

This month, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver reflects on **Rotary's focus on Peace and Conflict Resolution**. We are reminded that peace begins close to home - through kindness, understanding, and genuine care for one another. By supporting seniors and youth, working alongside local community partners, and contributing to international service projects, our club helps build understanding and compassion. Every act of service, whether large or small, strengthens trust and connection. Together, these efforts help create a more peaceful North Shore and contribute to a better, more hopeful world beyond our community.

At our first Wednesday lunchtime meeting on January 7, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver proudly presented **a \$1,350 donation to Squamish Neighbourhood Animal Partnership & Protection Society (S.N.A.P.P.S.)**, raised through our Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser at Korna Pets. Heartfelt thanks to our partners, volunteers, Interactors, families, and friends whose generosity and teamwork made this joyful community event such a success.



On Friday, January 16, members and friends of the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver came together to volunteer with **Backpack Buddies**, packing 750 weekend food bags for children in need across our community. The morning was filled with teamwork, purpose, and plenty of smiles as members worked side by side to make a meaningful

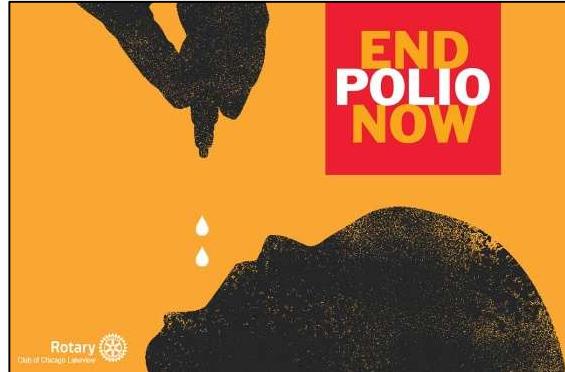
difference for local families. Following the packing session, everyone gathered at Wildeye Brewing to enjoy fellowship, share stories, and celebrate a job well done. Service, community outreach, and friendship - this is Rotary at its very best, in action on the North Shore.





Rotary District 5040 District Governor Nominee Ron Shaw recently presented fellow **Rotarian Cherian Itty with a Paul Harris Fellowship**, recognizing his outstanding service over the past two years. Cherian has been instrumental in establishing and expanding the Seniors Lunch and Learn program, which has grown from one location at Silver Harbour Seniors' Centre to five sites and 25 sessions annually. His dedication and leadership continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of North Shore seniors. Thank you, Cherian, for your inspiring service.

Polio Eradication Update – As of January 30, there were no new cases of paralysis caused by Wild Polio reported. That is now 18 weeks since the most recent child was paralyzed by the Wild Polio Virus in Pakistan. Encouragingly, 2026 has recorded zero new polio cases worldwide to date. In comparison, 2025 saw 244 total cases (39 wild and 205 circulating variants). Pakistan and Afghanistan remain the final two endemic countries, with no new wild cases reported so far in either nation. Thanks to global immunization efforts, over 3 billion children have been vaccinated, saving millions of lives. Together, through advocacy, education, and support, we will end polio - now and forever.



January was a busy and rewarding month for the **Windsor Interact Club**, highlighting both their generosity and leadership. Interact Co-ordinator Shirley was pleased to present the club with a donation in appreciation of their wonderful support of last year's Pet Photos with Santa fundraiser. The club also received excellent recognition through a feature article in the North Vancouver School District newsletter, celebrating their positive community impact.

We are proud to support youth leadership development, with two Interactors registering to attend this year's RYLA (Rotary Youth

Leadership Awards), with fees covered by our club. In addition, our club donated two gift baskets and funds to support the Interact Entertainment Night in February.

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:

Note Trial of New Schedule starting in 2026

<u>Thursday February 5</u> 10:15 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Capilano Community Services – River Room 1733 Lions Gate Lane, North Vancouver
<u>Saturday February 7</u> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rotary World Help Container Loading for Belize Location: RWH Warehouse Thistle Place, Coquitlam
<u>Wednesday February 11</u> Board 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Board & Regular Club Lunch Meeting Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday February 18</u> 10:15 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: West Vancouver Seniors Activity Centre 695 21 st Street, West Vancouver
<u>Thursday February 19</u> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Club Social Evening - Windsor Interact Entertainment Night Location: Windsor Secondary School 931 Broadview Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday February 25</u> 10:15 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch and Learn for Seniors Location: Silver Harbour 144 E 22 nd Street, North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday February 25</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Club Regular Evening Meeting Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver