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At the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, President Stephanie Urchick announced that **Francesco Arezzo**, a Rotarian from Ragusa, Italy, has been appointed as the new President-Elect of Rotary International for the 2025–26 term. His appointment, made by the Rotary International Board on June 14, follows the unexpected resignation of the previously elected President-Elect, Mário César Martins de Camargo, on June 8, due to personal health and professional commitments. The 2025–26 Rotary theme, Unite for Good, will remain unchanged.

At our June 13th meeting, we welcomed **Allen Stern**, a friend of Shirley's, as our guest speaker. Allen is a retired pilot, former president of Skystone Consultants, and an experienced fundraising professional. He shared insights from his work with charitable organizations in South Africa.

We also welcomed visiting Rotarian **Maximilia Byenkya, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Kitante** from Kampala, Uganda. A lawyer by profession, Maximilia has two children studying in Vancouver. Her visit allowed her to attend her daughter's graduation from Capilano University and the Rotary International Convention in Calgary.



Tony, Gilles, and Ian joined Dr. Joe and other Rotary World Help volunteers on June 14th to load the 11th shipment of repurposed medical supplies this year. Valued at approximately \$500,000, this shipment is destined for hospitals and clinics in Guatemala.

Dr. Joe, a retired doctor from Vancouver regularly travels to Guatemala with other medical professionals from Vancouver to run free medical clinics for those in need.

Lions Gate members Anne-Marie, Carole, Elizabeth, Ian J, Jim T, Ron, and Shirley attended the **Rotary International Convention in Calgary** from June 22 to June 25.

The theme for the conference was "*Magic All Around*" which set the tone for an immersive, inspiring experience - emphasizing connection, discovery, and the transformative power of Rotary during the event.

It was great to have the convention held so close to home. It is always such an uplifting and inspiring experience to see to whole breadth of Rotary being held so close to home.



**Boys & Girls Clubs
of South Coast BC**

In June, our Club once again contributed funds to send six local children to the **Camp Potlatch Experience**. As of 2025, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate Foundation has enabled 54 young people to enjoy their very first weeklong wilderness camp.

Camp Potlatch, operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast BC, is a coastal wilderness summer camp in B.C. It provides youth with outdoor adventures, leadership opportunities, and team-based activities that foster growth, connection, and self-confidence in a natural setting.

A Mother's comment: *My son was a changed boy for attending Camp Potlatch. I am so glad I was able to get him involved and look forward to him attending future camps. Thank you so much!*

On July 1, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate once again hosted **North Shore Canada Day at the Shipyards**, delivering another memorable celebration for our community. We were pleased to be joined by Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Bowen Island, North Vancouver, and West Vancouver Sunrise.

This year's event was especially exciting, with the Royal Canadian Navy in town helping to draw an estimated crowd of over 30,000 attendees - our largest turnout yet!



A sincere thank you to all the members, volunteers, supporters, and community partners who made this incredible day possible. Your enthusiasm and hard work helped make the 2025 Canada Day celebration one to remember!



On July 4th, Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver President Ian and Ron Allegretto from **Rotary World Help** picked up an electric wheelchair from our new friend Carolina — a generous donation in memory of her late friend.

Carolina first connected with us at the Rotary stand during the 2025 Canada Day celebrations, where she stopped by to learn more about Rotary's work. We're so grateful she chose to pay it forward by helping someone in need overseas.

One meaningful encounter, one thoughtful gift – making a world of difference.

On July 16, members of the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver teamed up with the Rotary Club of Vancouver Mountainview to bring joy and laughter to the Hope Centre outpatients in North Vancouver.

We hosted a fun **Carnival for Seniors** in support of Vancouver Coastal Health's North Shore Adult Community Mental Health Rehab and Transition Program.

This heartwarming event is part of an ongoing initiative that began in 2018 - now proudly one of the signature projects of RCVM in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and Vancouver General Hospital.



In July, we said a fond **farewell to fellow members Peter Roundhill and Jonathan Greengrass**, who have stepped away from the club due to other commitments. We thank them sincerely for their contributions and years of dedicated service.

At the same time, we're delighted to **welcome two new members — Tony Lawrence and Gilles Daigle** — who joined us in July. Both have already jumped right in, making their debut at our biggest event of the year, North Shore Canada Day at The Shipyards. We look forward to working alongside them on many more projects to come.

Images of Inductions:

Sponsor Anne Marie and Gilles,

Sponsor Ian J. and Tony





On Sunday, July 20, we were finally able to hold our **Summer Celebration**, thanks to Anne-Marie and Shirley for generously opening their previously planned joint birthday gathering.

With so many members away on vacation over the summer, finding a date that worked for most was no easy task - but the day turned out to be a wonderful success.

It was especially heartwarming to see so many former members and those who've been away. A real highlight was reconnecting with Ian Evans and Glenna. Ian celebrated his 99th birthday the day before and is now serving in his 75th year as an active Rotarian!

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:

<u>Wednesday August 6</u> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Parkgate Community Centre 3625 Banff Court, North Vancouver
<u>Friday August 8</u> Board 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Board & Regular Club Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Friday August 15</u> Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Regular Club Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Friday August 22</u> Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Regular Club Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday August 27</u> 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Silver Harbour Centre 144 22 nd Street East, North Vancouver