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## May Peace Prevail on Earth

Our first Peace Pole rises at the Chatigny Center — unveiled with State Senator Ochoa Bogh, Supervisor Gutierrez, Mayor Voigt and a Morongo Band of Mission Indians ceremony. Plus a year-end celebration and our District 5330 Award of Excellence.



### HEADLINE

## May Peace Prevail on Earth: A New Peace Pole for Beaumont

On Friday, June 26, neighbors, members, and community leaders gathered at the **Albert A. Chatigny Sr. Community Recreation Center** to unveil Beaumont-Cherry Valley Rotary's first **Peace Pole** — a new addition to Rotary's worldwide Peace Pole tradition. The pole carries the simple message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth," in several languages — a quiet, lasting reminder of what Rotary stands for, planted right here in our community.

The morning drew a remarkable roster of guests. After a welcome from President Doug Emery, an invocation by Rev. Scott Mason, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Matthew Pistilli, and Rotary's Four-Way Test recited by Bruce Murrill, Foundation member Robin Knight introduced the day's speakers. The **Morongo Band of Mission Indians** offered a ceremony honoring the land, followed by remarks

from **State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Riverside County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez, and Beaumont Mayor Jessica Voigt.**

Then came the moment everyone came for: **Bruce Murrill and Matthew Pistilli** — who had set the pole in place the evening before — along with **Mayor Jessica Voigt, Geronimo Holmes** of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and Interact Student **Ammen Newwab**, pulled back the cover to reveal the new Peace Pole to a round of applause. Members and Interact students kept the morning running, serving pizza and refreshments to the crowd.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who built, planted, spoke at, and showed up for this one. A Peace Pole is a small thing and a big idea at the same time — and Beaumont has one more of them today.

### FROM THE DEDICATION



*Club President Doug Emery and Director Robin Knight accept a California State Certificate from Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh.*



*Geronimo Holmes (middle) and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Bird Singing Group perform a blessing.*



*President Doug Emery accepts a Riverside County Certificate of Recognition from Riverside County District 5 Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez.*

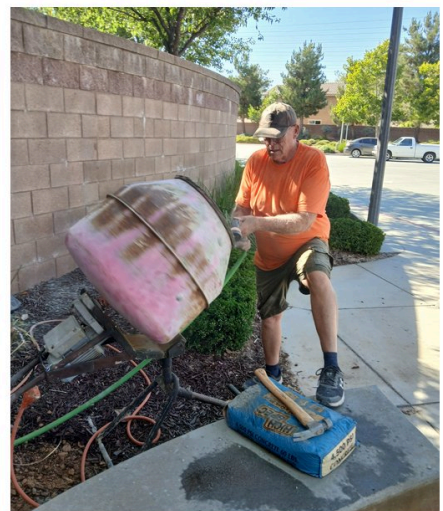
BEHIND THE BUILD

## Above and Beyond: Thank You, Bruce & Matthew

A special thank-you from Doug Emery and Club Rotarians goes to **Bruce Murrill** and **Matthew Pistilli**, who went above and beyond in the

successful completion of our Peace Pole Project:

*From specifying the pole size, ordering, getting the pole powder coated and labelled, determining languages, buying cement and mulch, coordinating the hole being dug by the city, and then installing, framing, mixing cement, pouring the concrete, spreading mulch and so much more. WOW. We couldn't have done it without their hard work and dedication. Thank you, gentlemen.*



The evening before the dedication — Bruce Murrill and Matthew Pistilli set the engraved dedication stone, brace the new Peace Pole, and mix the concrete. June 25, 2026.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Letter from the President

Hello BCV Rotarians,

Happy July 4th Independence Day and Holiday Week!

What a fantastic and successful Peace Pole Installation and Unveiling Ceremony we had on Friday, June 26th. The weather was great, the turnout was fantastic, and your Service Above Self dedication and hard work was demonstrated to all attendees.

Also, thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve, and clean up — including our great Interact students.

We've had a positive impact on our community and left a legacy at the Albert A. Chatigny Sr. Community Recreation Center. Our club just completed an important project that certainly will be "Beneficial to All Concerned." Note that we still have a few open items to finish on the Peace Pole.

Finally, it's hard to believe our 2025–26 club year is over, and my first year as your Club President is complete. Thank you to all of you for your support, advice, direction, counseling, feedback, correction, sense of humor, and friendship. I'm looking forward to my second year as Club President in supporting our passion for making Beaumont and Cherry Valley a better community. Thank you again for all you do!

— **Doug Emery, President**



## Club Apparel Shop Is Back!

Our Rotary Club Apparel store, hosted by Sharp Designs, is back up and running — thank you to Cal Boothby, District 5330 Executive Assistant Governor, for his help getting it sorted out. Members will receive a separate email shortly with the store link and instructions on how to log in.

## Were You There? Share Your Photos

Help us tell the club's story. If you captured the Peace Pole dedication — or any club event — send your photos our way through the website gallery.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

**July 1** Sammy Bermudez

**July 18** Luren Dickinson

**July 26** Kelly Van Valkenburg

**July 30** Marsha Becker

### COMING UP

**July 2** No meeting

**July 9** Club meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM — no speaker

**July 16** Board Meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM

**July 23** Club meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM — guest speakers pending

**July 30** Club meeting, 12:00–1:30 PM