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Meet Mando and Jay

The Beaumont Police Department's K9 unit closed out August on the lawn outside the Chatigny Center. The city's new manager took the podium a week earlier, and the club's second Peace Pole goes up at the Beaumont Library on September 18.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Meet Mando and Jay

The club's last meeting of August moved outdoors. **Corporal Taylor** and **Corporal Lynn** brought the Beaumont Police Department's K9 unit to the August 27 meeting, and members followed them out to the lawn beside the Chatigny Center to meet the department's two dogs, **Mando** and **Jay**, and watch them work.

Also on hand were **Lieutenant Jeremy Harris**, who oversees the department's K9 program, management analyst **Tara Chamberlin**, and **Hailey Petta** of the Office of the Chief. The club is grateful to all of them for making the time, and to the two corporals for a program that got members out of their chairs.

What a demonstration like this makes plain is how much of the work rests on one dog and one handler knowing each other completely.

The tug toy that comes out at the end of a successful search is not a treat tacked on afterward. It is the reward the entire training system is built around, and the dogs know exactly what they are working toward.



Corporal Taylor with his K9 partner and the tug reward, August 27.



Off duty for a moment, in the patrol vest.



Members gathered on the lawn for the demonstration.

THE CITY AND THE CLUB

Meet Beaumont's New City Manager

On **August 20**, **Chris Boatman**, city manager for the City of Beaumont, took the club's podium for a City of Beaumont overview — the goals, the departments, and the investments shaping the next few years of city life.

Boatman came to Beaumont this spring, appointed in May and sworn in at the June 2 city council meeting. He arrived from the City of Redlands, where he served as assistant city manager, bringing roughly seventeen years of municipal management behind him.

A city manager's work touches nearly everything a service club cares about: streets and parks, public safety, permits for the small businesses many members run, and the long-range planning that decides what Beaumont looks like when today's Interact students are raising families here. Having that conversation face to face is worth the hour.

President **Doug Emery** presented a Certificate of Appreciation at the close of the meeting, joined by club secretary **David Heiss**.

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The priority he set out is a plain one, and the club quoted it back to him on his certificate: to ensure the city continues to deliver reliable, high-quality services while planning responsibly for the future. That is not a case a room of Rotarians needs to be talked into. It is the same instinct that puts a bicycle rack at the library and a Peace Pole outside a community center. Do the useful thing now, and build it to last.



President Doug Emery and secretary David Heiss present City Manager Chris Boatman with a Certificate of Appreciation, August 20.

THE PEACE POLE PROJECT

The Second Pole Goes Up September 18



Beaumont's first Peace Pole at the Chatigny Center, dedicated June 26, 2026.

Beaumont's first Peace Pole was dedicated outside the Chatigny Center on June 26, with the city as host partner and a Morongo Band of Mission Indians blessing to open the ceremony. It was always meant to be the first, not the only one.

The second goes to the **Beaumont Library District** on **Friday, September 18, from 10:00 AM to noon** — the civic heart of town, where families already come every week and where the message on the pole gets read by people who were never handed an invitation.

Members, families, and neighbors are all welcome. Come stand in the photo. Bring your kids and let them read all six faces.

Turning Giving Into Projects

On **August 6**, **Patsy Orr** — District 5330's Rotary Foundation chair, and the Murrieta Rotary Club's 2019 Rotarian of the Year — walked the club through The Rotary Foundation: what Paul Harris Fellow recognition actually represents, and how the Foundation turns individual gifts into grants, clean water, literacy work, and the polio eradication campaign Rotary has carried for four decades.

She also introduced **Rotary Direct**, the recurring-giving program. The idea is simple and unglamorous. A modest amount, given automatically each month or quarter, is easier on a household budget than a year-end lump sum and far more useful to the Foundation, which can plan against it.

There are two ways to sign up. Give or set up recurring gifts online at **my.rotary.org/en/donate**, or fill out the printed Rotary Direct enrollment form and mail it in. President Doug Emery has copies of the form, and both he and Patsy are glad to answer questions before anyone commits to anything.

YOUTH SERVICES

Interact Heads Back to School

School is back in session, which makes the next few weeks the ones that decide whether **Beaumont Interact** picks up a new class of students this year. Rotary's youth work runs well past the club's own Thursday lunch, and this is the part of it every member can help with directly.

Interact is open to students ages 12 to 18, middle school included. The club meets **every Thursday at 6:00 PM** at the Albert A. Chatigny, Sr. Community Center, 1310 Oak Valley Pkwy. Students take on real service projects, log verified service hours, and build a first working relationship with adults outside their family and their school.



District 5330 Foundation chair Patsy Orr shows the club what Foundation giving looks like on the ground, August 6.

