



NEWSLETTER

ROTARY CLUB OF LIONS GATE NORTH VANCOUVER

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Wishing everyone peace and goodwill in the New Year! May 2025 bring joy, health, and happiness to all.

Let's embrace the future with hope and kindness, fostering understanding and compassion in our local and international communities. May your days be filled with friendship and your hearts with warmth. **Happy New Year!**

The club held a very enjoyable Christmas celebration at Northlands Bar and Grill on Thursday, December 5th. The evening provided a fun opportunity to celebrate friendship and review our accomplishments in 2024.

It also gave us the chance to welcome our **Newest Member, Deb Sommerfeld**, who has already been helping out at various fundraising and service initiatives over the past few months. Welcome, Deb!



President Ian had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for \$850.75 to **Squamish Neighbourhood Animal Partnership & Protection Society**. The funds were raised at our recent Pet Photos with Santa event co-hosted by Korna Pets – many thanks to Q Doh Pae.

SNAPPS is a First Nations Animal Rescue & Care group run by Squamish First Nation members & partners.

(Image L-R – Rotarian Q Doh Pae (Korna Pets), Robert Cole, Lorrie Cole, Shannon Henderson, (SNAPPS), Pres. Ian, Dave Henderson (SNAPPS).



Our guest speaker on December 13th was **Richard Loat from Kinvest Impact Foundation**. Kinvest is dedicated to bringing hope and opportunity to rural African communities by providing essential services such as clean water, solar energy, transportation, and entrepreneurial leadership training. These services help create vibrant marketplaces, promoting economic growth and resilience that benefit both entrepreneurs and the wider community.



Richard shared insights into Kinvest's work in Rwanda, where they offer affordable solar energy solutions to promote rural electrification and sustainability. Through solar home systems and mini-grids, Kinvest is helping Rwanda meet its clean energy and electrification targets.

Richard will return in the New Year to discuss his experiences with ShelterBox deployment teams around the world.



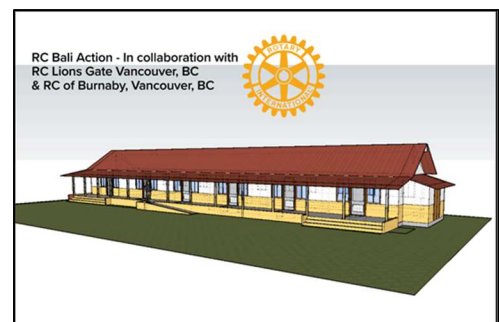
It is exciting that the **Bali Project** is advancing rapidly. The school was recently informed that to secure government funding for 2025, the project must commence before the end of 2024. Thanks to Burnaby Rotary, which had already allocated \$10,000, we were able to send the funds needed to begin the foundation work in time.

We are now focused on breaking down the costs between the construction and fit-out phases. This will enable us to apply for a District Grant to help cover the fit-out expenses. I anticipate having this cost breakdown in the coming

weeks, allowing us to submit the grant application before the end of January. The overall project is expected to take about 3 to 4 months to complete, with an estimated total budget of approximately \$45,000 CAD.

The Bali Action Rotary Club will handle the design, project management, and funding for the new library. Additionally, they are optimistic that a Rotary club in New Zealand will step in to sponsor the new desks.

We need support to make this vision a reality. Together, we can improve the lives of hearing-impaired children in Bali. Your generosity, whether as an individual or organization, will help us achieve this important mission.



Donations can be sent directly to Rotary at treasurer@rotarylionsgate.com, or you can reach out to Rotary Lions Gate President Ian Johnston at 778-222-7071 or via email at president@rotarylionsgate.com.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our partners who support us throughout the year. Your assistance helps make our work possible. Thank you.

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

<p><u>Friday January 10</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Regular Club Meeting (Board Meeting 11:00 am) Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver Guest Speaker: Joanne Griffiths <i>"Backpack Buddies Update"</i></p>
<p><u>Friday January 17</u> 10:00 am – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Backpack Buddies packing session at 10:00 am followed by lunch at Wildeye Brewing at 12:00 noon Locations: Backpack Buddies Wildeye Brewing 170 Harbour Ave. 1385 Main St</p>
<p><u>Friday January 24</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Regular Club Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Friday January 31</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Regular Club Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver</p>

Everyone is welcome to join us at all these events.

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