

August was a quieter month for our club, with many members enjoying some well-earned rest after a very successful 2024/2025 Rotary year. I trust we are all recharged and ready to embark on another year of service, fellowship, and making a difference in the world.

Looking ahead, the coming months will bring important conversations about the **future direction** of our club - especially around membership and leadership.

When it comes to membership, we must continue to grow in diversity, welcoming younger, energetic, and skilled individuals who can help strengthen our impact both locally and globally. In turn, this requires leadership that is ready to guide, inspire, and support new members with vision and enthusiasm.

We encourage members to step forward to help fill current board and committee vacancies, and to begin preparing for officer nominations at our AGM later this year. Your participation is vital - together, we can be the change.

Congratulations ... our club has been awarded the **Rotary Club Excellence Award for 2024-25**.

The Rotary Club Excellence Award honors clubs that demonstrate exceptional service, fellowship, and leadership. It recognizes innovative projects, strong community impact, and dedication to Rotary's ideal of "Service Above Self," celebrating achievements that inspire and create lasting positive change.

Thank you to all members who made this award possible.



We are proud to share that our club has also been recognized as a **ShelterBox Silver Hero**. This honour reflects our continued commitment to supporting families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict. Again, thank you to all members whose contributions make this life-changing work possible.

As a Rotary partner, ShelterBox delivers emergency shelter and essential supplies to families who lose their homes to disaster or conflict, helping them rebuild their lives and regain hope when they need it most.

Thanks to increased support from the *New Horizons Seniors Grant*, we hosted two ***Seniors Lunch & Learn*** sessions in August - at Parkgate Community Centre on August 6 and Silver Harbour on August 27.

Our upcoming sessions are scheduled for Seymour United Church on September 17 and Silver Harbour on September 24.

Special thanks to Cherian for co-ordinating this valuable initiative.



UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

<u>Friday September 5</u> Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Regular Club Meeting – <i>Speaker: Ron Shaw</i> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Saturday September 6</u> Club 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	Shred It for Charity Location: District of North Vancouver Municipal Office 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver
<u>Friday September 12</u> Board 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Board & Regular Club Meeting – <i>Speaker: Scouts Canada</i> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Saturday September 13</u> Club 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	Parkgate Community Day Location: Parkgate Community Centre 3675 Banff Court, North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday September 17</u> 10:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Seymour United Church 144 22 nd Street East, North Vancouver
<u>Friday September 19</u> 10:00 am – 1:30 pm	Backpack Buddies packing session followed by lunch at Wildeye Brewing at 1200 noon Locations: Backpack Buddies Wildeye Brewing 170 Harbour Ave. 1385 Main St
<u>Wednesday September 24</u> 10:15 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Seymour United Church 144 22 nd Street East, North Vancouver
<u>Friday September 26</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>Saturday September 30</u> Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Rotary World Help – <i>Guatemala Shipment</i> Location: Riverview Thistle Place, Coquitlam