

BEAUMONT-CHERRY VALLEY ROTARY NEWSLETTER

CASINO NIGHT- ANOTHER BIG SUCESS !



What a success our annual Casino Night was! Held on March 6th, this year's event raised an incredible sum of over \$9,500. This remarkable achievement will provide scholarships as well as support initiatives throughout the coming year, allowing us to impact more lives.

Attendees fully embraced the vibrant spirit of the 1950s, creating an unforgettable atmosphere filled with energy and nostalgia. From the delectable retro-themed hors d'oeuvres, to the fantastic 50's outfits that transformed the room into a scene straight out of the era. The lively casino tables buzzed with excitement, making for a truly engaging and enjoyable experience for all. An event of this scale and success would simply not be possible without the unwavering dedication and hard work of countless members. We owe an extra special thank you to the tireless efforts of our core organizing committee and especially Robin, Yami and Doug.

More Casino Night Fun!



Our Club Presents a Check for \$3650 to the Police Department



A check for \$3650 was presented to the Police Department at the March 3rd meeting of the City Council meeting. The money was raised at the First Responder's Appreciation Dinner held in January. In addition to council members and Rotarians, the new K9 dog, Mando, was present.

LIBRARY TOUR - APRIL 8

Save the date! On April 8 at 10 a.m. we will have the opportunity to visit the Beaumont Library, and see what's happening with construction. The library opened in 1914 and is in the process of being renovated and expanded. While preserving the original Carnegie structure, the building will be approximately 20,000 ft. It will feature a children's room, a teen area, a conference room and a large community room that can host up to 100 people, and a garage to house a brand new bookmobile. After the tour, we will have lunch at the library. Our usual meeting on Thursday, April 9 is canceled. Thank you, Kelly, for arranging the tour and lunch for us!



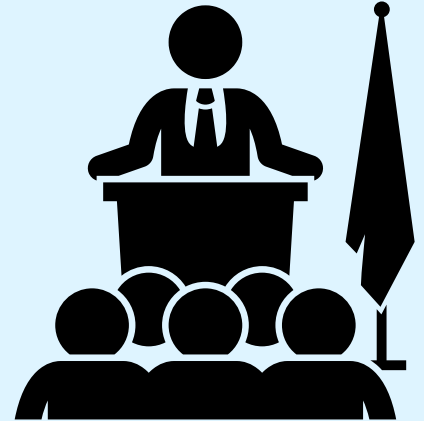
Martin Bright - April 1
Julia Schumacher - April 4
Veronica Butler - April 7

Guest Speaker Captain Daniel Hesser, CHP Commander, with President Doug





President's Message



It was amazing on how March was such a busy Month for fundraising, celebrations, and special events.

1st Congratulations to our Club on an excellent and very successful Casino Night Fundraiser in early March. We raised close to \$10,000 for Scholarships and other community service programs. The gambling, gift baskets, 50's / 60's outfits, entertainment, old classic car and more led to a very fun and successful evening due to all the HARD work, dedication and organization by all our club Rotarians! Debrief meetings were held, and we will ensure another wonderful event next year with even greater attendance. ALL participating Rotarians certainly did SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

Then several of our Club members volunteered, assisted or attended the Beaumont Educational Support Team, known as the BEST Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser. Another successful and fun event with great food, entertainment and prizes provided by the BUSD Students, Staff, Culinary Arts and sponsors.

Then we celebrated Marty Mangan's 80th Birthday with a wonderful IRISH theme with great food, music, and wonderful singing from Marty. And then it was an honor for me and others to also attend the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce 2026 Recognition Evening where not only specific 1st Responders were recognized as Heroes in our community, but Marty was recognized as 'City of Beaumont Citizen of the Year'!!

Congratulations and well-deserved Marty!

For April, I am looking forward to the tour of the new Library under construction on Wednesday, the 8th. Thank you, Kelly, for organizing this. No club meeting on the 9th. We continue to work on our Peace Pole Project and clarify languages and installations.

