



Stan, Ron, and Ian met with ***District of North Vancouver Council*** on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to update them on the Club's activities and seek support for the proposed Youth Clubhouse project.

Initially allotted five minutes for the presentation, the discussion extended into a productive 20-minute Q&A session. The Council responded positively and agreed to provide support for the project.

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On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Ian and Shirley visited the ***Windsor Secondary Interact Club***, where Ian delivered a presentation on "*Leadership*" as part of their Club Citation requirements. Windsor Secondary is among the few Interact clubs that have earned a citation every year.

It's exciting to announce that six Windsor Secondary Interactors will attend the Spring Interact Conference in April, with their registration fees covered by our club.



Also on March 7, the club held another ***Networking MeetUp*** at Seymour's Pub and Grill, where three prospective members attended as guests.

The purpose of networking meetups is twofold: to offer a social gathering for members and to create opportunities for prospective members to learn more about Rotary in an informal setting.

The next meetup is on Thursday April 3 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

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**District Governor Drew Antebos and his wife, Judy Smith**, visited the Club on March 14.

During his visit, Drew emphasized that contributions to the Rotary Foundation should be seen as an “investment” rather than just a donation, highlighting the importance of driving change through action.

He also presented Past President Stan with certificates recognizing the Club’s achievements during the 2023-2024 Rotary year, including the Presidential Citation, RI Major Donor Level 1, and End Polio Now Countdown. These honors reflect the Club’s strong engagement and commitment to service.

Additionally, Nick Liem received special recognition for his contributions to schools for deaf and hearing-impaired children in Bali.

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On Saturday, March 15, **Rotary World Help** successfully loaded and shipped its 24th container of repurposed medical supplies to Ukraine, bringing the total value of donated aid to over \$8 million.

This shipment was made possible through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Arbutus and Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, reinforcing our unwavering support for Ukraine.

It was a pleasure to have our Rotary Lions Gate friends - Deb Sankey, Neil Creighton, and Tony Lawrence join us for the loading.



Thanks to Deb and Carole for co-ordinating this month’s **Seniors Lunch and Learn** sessions at Silver Harbour on March 26.

Ian shared an overview of Rotary and ways seniors can get involved. As a great result, one person showed interest in joining the club, another purchased an emergency kit, and eight attendees came out to support our Shred-It event.

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Thanks go to Rotary Sunshine Coast **Assistant Governor Ross Cooper** who spoke at our regular club meeting on Friday, March 28, sharing valuable insights on membership, including innovative strategies for retention and recruitment. Membership is the key challenge facing Rotary clubs worldwide.

Retaining and recruiting new members is crucial for Rotary's future to ensure sustainability, expand service impact, foster leadership, enhance diversity, and strengthen community engagement.



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On Saturday March 29 club members were ...



*just shredding in the rain*



at our semi-annual **Shred-It for Charity Event**.



Thank you to Carole, Deb, Eric, Ian, Jim & Janice, Jonathan, Peter H, Ron, Shirley, and Stan who helped with a smile despite the rain.

We shredded 3 tons of paper and raised a net amount of approximately \$3,000 – our best effort yet! Thanks to the many small businesses and local residents for supporting.

The next Shred-It is planned for Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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It's fantastic to see our new classrooms at **Shusrusa School for the Deaf** taking shape in the background of this recent Balinese New Year celebration photo.

Hari Raya Nyepi, also known as the Balinese Day of Silence, is the Hindu New Year in Bali, Indonesia. It is a day of complete silence, fasting, and meditation observed by the Balinese Hindu community. The day is meant for self-reflection and spiritual cleansing.

Before Nyepi, Balinese communities hold Ogoh-Ogoh parades, where giant demon-like effigies are carried through the streets and later burned to ward off evil spirits.



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#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

<u>Thursday April 3</u> 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Networking Meetup (Bring a friend or colleague)</b> - BYOB and bring appies to share Location: The Atrium 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver
<u>Friday April 11</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Board &amp; Regular Club Meeting</b> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Friday April 25</u> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Board Meeting – Canada Day Planning</b> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Friday April 25 – Sunday 27</u>	<b>District Conference</b> – Including RCLGNV Emergency Kits Stall Location: River Rock Casino, Richmond

Everyone is welcome to join us at all these events.

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