



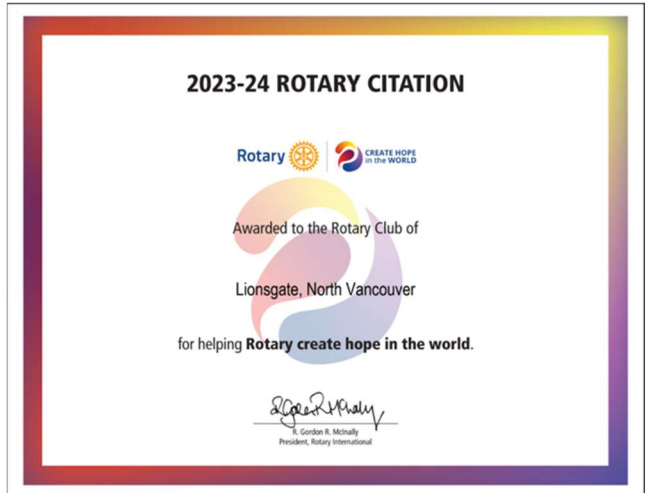
NEWSLETTER

ROTARY CLUB OF LIONS GATE NORTH VANCOUVER

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The club was honored with the **Rotary Citation for 2023-24**, the highest accolade a Rotary Club can receive. Over the past year, our club showcased its dedication to reaching its objectives, which in turn bolsters Rotary and influences our future direction.

Kudos to Past President Stan van Woerkens for his leadership in guiding the club to this prestigious recognition.



Looking to securely dispose of personal or professional paper or documents and give back to the local community at the same time? On Saturday, September 7th, Rotary Club Lionsgate invites you to participate in our semi-annual **Shred-It for Charity** event which is co-sponsored by Shredwise-Shredding & Recycling and benefits local youth projects.

Encourage your friends and neighbours to take advantage of having confidential documents shredded professionally and recycled for free. Participants are encouraged to make a cash donation to help support local youth projects.

Location: District of North Vancouver Parking Lot
355 West Queens Rd, North Vancouver
Saturday, 7th September 2024
10:00 am to 2:00 pm



On August 17th, students, parents, and teachers from ***Sushrusa School for Deaf Children*** in Bali enjoyed a festive day at a carnival celebrating both the school's 17th anniversary and Indonesia's Independence Day. The event featured decorating the school with red and white flags, a vibrant parade, and a variety of games and races.

Founded and supported by the Lions Gate and Burnaby Rotary Clubs, the school began as a preschool and has grown to include classes up to 8th grade. To accommodate the increasing number of students and extend to Grades 9 and 10, a new project is being launched to build additional classrooms.

During our meeting on August 23rd, ***Jonathan Greengrass*** recounted his experiences as a Rotarian in South Africa and expressed his deep affection for the African bush and wildlife.

In addition to his career as an IT executive and his community service through Rotary, Johnathan co-owned a game park in Zimbabwe called Bumbusi, where he also worked as a Safari Guide and Nature Field Guide.

Johnathan believes that "You do not own Africa, Africa owns you; it gets into your blood and stays there forever."



We thank ***Seaspan*** for their support as a ***Major Partner*** of the club.



As a long-serving member of BC's maritime community, Seaspan has a proud history of giving in our communities. Seaspan believes that by investing today in the communities where we live and work, they can make a real difference tomorrow.

We recently received heartfelt thank you letters from two students who were awarded **Post Secondary Scholarships** by our club. This is a wonderful testament to the positive impact we have in our community. Each year, we provide scholarships to North Vancouver students who have overcome significant physical, emotional, mental, and/or social challenges and still managed to graduate from Grade 12. Many thanks to Eric Foes for coordinating this initiative on behalf of the club.



Jackson's Letter: *Thank you so much for honoring me with the Rotary Club of Lions Gate Scholarship. I appreciate the thoughtfulness towards me and trying to help with my future goals. I will continue to work hard going into post-secondary education and am excited to explore new options with the opportunity you have presented me with.*

Currently, I have decided to defer full-time studies in Fine Arts at Capilano University to September 2025. In the upcoming year, I will take several courses to further prepare my portfolio for the IDEA Program. In addition, I will gain employment skills in Hospitality, Marketing, and Graphic Design. Please let me know if this is okay with the Rotary Club. I would be willing to attend a meeting to share my experiences.

Kyla's Letter: *Thank you so much for awarding me the Rotary Club of Lions Gate Scholarship. I am very excited to be able to pursue my academic goals and incredibly grateful for your help in the matter. As you are probably aware there have been some roadblocks for me up until this point, but the road ahead is looking clear and it has been very encouraging to have people pushing me along who believed in me enough to reward me with a scholarship. I hope to do well in the coming years at university, thanks in part to you and the Rotary Club of Lions Gate's generosity. Once again, thank you.*

The survey results regarding the potential change of our meeting location to **Capilano Mall** are in. An overwhelming 85% of members prefer the Capilano Mall location, and the few "No" votes expressed willingness to follow the majority decision

Consequently, we will continue to hold all future club meetings in Community Room 203 at Capilano Mall. This arrangement will be reviewed in the new year.



935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
Community Room 203

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

<p><u>Thursday September 5</u> 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Networking Meetup <i>(Great opportunity to invite potential new members and for members who can not make lunch meetings to get together)</i> Location: Angry Otter Tap & Forno 1015 Marine Drive, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Saturday September 7</u> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Shred-It Fundraiser <i>(Please let Stan know when you will attend)</i> Location: District of North Vancouver Parking Lot 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Friday September 13</u> 10:00 pm – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Backpack Buddies Packing & Lunch at Wildeye Brewing <i>(Please let Elizabeth know if you will attend)</i> Packing Location: Backpack Buddies Warehouse 170 Harbour Ave, North Vancouver Social Lunch Wildeye Brewing <i>(Near Backpack Buddies)</i> 1385 Main Street, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Friday September 20</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p>	<p>Regular Club Meeting <i>(Special Guest will be Doctor Yashar Keramati who will speak about his experience working with Rotary World Help in Cuba – via Zoom)</i> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Wednesday September 25</u> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Silver Harbour Centre 144 22nd Street East, North Vancouver</p>



Everyone is welcome to join us at all these events.

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