And now we need to start working on our May 15th Cherries Jubilee and Gift Basket Extravaganza and Baked Potato Meal. Another great fundraiser with lots of fun for all! Please check out our new club Google Calendar, for events, speakers, birthdays and key vacations. Note I am away the week of April 20th



SPOTLIGHT ON JOANNA EVANS

Born in Indio, California, Joanna Evans' formative years took a new direction at the age of twelve when her blended family relocated to Beaumont. In 1995 she graduated from Beaumont High School.

Joanna's work journey commenced remarkably early, at just fifteen and a half years old, when she honed her skills at the Sun Lakes Café. Her career path then led her to Eddie Bauer in Cabazon. Her versatility was evident as she managed the opening and closing of Coco's in Cabazon. This led to a fifteen-year tenure at Starbucks, where her commitment culminated in her role as a Shift Supervisor. She now enjoys the role of homemaker.

Beyond her job endeavors, Joanna shares a deep bond with her husband, Sean, as they prepare to celebrate twenty-six years of marriage. In 2007, Sean joined the fire service and steadily advanced through the ranks to become a Captain.

Their family unit is completed by their daughter, Haley, almost 23. Haley's enthusiastic involvement as an Interact student became a pivotal catalyst for Joanna's own community engagement. Initially, driven by a mother's curiosity and support, Joanna attended Interact events to observe and assist. This initial interest quickly blossomed into a deeper commitment, assisting as needed with Interactive meetings and activities.

Among Joanna's many invaluable contributions to our Rotary club, her steadfast leadership in organizing the annual Senior Thanksgiving dinner stands out as particularly impactful.

Her consistent dedication did not go unnoticed, and in 2015, Joanna received an invitation to join Rotary, an opportunity she embraced wholeheartedly. Her passion for "giving back to the community" is a cornerstone of her character. She consistently expresses pride in the impactful work accomplished by our club, stating, "I see the good we do, even though we are small and mighty."

Outside of her community service, Joanna cherishes moments of leisure. She finds joy in outdoor adventures, embarking on camping trips and excursions to the river. Her personal interests also extend to the companionship of her dog, the art of baking sourdough bread, working out, and the escape offered by reading. Among her most cherished memories is a family trip to Zion and Bryce Canyon. She recalls being captivated by the scenery, the crisp, clear air, and an overall sense of tranquility that she describes as "life-changing."

Remembering Mary Brubaker

From the moment I met Mary she became someone incredibly special to me. Certain individuals may enter our lives without anticipation, but their influence can endure overtime. Mary was one of those people, and thanks to Rotary she became the Matriarch, and the queen of our Rotary Club.

Mary demonstrated kindness, generosity, and excellent listening skills. When you spoke with her, you felt truly heard. She had a calm, steady way of being present, offering her full attention without judgement. She made me, and others feel safe to share, reflect and to grow.

Mary was a mentor and a second mother to me. She always offered thoughtful advice, never pushing, never judging, only guiding with wisdom and care. Her words came from experience and compassion, and they stayed with you long after the conversation ended.

When I served as President of our Rotary Club, Mary was my trusted advocate and advisor. She was a wealth of knowledge in all things Rotary. Whenever I needed guidance, reassurance or a new perspective Mary was there---quietly encouraging, firmly supportive and always generous with her time, and insight.

Mary showed me that meaningful relations do not require perfect agreement. They require respect, openness, and kindness. Mary lived that truth every day, and she taught it simply by the way she treated others.

Mary's influence is evident in those she touched—whether through Celebrate Reading and the Arts, the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner, or numerous other community initiatives. Her international financial support by adopting orphans to ensure they received an education, her contributions to Orduworo Village, Shelter Box and countless other causes. She will always hold a special place in my heart, as I know she does in the hearts of so many Rotarians here today.

Mary will be remembered fondly; her wisdom continues to inspire us, and her kindness touched and transformed countless lives.

I am honored to have called Mary my friend and second Mother during her time here on earth and look forward to the day when we meet up again in heaven.

By Robin Knight