumont

On September 18 the Morongo Bird Singers opened the unveiling of Beaumont's second Peace Pole, outside the new Beaumont Library. District Governor Richard Lemire paid his official visit October 1, and Thanksgiving placemat sponsorships are open now.



THE PEACE POLE PROJECT

May Peace Prevail, Now at the Library

Beaumont has a second Peace Pole. On the morning of **Friday, September 18**, the club and the **Beaumont Library District** unveiled it outside the newly opened **Beaumont Library**, with members, library staff, guests and neighbors gathered under the club's red canopies.

The **Morongo Band of Mission Indians Bird Singing Group** opened the ceremony, as they did at the first pole's dedication in June. Their yes came late and was worth the wait: Doug had reached out more than once, and the tribe confirmed only days before, in the middle of preparing for its 35th Annual Thunder & Lightning Powwow. Morongo already has its own tie to this building, having donated to the Beaumont Library District in April 2025, and the tribe asked to be part of the day.

After the songs came the unveiling. The cover came off to show the pole's message, *May Peace Prevail On Earth*, set in several languages including Spanish, *Que La Paz Prevalezca En La Tierra*. Members uncovered the dedication stone at its base, guest speakers took the podium, and certificates of appreciation were exchanged, including one the club presented to Morongo's representatives.

The first pole has stood outside the Chatigny Center since June 26. The library pole puts the same message where readers of every age walk past it each day, and the Peace Pole Project's next stop is Beaumont Unified campuses, working with the district and our Interact students.



The Morongo Bird Singing Group opens the ceremony.

Photos: Morongo Band of Mission Indians and David Heiss.



Welcoming remarks beside the new pole. More in the [Peace Pole gallery](#).

District Governor Richard Lemire Pays His Visit

District Governor **Richard Lemire** made his official visit to Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary on **Thursday, October 1**, meeting first with the club board at 11:00 AM and then joining the full membership for lunch at the Chatigny Center.

At lunch he laid out the district's year ahead: **PRYDE**, November 21–22; **RYLA** Part 1, March 5–7, and Part 2, April 2–4; the **Four-Way Test Speech Contest**, March 13 in Banning; the **District Learning Assembly**, April 17; the **Rotary Youth Showcase Event**, May 2; the **Epic**

Day of Service, May 15; and the **Rotary International Convention**, June 26–30 in Barcelona. He also made the case for the 2027 **District Conference**, “Soar High Through Rotary,” on **Saturday, June 19** at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside.

Gifts went both ways, with **Bruce Murrill** doing the honors for the club. The governor opened the club's gift bag to find a pair of plush police dogs, and he and President Doug Emery closed the visit with a handshake at the podium.



President Doug Emery and District Governor Richard Lemire at the podium, October 1.



The club's gift: a pair of plush police dogs.

SAVE THE DATES

Thanksgiving Placemat Sponsors Needed

The club's **55th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** is **Saturday, November 14, 2026** — a free holiday meal for Beaumont and Cherry Valley seniors, a club tradition since 1971. This year's placemats carry sponsor advertising, on sale now: a business-card-size ad for **\$25**, double size for **\$50**, or sponsor a turkey for **\$25**.

To reserve an ad, contact **Yami Goldberg** (909-841-3753, simplygold35@gmail.com) **no later than Saturday, November 7, 2026**. Checks are payable to Rotary Club of Beaumont-Cherry Valley, or [pay by card through Zeffy](#). The [sponsor form](#) has the details to hand to a business.

District 5330 Gala — Same Day

The **District 5330 Gala**, District Governor Richard Lemire's event at Sun Lakes, falls on **Saturday, November 14, 2026** — the same day as the club's

own Thanksgiving Dinner, with the gala in the evening. Tickets and details come through the district at district5330.org and DACdb.

Weekly Club Meetings

Thursdays, 12:00–1:00 PM, Chatigny Center (and Google Meet call-in). On the October calendar: the **board meeting on October 8**, the **Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and**

Park District on October 15 (tentative), and the **San Gorgonio Pass Historical Society**, part two, on **October 22**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

RLI Training in Beaumont

District 5330 held **Rotary Leadership Institute** training (Parts I, II, and III) on **Saturday, September 19** at Beaumont Presbyterian Church —

\$45 per person, reimbursed by the club. **Sabrina Sepulveda, Sammy Bermudez** and **Lisa Hendrix** attended for the club.

