



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024 -2025**



**Rotary**  
Club of Lions Gate  
North Vancouver



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I am pleased to present the 47th annual President's Report for the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver, District 5040. In 2024-2025 our Club made meaningful contributions to our local and international communities while enjoying fellowship with members, families, and community.

Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick's theme for the year was "*The Magic of Rotary*" highlighting how Rotarians can create meaningful change through service, connection, and leadership. The theme recognized how collective efforts, and commitment can impact lives and improve communities around the world. Our Club embraced this vision by implementing service projects both locally and abroad.



Highlights of the year included:

- Paul Harris Fellows with multiple pins awarded to members Elizabeth Chong, Eric Foos, Jim Godey, Carole Johnston, Elko Kroon, and Stan van Woerkens
- Jim Thompson inducted into The Arch Klump Society
- Continued support of Windsor Secondary Interact Club
- North Shore Canada Day attracted over 10,000 people
- New classrooms built at Sushrusa School for Deaf Children in Bali, Indonesia
- Introduction of Seniors Lunch & Learn program

In a brief report such as this, it is not possible to highlight all our accomplishments or to individually thank everyone whose support made this year such a success. Members ongoing selfless contributions, embody Rotary's motto of *Service Above Self*. Thank you all.

I look forward to working together in the coming year to advance Rotary's 2025-2026 theme, "*Unite for Good*."

## MEMBERS 2024 – 2025

Nick Bellamy \*

Elizabeth Chong

Bertha Edward

Ian Evans

Anne Marie Ferguson

Eric Foos

Rolf Gillardon

Jim Godey

Jonathan Greengrass \*

Peter Hansen

Lyn Hillier

Cherian Itty

Carole Johnston

Ian Johnston \*

Elko Kroon \*\*

Margaret Landstrom

Nick Liem

Michael Nixon

Anne O'Brien \*

Shirley Robertson

Peter Roundhill

Ron Shaw \*

Deb Sommerfeld

Jim Thompson \*

Stan van Woerkens \*

Board Member \*

Charter Member \*\*

# SUMMARY OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES

*Note: Numbers presented below have been rounded and may not reflect final year-end amounts.*

## Club Service

- Club awarded Rotary Citation for Rotary Year 2023-2024
- Paul Harris Fellows with multiple pins awarded to: Carole, Elizabeth, Elko, Eric, Jim G, Stan
- Jim Thompson inducted into The Arch Klumph Society - Rotary International's highest level of recognition for donors to the Rotary Foundation
- Summer and Christmas celebrations held at Northlands
- Moved regular meetings to Capilano Mall
- Tried monthly Networking Meetups on Thursday evenings
- Ron elected as District Governor Nominee Designate for Rotary District 5040
- Anne Marie, Elizabeth, and Ron represented the Club at the Rotary Foundation Dinner
- Ian Evans' 75th anniversary as a Rotarian
- Ron and Ian attended the President's Elect Leadership training in Seattle
- District Governor Drew Antrobus visited the Club in March
- Ron and Ian attended the District 5040 Conference in Richmond
- Introduced new monthly newsletter
- Anne-Marie, Carole, Elizabeth, Ian J, Jim T, Ron, and Shirley attended the International Convention in Calgary



## Community Service

- Hosted another successful North Shore Canada Day at The Shipyards event
- Introduced Seniors Lunch and Learn Program at Silver Harbour and received an increased grant to continue in 2025 - 2026
- Laid wreath on Remembrance Day
- Donation to SNAPPS (Squamish Neighbourhood Animal Partnership & Protection Society)



### Donations:

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|---------------------------|----------|
| • Canada Day Celebrations | \$16,000 |
| • Seniors Lunch & Learn   | \$14,000 |
| • SNAPPS                  | \$850    |



**S.N.A.P.P.S.**  
Squamish Neighbourhood Animal Partnership  
& Protection Society  
A First Nation animal rescue directed by members of  
the Squamish Nation

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Seniors Lunch &  
Learn Program

## Youth Service

- Initiated regular, bi-monthly food-packing sessions at Backpack Buddies followed by a social lunch
- Received a District Grant for new Storage Bins for Backpack Buddies
- Presented eight Youth Scholarships for all seven North Vancouver Secondary Schools including a special award for an Indigenous scholar
- Jim G. participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange Inbound Orientation weekend at Gavin Lake
- Donated a new banner to Windsor Secondary Interact Club
- Sponsored six Windsor Secondary Interactors to attend the Spring Interact Conference
- Several members gave leadership presentations to Windsor Secondary Interact Club
- Sponsored a student to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award program (RYLA)
- Donated gift baskets for Interact concert
- Donated Christmas gift basket to a family in need through the Boys & Girls Club
- Sponsored children to attend the Boys & Girls Club's summer Campership program at Camp Potlatch
- Initiated discussions about the possibility of creating a North Vancouver Next Generation Resource Centre (Youth Club House) including: Capilano Services, City of North Vancouver Council, District of North Vancouver Council, Hollyburn Community Services, representatives of the Squamish Nation



### Donations:

• Youth Scholarships	\$8,000
• Windsor Interact banner	\$400
• RYLA	\$550
• Camp Potlatch Camperships	\$4,500





