



May is Rotary Youth Service Month, a time to celebrate and strengthen our commitment to young people both locally, and around the world. Our club proudly supports various youth programs such as: scholarships for local students, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participation (RYLA), Windsor Secondary Interact Club, packing lunches for Backpack Buddies and camperships through the Boys and Girls Club.

Internationally, we support the Bali School for Deaf Children, End Polio Now campaign, and ShelterBox disaster relief. Together, these efforts reflect our deep commitment to empowering youth. We can all be proud of the impact we make.

As of April 23, 2026, there have been just 4 reported cases of wild polio worldwide - 1 in Pakistan and 3 in Afghanistan - highlighting continued progress toward eradication. This marks a significant decrease from 2025, when 52 cases were recorded, including 31 in Pakistan and 21 in Afghanistan.

These encouraging numbers reflect the impact of the global **End Polio Now** campaign and reinforce the importance of sustained commitment to finally eliminate polio worldwide.



Congratulations to Rolf, who was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Award with a ruby pin by the club's Rotary Foundation Director Jim Thompson, recognizing Rolf's generous support of the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation transforms donations into sustainable, life-changing projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, and grow local economies worldwide. Funded entirely through voluntary contributions, it enables Rotarians to make a meaningful difference both locally and globally. Rolf's dedication truly embodies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

The Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 8. Previously held in December, it was agreed that future AGMs will take place in the March/April timeframe. Jim Thompson was re-elected as President, with Carole, Lyn, Margaret, Peter, Ron, and Stan elected to the Board. Thank you to all members for stepping up to serve in these important roles.

The club held its semi-annual **Shred-It for Charity** fundraiser at the District of North Vancouver campus on Saturday, April 18. Many thanks to Gilles, who took over management from Stan and ensured a smooth, successful event. We enjoyed a record day, raising over \$3,000 in support of our local and international projects.

The event was very well attended and created great community engagement. A sincere thank you to all members who came out to help - many hands truly do make light work, and your support made the day both productive and enjoyable.



Isaac was our guest speaker on April 22, sharing engaging insights into his studies in Canada and his life in Mexico before moving to Vancouver.

He spoke about owning and operating restaurants in Mexico and his experience as a skilled Mexican cuisine cook. Currently studying business management and marketing, Isaac also brings valuable digital media expertise and is doing an excellent job enhancing the club's online presence. It was even suggested that our summer celebration adopt a Mexican fiesta theme, highlighting Isaac's talents and adding a vibrant cultural element to the event.



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The club enjoyed a busy and rewarding month working with the **Windsor Secondary Interact Club**.

On April 22, we heard from Interactors Ambika and Clara about their experience at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp on the Sunshine Coast, where they developed valuable leadership skills while enjoying a memorable and enriching experience.

On April 27, Shirley and President Ian attended the Interact club meeting, where Ian delivered a talk on leadership. We were also delighted to learn that the Interact Club raised over \$5,000 at their recent Entertainment Night - an outstanding achievement.

Looking ahead, we are excited that Interact members will be guest speakers at our club meeting on May 13, continuing this strong and inspiring partnership.

Carolyn and Isaac officially launched the **Canada Day** marketing campaign this week - watch for upcoming posts across our media channels. With the Canadian Heritage grant now secured, planning is moving ahead at full speed. As our largest event of the year approaches, all members are encouraged to get involved by volunteering. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to participate in making this year's celebration another outstanding success.



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:**Please note – some time changes below**

<u>Wednesday May 6</u> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Seniors Lunch and Learn Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver
<u>Saturday May 9</u> 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Rotary World Help Container Loading Location: RWH Warehouse Thistle Place, Coquitlam
<u>Wednesday May 13</u> Board 10:30 am – 11:30 pm Club 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Board & Regular Club Lunch Meeting – <i>Interact Speakers</i> <i>Light lunch will be served</i> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver
<u>Friday May 22</u> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Backpack Buddies Packing & Wildeye Brewing Social Lunch Location: 170 Harbour Avenue 1385 Main Street North Vancouver North Vancouver
<u>Wednesday May 27</u> Canada Day Committee 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Club Meeting 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Canada Day Committee & Regular Club Lunch Meeting <i>Meeting speaker will be Gilles with a focus on membership</i> Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver

