

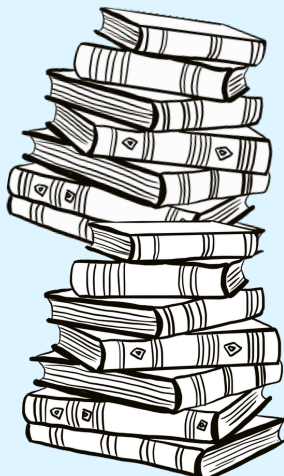
BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY ROTARY NEWSLETTER

A VISIT TO REMEMBER: BEAUMONT LIBRARY TOUR UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Thank you to Kelly and the staff of the Beaumont Library District for an interesting and informative visit on April 9. Members enjoyed learning about the library's history, services, and the exciting construction currently underway. It was inspiring to see the progress and hear what the remodeled library district will offer our community.

The Beaumont Library District provides a wide range of resources for adults, teens, and children, including literacy programs, tutoring, DMV practice tests, book clubs, and early learning opportunities. Library cards are free to California residents, and children can receive their first card at age five.



In addition to services at the library, the Bookmobile serves Beaumont and Cherry Valley, and delivery service is available for those unable to visit in person. Our city is fortunate to have such a valuable community resource.

**Taste of the Pass
Good Food, Good
Drinks. Good Friends!**



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
DOUG EMERY**

CHERRY JUBILEE - MAY 25



Doug, Lisa and Sabrina at the District Training Assembly on April 11 in Hemet.

Mark your calendars for Cherry Jubilee! This event is not just a wonderful opportunity for community gathering, but it's also one of our fundraisers which will provide high school scholarships.

A cornerstone of the Cherry Jubilee is our silent auction, and for its success, we are counting on all Rotarians! Request baskets from your friends, relatives and local businesses, and of course, make a basket. Our famous baked potato bar will be making its return.

Welcome New Member Steven!

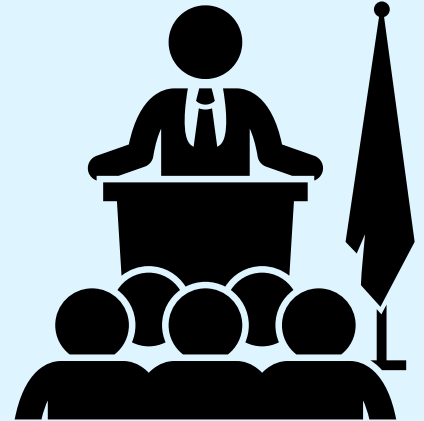
Steven, his wife Alana, and their two children have made Beaumont their home, and we are thrilled to have them join our club.

Professionally, Steven brings a wealth of experience and creativity to our community and our club. He is the Creative Director and the visionary founder of his own innovative company, Steven Brown Design. His diverse portfolio showcases expertise across a broad spectrum of creative fields, including marketing, web development, and video production. We believe his unique skills and perspective will be a great addition to our club.





President's Message



Wonderful Spring is in the air in Beaumont - Cherry Valley.

My wife Iris and I had a great slow 4-day Cruise vacation the week of April 20th on Norwegian Bliss from LA to Victoria BC, overnight and then a slow trip over to Vancouver BC. Off the ship in Vancouver, we went and toured Whistler (Beautiful) and then had dinner with my nephew and his wife who live there! Thank you to David and others for running last week's Club Meeting.

Our big focus for May is our annual Cherry Jubilee and Gift Basket Extravaganza on Friday, May 15th. Thank you to Joanna Evans for taking lead on this very fun and exciting service project to raise funds for scholarships and other community programs. We need GIFT BASKETS!

If available, I would encourage your attendance at our District 5330 Celebration at Crafton College Saturday, May 30 11:00am – 3:00pm. Note that the May 2nd RLI Training Program has been cancelled. I can car pool for those interested.

We welcome Steven Brown as a new club member, who was inducted April 30th. And I am confident that new prospective member Arturo Orozco will be inducted in May.