## Vocational Service

- Continued mentoring of young artists
- Stan and Ian participated in Capilano University Workshop

## International Service

- Supported Rotary World Help medical shipments: 5 to Ukraine, 2 to Guatemala, and one each to Belize, Ethiopia, Ghana, Philippines – Value over \$4,000,000
- Erected new classrooms at Sushrusa School for Deaf Children in Bali Indonesia – a joint project with the Rotary Club of Burnaby and Rotary Club of Bali Action
- Donated two ShelterBoxes
- Club was awarded a *Bronze Hero Award* in recognition of our commitment to ShelterBox
- Awarded 85 new KIVA Micro Loans using funds repaid from previous loans including countries such as: Albania, Costa Rica, Kenya, Nicaragua, Philippines, and Uganda

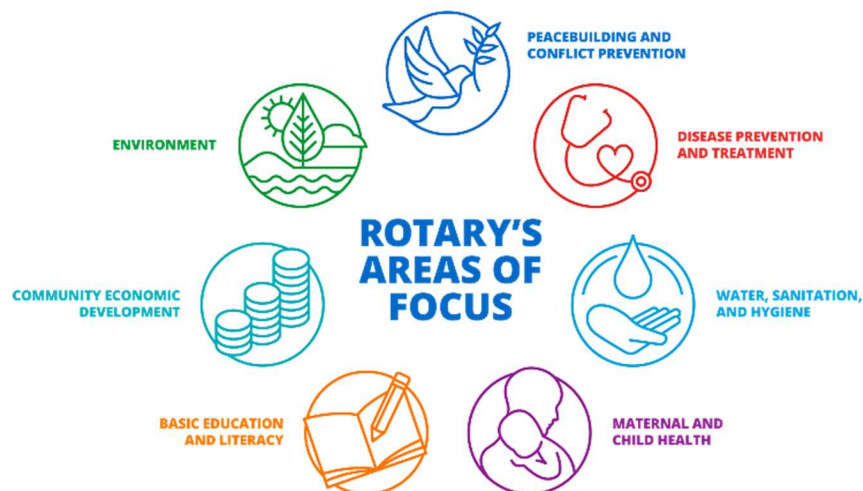
### Donations:

• Rotary World Help	\$250
• Sushrusa School for Deaf Children	\$10,000
• ShelterBox	\$2,400
• KIVA <i>Reinvestments</i>	\$3,300



## GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

Grant - North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission	\$7,500
Grants - Employment and Social Development Canada	\$14,000
	\$25,000
Community Partnerships	
➤ Seaspam	\$7,500
➤ Port of Vancouver	\$2,500
➤ Neptune	\$1,750
➤ Cadence / Raymond James	\$750
➤ The Co-operators	\$750
➤ Bjurman	\$750
➤ OK Tire	\$750
➤ Comfort Keepers	\$750
➤ ICANDO	\$200
Shred-It for Charity	\$5,000
Pet Photos with Santa	\$1,700
Grab & Go Emergency Kits	\$1,000
Members and Personal Donations	\$15,000



## PAST PRESIDENTS

1978 - 1979	Dent Stainsby	1994 - 1995	Patrick Johnson	2010 - 2011	Jim Godey
1979 - 1980	Roy Appleford	1995 - 1996	Douglas Ledgerwood	2011 - 2012	Yazdi Khapoliwala
1980 - 1981	Vern Schoth	1996 - 1997	Michael Violette	2012 - 2013	Jim Thompson
1981 - 1982	Harry Cottle	1997 - 1998	Isabel Gordon	2013 - 2014	Peter Hansen
1982 - 1983	Fateh Damji	1998 - 1999	Chris Reid	2014 - 2015	Anne Marie Ferguson
1983 - 1984	Alf Blashill	1999 - 2000	Mark Rutledge	2015 - 2016	Elizabeth Chong
1984 - 1985	Harold Horwood	2000 - 2001	Allan Brown	2016 - 2017	Peter McGough
1985 - 1986	Bill Schloss	2001 - 2002	Esio Marzotto	2017 - 2018	AM Ferguson - E Kroon T Lehouillier - J Thompson
1986 - 1987	Bud Parpia	2002 - 2003	John Billham	2018 - 2019	Lyn Hillier
1987 - 1988	Walter Freybe	2003 - 2004	Philip McLeod	2019 - 2020	Lyn Hillier
1988 - 1989	Michael Adkins	2004 - 2005	Shirley Robertson	2020 - 2021	Stan van Woerkens
1989 - 1990	Allan Brown	2005 - 2006	Bohdan Trylowski	2021 - 2022	Stan van Woerkens
1990 - 1991	Gerry Beach	2006 - 2007	Sue Godey	2022 - 2023	Stan van Woerkens
1991 - 1992	Scott Gray	2007 - 2008	Terry Lehouillier	2023 - 2024	Stan van Woerkens
1992 - 1993	Craig Clark	2008 - 2009	Maureen Park	2024 - 2025	Ian Johnston
1993 - 1994	Elko Kroon	2009 - 2010	John Billham	2025 - 2026	Ian Johnston



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## SILVER PARTNERS



## BRONZE PARTNERS



## EVENT PARTNERS

