

OUR VISION

TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE **PEOPLE** UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO **CREATE** LASTING
CHANGE – ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES
AND IN OURSELVES



April is Rotary's Environment Month - a time to recognize our shared responsibility to protect the natural world and promote sustainable practices. Across the globe, Rotary clubs are taking action to address climate change, reduce pollution, and preserve vital ecosystems. From tree planting and shoreline cleanups to supporting clean energy and conservation initiatives, every effort makes a difference.

Aligned with Earth Day, April inspires us to think globally and act locally. By working together, we can create healthier communities and a more sustainable future. Protecting our environment today ensures a better tomorrow for generations to come.

**Rotary
Areas
Of
Focus**



Basic
Education
& Literacy



Maternal &
Child
Health



Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution



Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment



Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene



Community &
Economic
Development



Support the
Environment

Carolyn Wingate was warmly inducted as the newest member of the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver by DGN Ron Shaw. With a strong background in project management, Carolyn is a senior hospitality and customer experience leader with over 20 years of creating exceptional guest and client experiences.

A long-time North Vancouver resident, she has raised her three sons in the community. Carolyn will manage the club's upcoming Canada Day celebrations.



Three successful **Seniors Lunch & Learn Sessions** were held in March at Capilano Community Centre, West Vancouver Seniors' Centre, and Silver Harbour, continuing this popular and fully subscribed program across the North Shore. These gatherings provide engaging presentations, a warm meal, and meaningful social connection for local seniors. At our final scheduled session of the Rotary year, we were pleased to speak about the value of volunteering and how Rotary supports both local and international communities. With some funding potentially remaining, we may be able to host one additional ad hoc session. We are waiting to hear the outcome of our latest funding grant request.

On March 10, we held a fun and celebratory Zoom call with **Ian Evans to mark his remarkable 75th Rotary anniversary**. Rotarians from Prince George to North Vancouver and down to California joined the call, reflecting the wide reach of his Rotary journey. It was wonderful to see so many come together to share their congratulations and celebrate this extraordinary milestone - recognizing our colleague Ian Evans, as the longest-serving Rotarian in the world.





At our March 11 meeting, we were pleased to be joined by **Marni Rabasso, Chair of ShelterBox Canada**. Our club, a long-time supporter, proudly presented a cheque for two ShelterBoxes, which will be matched one-for-one through a bequest. Marni highlighted the many disaster responses ShelterBox is supporting worldwide. She also shared how the organization has evolved, now delivering tailored aid - such as shelter kits, tools, and essential supplies based on the specific needs of each disaster, rather than relying solely on the traditional green boxes.



On March 25, we were inspired by **Duanita Eleniak**, a registered clinical social worker, writer, and educator. Duanita shared how her remarkable journey began in a small rural community in Alberta and truly blossomed when she received a Rotary Goodwill Ambassador Scholarship, an experience she credits with transforming her life. Her story was a powerful reminder of the lasting impact of Rotary's investment in people. Today, Duanita continues to "pay it forward" through her generosity, including an annual donation to our Foundation, helping create opportunities and inspire future generations.

From little things, big things grow.

Eric provided an update on our latest **Kiva microloan recipient, Mwajuma** who lives in Tanzania.

At 56 years old, she is a widow and mother of four who continues her family's long tradition in agriculture through paddy farming. Her hard work enables her to generate income and improve her family's quality of life. Mwajuma was seeking financial support to purchase certified seeds, fertilizers, micronutrients, and pesticides to protect her crops and increase yields. With these improvements, she expects a stronger harvest and better market returns. Having maintained a solid credit history, she has shown reliability and commitment. Supporting Mwajuma through Kiva is an opportunity to help strengthen her livelihood and invest in her family's future.





On March 27, members and friends gathered at **Backpack Buddies** for another rewarding morning, packing bags to help feed 650 children in need across British Columbia. The energy and teamwork (helped by some classic rock music) made for a meaningful and productive event, supporting local youth and families.

Following the packing session, we gathered for an enjoyable social lunch at Wildeye Brewing, continuing the camaraderie and fellowship that make these service days so special.

From March 26 to 29, the club sponsored two students from Windsor Secondary Interact Club to attend **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** on the Sunshine Coast.

RYLA is an intensive leadership development program that empowers young people to build confidence, develop communication and teamwork skills, and connect with peers while learning to become effective, community-minded leaders.

rotary youth leadership awards

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 – No Club activities planned over the Easter weekend ... Happy Easter.

<u>Wednesday April 8</u> Board 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Club 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Board & Regular Club Lunch Meeting – plus Foundation AGM – <i>Meeting speaker will be Isaac</i> Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE FOR THIS MEETING
<u>Saturday April 18</u> 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Shred-It for Charity – <i>contact Gilles for details and schedule</i> Location: 355 West Queens Road North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday April 22</u> 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Club Regular Evening Meeting – <i>Speakers 2 RYLA Students</i> Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver