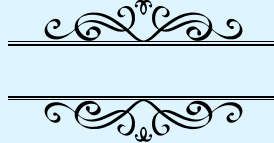
Finally, we had a great tour of the new Beaumont District Library under construction and renovation on Wednesday, April 8th. Thank you to Kelly Van Valkenburg, for organizing this. And thank you to Julia Schumacher, Luren Dickinson and Margaret Coleman for the information and support of this tour.

We continue to work on our Peace Pole Project and clarifying languages and installations.

Please check out our new club Google Calendar for events, speakers, birthdays, and key vacations.



SPOTLIGHT ON DOUG EMERY



Douglas Emery and his wife Iris moved to Sun Lakes Country Club just over 2 years ago after moving from Princeton, New Jersey area.

Iris and Doug were both born and raised in Toronto Canada.

Doug went to a STEM / CTE High School and then graduated from a local College with an Associate's degree in HVACR/Mechanical Technologies in 1978. After college he worked in various HVAC / Refrigeration / Natural Gas Industry jobs before joining Siemens Building Technologies in 1980 in Toronto. He worked there for 16 years in various positions including Sales, Technician, Engineering, Project Manager, and then finally Service Manager.

In early 1986, Doug met Iris after he placed a 'Companions Wanted' ad in the local newspaper (long before Internet On-line Dating). They were married and settled in the Toronto Suburbs in 1987. Jimmy was born in 1989, and Richard was born in 1991.

In 1996, Doug received a promotion from Siemens Building Technologies Corporate Office, outside Chicago Illinois, to become Director of NA Service along with a complete paid family relocation and paid legal immigration services. Doug spent 11 years with Siemens traveling across NA leading and supporting the Field Service organization.

While living in Chicago, their younger son Richard was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS) in his esophagus at the age of 7. After surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, the cancer was treated with some long-term side effects. The Make-A-Wish foundation paid for a family trip to San Francisco to visit George Lucas and Industrial Light and Magic film studios. Because of this, Doug and Iris have volunteered with the Make-A-Wish Foundation for over 20 years. Iris became a registered Foundation Speaker.

After 11 years with Siemens in Chicago, Doug and his family moved to Columbus, Ohio where he worked with Johnson Controls/YORK as Service General Manager. Five years later they moved to Wilmington, Delaware where he became Construction Manager for a TRANE franchise for 4 years.

While living in Delaware, Iris traveled to Washington DC and spoke and presented on the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the Pentagon, Department of Intelligence, Department of Agriculture, Mayland Police, Baltimore Transit, and other agencies.

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After a move and a one-year job in Baltimore, MD, Doug and Iris moved near Princeton, New Jersey where Doug worked as Service Manager for a Schneider Electric Franchise office for 7 years.

After close to 50 Years in the Commercial HVAC / Energy Management industry in various leadership positions, Doug decided to retire in late 2024. Iris and Doug decided to retire to the Southern California area, to be relatively near their younger son Richard (a cancer survivor) who has lived in Highland Park (near Pasadena) for 7 years. Richard is an independent musician and music producer. Their oldest son Jimmy is a Software Programmer Leader living in Medellin Colombia in South America and bought a house with some parent assistance!!

Doug and Iris have been involved with different non-domination Christian churches as they moved around including helping with youth camps, mission trips, Church start-ups, Ministry leadership, etc.

Iris is still working, first at the McCallum Theater in Palm Desert and now with the Palm Springs Convention Center with a recent promotion to Sales Contract Manager. In early 2025 Doug was looking for some community service originations he can help with, to fill in his retirement time between golf rounds and home repairs.

Doug heard about ROTARY and soon joined the Beaumont Cherry Valley Rotary Club 2.0 years ago after crashing into a Club Board Meeting. 6 months later he was made President. While at ROTARY, member Diana Mangan, recommend that he would be a good candidate to take on the Program Manager role at 50-year Laura May Stewart Foundation replacing Jan Wages who was retiring.

Doug, who didn't know anything about Rotary when he joined, is impressed with the organization and its history and purpose of giving back to the local and global community. However, he is really impressed by the passion, dedication, support, caring and fun nature of all the members of the Beaumont Cherry Valley Rotary Club. He appreciates the trust of the club to be nominated as President for 2 years. He has made new friends and feels right at home as being another "Character" in the Club.