Rotary Youth Services at the September 24 Meeting

Bruce Murrill and **Sabrina Sepulveda**, the club's Youth Services Chair, presented on the club's youth services programs at the September 24 club

meeting. Stay tuned: next month's issue tells how the club committed to PRYDE, Rotary's leadership camp for seventh graders.

GUESTS AT THE CLUB

\$2,500 from the Fifth District

The September 24 meeting opened with a guest carrying an oversized check. The club welcomed **Emmanuel Herrera**, legislative assistant to Riverside County Fifth District Supervisor **Yxstian Gutierrez**, and the supervisor's office presented the club with **\$2,500**, made out to the Rotary Club of Beaumont "on behalf of the taxpayers of the Fifth District" and signed by the supervisor. **Robin Knight** accepted it for the club.



Robin Knight accepts the Fifth District's \$2,500 check for the club, September 24.

The Pass's History, Part One

On **September 3**, **Laurie McLaughlin**, a board member of the **San Geronio Pass Historical Society**, spoke to the club on the history of Beaumont and the surrounding area. President **Doug Emery** presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation at the close of the meeting.

There is more to come: the Historical Society returns for part two on **October 22**.



President Doug Emery presents Laurie McLaughlin of the San Geronio Pass Historical Society with a Certificate of Appreciation, September 3.

Club Business — Board & Foundation Notes

The club and the Foundation approved funding the Beaumont Library's **\$6,924.53** bike-rack literacy project. The club is set to receive a **District Community Grant of \$1,065.45**; Doug recommended putting it toward the library's Peace Pole and bike rack, and he and Sammy Bermudez have completed the application.

From the August 13, 2026 board meeting (relayed September 9): club financials for the year ended June 30, 2026 (FY2025–26) show **\$6,150** in

member dues and **\$8,000** from meals; community-service spending included **\$1,800** for the Thanksgiving dinner, **\$300** for Winter Wish, and **\$5,759** for the Beaumont PD K9 program. Net income for the year: **\$2,560**. Robin moved, and Bruce seconded, that the club buy new square name badges from Custom Trophies in Beaumont, paid by the club rather than by members.

DISTRICT 5330

Around the District

A new district website. District 5330 launched a rebuilt site in August at **district5330.org**. Worth a bookmark for grant information, the district calendar, and training registration.

A new District Governor Nominee. Jeri Simpson of the Rotary Club of Lake Arrowhead was elected on August 22 and will serve as District 5330

governor in 2028–29. She is in her second term as her own club's president and currently chairs the district's Rotaract program.

Corazón Home Build, September 11–13. The district's international service weekend in Mexico builds a house for a family over three days. Seats on the bus have been going quickly; registration ran through DACdb.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two Poles, One Message

Hello BCV Rotarians,

Three months ago we set our first Peace Pole in the ground at the Albert A. Chatigny Senior Community Center. On September 18 we unveiled our second, outside the new Beaumont Library, and it was a morning I will remember for a long time.

My deepest thanks go to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. Their Bird Singers opened our ceremony just days before their own Thunder & Lightning Powwow, when they had every reason to be busy elsewhere, and they came because this library matters to them too. Thank you as well to the Beaumont Library District for being such a generous partner, and to every member who hauled chairs, canopies, water and cookies across that parking lot. A dedication like that only looks effortless because so many of you did the work.

September kept going after that. The Rotary Leadership Institute met here in Beaumont the very next day, and on the 24th Bruce Murrill and Sabrina Sepulveda walked us through Rotary Youth Services, a good reminder of how much of what we do is for the young people in this town.

October opened with District Governor Richard Lemire's official visit on the 1st, and you showed him a full room and a club that is proud of its year so far. Thank you. Now turn your eyes to November. Our Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is on the 14th, and placemat sponsorships close November 7. Nearly every one of us knows a local business that would be glad to be on those placemats, so please ask.

Thank you, as always, for putting Service Above Self into practice.

— Doug Emery, President

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 4 Arturo Orozco



October 20 Della Condon



October 30 David Heiss

COMING UP

October 8 Board meeting

October 15 Club meeting, 12:00–1:00 PM — Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District (tentative)

October 22 Club meeting, 12:00–1:00 PM — San Geronio Pass Historical Society, part two

October 29 Club meeting, 12:00–1:00 PM

November 7 Thanksgiving placemat sponsorship deadline

November 14 Senior Thanksgiving Dinner; District 5330 Gala that evening at Sun Lakes

November 21–22 PRYDE, District 5330's leadership camp for seventh graders

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