



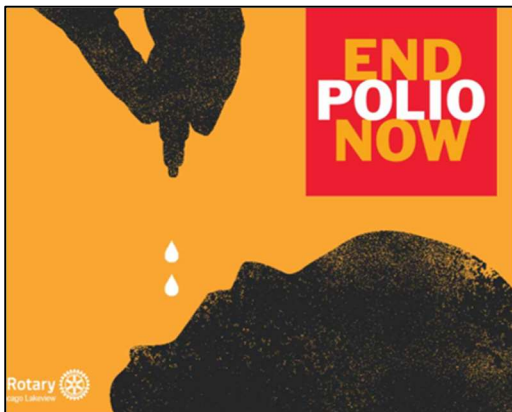
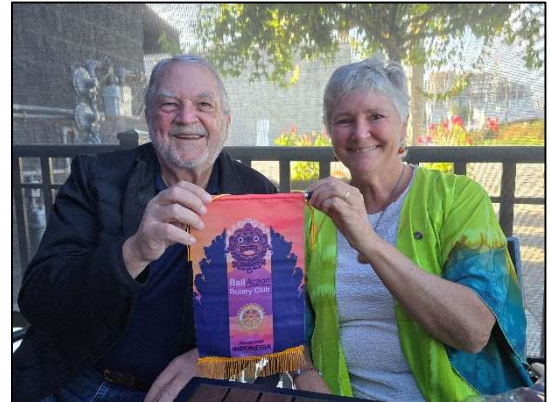
NEWSLETTER

ROTARY CLUB OF LIONS GATE NORTH VANCOUVER

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President Ian Johnston, along with Lions Gate Rotarian Nick Liem and Burnaby Rotarian Vikki MacKay, met with the President of the Bali Action Rotary Club and Rotarian friend Gyle Graham from Tokyo to discuss advancing the proposed project to build new classrooms at the ***Shushrusa School for Deaf Children in Denpasar, Bali.***

Image: Lions Gate Rotary President Ian Johnston and Bali Action Rotary President Jeni Kardinal exchange club banners.



The confirmation of a child who has contracted polio in Gaza is a stark reminder that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. The World Health Organization considers there to be a high risk for the spread of this polio strain within Gaza and internationally.

Rotary is committing US\$500,000 to bolster a polio vaccination campaign. This contribution represents Rotary's sustained support in combating polio globally. Rotary will continue to work with its partners in the ***Global Polio Eradication Initiative*** and other

agencies as vaccination efforts unfold.

World Polio Day is October 24th and the good news is that polio continues to be beaten back. There are only 2 remaining endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Since 1988 wild poliovirus cases have reduced by 99.9%, and these two countries are the virus's last reservoirs. There are 4 "most consequential geographies" where poliovirus variants continue to circulate.

We extend our gratitude to the City of North Vancouver and the District of Vancouver for their ongoing support of our club. Their commitment through ***North Vancouver Recreation & Culture and The Shipyards*** has been invaluable, particularly in supporting our North Vancouver Canada Day Celebrations at The Shipyards community services event.





We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us on Saturday, September 7th, for our semi-annual ***Shred-It for Charity Fundraiser*** at the District of North Vancouver City Hall parking lot. Numerous individuals brought their documents for shredding, contributing to the success of the event. The funds raised will support both local and international projects. We are grateful for the support of *ShredWise* in making this event possible.

Stay tuned for our next shredding event, scheduled for April 2025 – the exact date will be announced soon.

Our inaugural ***Networking Meetup Event*** took place on Thursday, Sept. 5th, at The Angry Otter Tap & Forno. Guests were invited to meet Rotarians in an informal setting to learn more about the club and Rotary in general. The event was a great success, with five interested guests attending. It also provided an opportunity for members who find it challenging to attend lunchtime meetings to come out and socialize with fellow members.

A social lunch took place at Wildeye Brewery on Friday, September 13th, instead of the usual packing session at Backpack Buddies, which is still gearing up after the summer break.



On September 14, club members helped pack and ship a ***Rotary World Help*** container filled with medical and school supplies to Guatemala. This shipment was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ladysmith and the Access to Education Collaborative. Included in the shipment were several dozen computers and peripheral equipment, which will be used to establish labs in Guatemalan schools. This was the 10th RWH shipment sent so far this year and the 466th since inception in 1997.

Interestingly, a mother bear and her two cubs visited us during the morning, but we made sure we kept out of each others way.



Lions Gate Rotarian and District 5040 **Rotary Youth Exchange** Secretary, Jim Godey, participated in the recent RYE Inbound Orientation weekend at Gavin Lake. The District is set to host five international students for the 2024/25 school year.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a worldwide program for students aged 15-19, providing opportunities to live with host families abroad, learn new languages, and immerse in different cultures. Sponsored by Rotary clubs, it promotes global understanding and leadership development.

Jim Godey has been in the news twice this month. Besides his involvement with Rotary Youth Exchange, he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Pin with a ruby stone, in recognition of his contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Established in 1957 and named after Rotary's founder, the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow recognition honours individuals who have made significant contributions to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation.



On September 20th, we were honored to have **Dr. Yashar Keramati** as our special guest speaker. He discussed the challenges of working in developing countries where they have benefited from **Rotary World Help** containers.

Dr. Keramati's connection with Rotary began in 2011 when he was a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in South Africa, working on his master's thesis and various NGO projects. Over a decade later, he found himself in Havana, Cuba, where he received two 40-foot containers of medical equipment from British Columbia which were supported by Rotary World Help (and our club).



Eric Foos reports that another recipient of our **KIVA Micro Loans** project has successfully repaid her loan. Veronicha, a resilient smallholder farmer from Nyahururu, Kenya, exemplifies the type of loans we support.

Married and committed to providing for her family, Veronicha has been diligently tending her farm for several years. Despite various challenges, she remains steadfast in her dedication to sustainable agriculture. The loan enabled her to purchase essential farm inputs, including fertilizers, high-quality seeds, and necessary chemicals.

Our partner Kiva, is a global non-profit that provides microloans to underserved entrepreneurs, promoting financial inclusion.

President Ian and Interact Mentor Shirley Robertson attended the installation ceremony for the new Board of the **Windsor Secondary Interact Club** on Friday, September 27th. The club was also awarded the prestigious Interact Citation for their accomplishments during the previous year.



Interact Clubs, sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, are service organizations for youth aged 12 to 18. These clubs aim to foster leadership skills and promote the principle of "Service Above Self." They focus on community service and international understanding. By joining an Interact Club, students can develop leadership abilities, make new friends, connect with community leaders, and gain opportunities for personal growth.



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- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIP**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

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| <p><u>Thursday October 3</u> 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Networking Wine & Cheese Meetup - Will include club review and plans for coming year <i>(Please let Ian know if you can attend)</i> A great opportunity to invite potential new members and for those who can't attend lunch meetings to connect. Location: The Atrium 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver</p> |
| <p><u>Friday October 18</u> 6:00 pm – </p> | <p>Social Evening <i>(Please let Ian know if you can attend)</i> Location: Northlands Bar and Grill 3400 Anne Macdonald Way, North Vancouver</p> |
| <p><u>Wednesday October 23</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> |
| <p><u>Friday October 25</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> |

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| <p><u>Wednesday November 13</u> Curtain 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Fundraiser: "39 Steps" - A First Impressions Theatre production ... <i>A parody play adapted from the novel by John Buchan and the Alfred Hitchcock movie.</i> Tickets \$40 – Stay tuned for more details Location: Deep Cove Shaw Theatre 4369 Gallant Avenue, North Vancouver</p> |
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Everyone is welcome to join us at all these events.

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