Two printable Interact flyers are now posted on the club website, ready to hand to a student, a parent, a teacher, or a school office. Over the summer, Interact members also ran a book collection for the club's Little Libraries — hundreds of donated titles, sorted and shelved by students, keeping free books in circulation across town.

If you know a student who belongs in that room, the fastest useful thing you can do is forward a flyer. Interact advisor **Ary Hernandez** can be reached at 909-848-3489, and the club posts its work on Instagram at **@beaumontinteract**.

RECOGNITION

Hours That Add Up

Interact students log their service hours all year. New this year, the club has something to hand back, and the first award has now been presented.

Working with **Joanna Evans**, President **Doug Emery** drafted a **Letter of Recognition of Volunteer Hours** for the Interact student who records the most service, naming the hours served and the period they cover. It carries three signatures: Doug for the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary Club, Interact advisor **Ary Hernandez** for the Interact Club, and **Robin Knight** as president of the Rotary Club of Beaumont Foundation.

The letter puts the reason plainly: Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, is more than a phrase, it is a way of life. With it goes the *Interact Club Community Service* trophy, a Rotary wheel above a twisted column. For a student building a college application, three officers' signatures and something for the shelf carry further than a line on a form.



President Doug Emery presents the club's first Interact Community Service award.



The trophy up close, base reading Interact Club Community Service 2026.

SIGNATURE PROJECT

Sponsors Needed for the Thanksgiving Placemats

The **Senior Thanksgiving Dinner** returns on **Saturday, November 14** — the club's longest-running project, a free holiday meal for Beaumont and Cherry Valley seniors served every year since 1971.

The placemats on those tables carry sponsor advertising, and they are being sold now: **\$25** for a business-card-size spot, **\$50** for double that size. It is an unusually direct piece of local advertising,

sitting in front of a guest for the length of a meal, and every dollar goes toward putting that meal on the table.

Contact **Yami Goldberg** at 909-841-3753 or simplygold35@gmail.com. Artwork and payment are due **no later than November 7**. If you own a business, or bank with one, or buy your tires from one, this is an easy ask to make on the club's behalf.



Jameer Ali at the August 20 club meeting.

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

MEMBERSHIP

New Faces on the District Roster

In August, President Doug Emery sent portraits of the club's newest members — **Sabrina Sepulveda, Jameer Ali, Arturo Orozco, and Steven Brown** — to District 5330 for the district website, at the request of district membership chair and Past District Governor Judy Zulfiqar.

It is a small administrative errand with something real behind it: a club that is still adding members, on a district roster where a good many are not.

The club meets Thursdays at noon at the Chatigny Center, and guests are always welcome. Bring someone in September.

the bus have been going quickly; registration runs through DACdb.

Rotary Leadership Institute, September 19.

Parts I, II, and III all run here in Beaumont, at Beaumont Presbyterian Church. RLI is the district's foundational training for members who want to understand how Rotary actually works, and this time it is a short drive rather than a weekend away.

The governor visits October 1. District Governor **Richard Lemire** makes his official visit to the club, meeting with the board before joining the full club at lunch. Plan on being in the room.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Busy September Ahead

Hello BCV Rotarians,

August gave us three excellent programs. Patsy Orr made the case for The Rotary Foundation better than any form letter could, and I hope several of you will take her up on Rotary Direct. It was a genuine pleasure to welcome City Manager Chris Boatman, who took the time to lay out where Beaumont is headed and to answer our questions straight. And our thanks to Corporals Taylor and Lynn for bringing the K9 unit out to us on the 27th. It is not every Thursday that the whole club ends up standing on the grass.

September is a full month. Our second Peace Pole goes up at the Beaumont Library on the 18th, and I would very much like to see a crowd of us there. The Rotary Leadership Institute meets the very next day, here in Beaumont, and I would encourage any newer member to go. And our Senior Thanksgiving Dinner is closer than it feels — placemat sponsorships are open now, and that is something nearly every one of us can help with.

District Governor Richard Lemire pays us his official visit on October 1. Let us give him a full room.

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

— Doug Emery, President

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 3 Robin Knight



September 7 Linda Hanley



September 26 Lisa Hendrix

COMING UP

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| September 3 | San Gorgonio Historical Society presentation, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM |
| September 10 | Club Board Meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM |
| September 11–13 | District 5330 Corazón Home Build, Mexico |
| September 17 | Bill Orr on Rotary Global Grants, 11:45 AM–1:15 PM |
| September 18 | Peace Pole unveiling, Beaumont Library District, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM |
| September 19 | Rotary Leadership Institute, Beaumont Presbyterian Church, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM |
| September 24 | Sabrina Sepulveda on 3D printing, 12:00–1:00 PM |
| October 1 | District Governor Richard Lemire's official club visit, 11:00 AM–1:30 PM |

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