

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 Rotary year, we can take great pride in all that the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver has accomplished. Through the dedication of our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters, we have made a meaningful difference both locally and internationally.



From supporting North Shore families, seniors, youth, and community organizations to advancing humanitarian projects around the world through Rotary World Help, End Polio Now, and ShelterBox disaster relief, our club has continued to live Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

This has been a year of growth, fellowship, and impact. Together, we have strengthened our community, extended a helping hand to those in need, and demonstrated the power of collective action. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful and rewarding Rotary year of service. We now look forward with enthusiasm to continuing this important work in the new Rotary year, building on our successes and creating even greater opportunities to serve and make a lasting difference.



One of the most rewarding activities of the year was the presentation of our **Annual Scholarships**. This year, the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver awarded scholarships to graduating students from each of the North Vancouver secondary schools, as well as a special Indigenous Scholarship and an award for an outstanding Interact member.

What makes these scholarships particularly meaningful is that they recognize students who have overcome significant personal, family, financial, or academic challenges to reach graduation. Club members were honoured to attend the school

ceremonies and personally present these awards, celebrating the determination, resilience, and achievements of these remarkable young people.

On June 10, our club welcomed Gem Munro, founder of the **Amarok Society**, who shared the remarkable impact of the organization's *Start With Mothers* program in the slum communities of Bangladesh. By empowering women with education, they in turn teach their children and neighbours, creating lasting change for entire communities. The Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver has proudly supported this transformative initiative for many years. During the meeting, Foundation Director Jim Thompson presented a cheque for \$3,500 to help continue this important work.





Members Carole and Ian Johnston recently collected 400 medical laboratory coats from UBC Hospital for donation to **Rotary World Help**. The coats were included in a shipment of medical supplies destined for the Philippines, continuing Rotary World Help's remarkable legacy of international service.

Since its inception in 1997, the organization has shipped more than 480 containers of medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics in over 60 countries. The Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver is proud to be one of the seven founding member clubs supporting this outstanding humanitarian initiative.

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Congratulations to **Anne Marie**, who was presented with a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition on June 24 in honour of her outstanding support of the Rotary Foundation. This prestigious recognition reflects personal contributions of more than US \$6,000 to the Foundation, helping fund Rotary's life-changing work around the world.

Through the Foundation, Rotary supports projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, strengthen education, protect the environment, and grow local economies. Well done, Anne Marie, and thank you for your generosity and commitment to Service Above Self.



Rotary Zone 28/32 Director **Marty Helman** recently visited Vancouver and presented **Ian Evans with a special certificate of recognition** from Rotary International, signed by both the outgoing and incoming Rotary International Presidents, honouring Ian's remarkable achievement as the world's longest-tenured Rotarian. Ian was also presented with a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin in recognition of his generous support of the Rotary Foundation.

These well-deserved honours celebrate a lifetime of dedication to Service Above Self and the ideals of Rotary. Our club looks forward to celebrating Ian's extraordinary achievement with members, family, and friends at our Summer Celebration on July 12.



Our highly successful 2026 North Shore Canada Day celebration was a wonderful example of Rotary's commitment to bringing people together through service. Despite the challenge of adapting our event alongside the World Cup activation at The Shipyards, our club embraced the opportunity to pivot, collaborate, and deliver another memorable celebration for the North Shore.

This achievement was made possible through the outstanding support of our funding partners, whose generosity enabled us to engage an event manager and enhance the experience for

everyone. We are equally grateful to our dedicated members, families, friends, volunteers, performers, and community partners, whose enthusiasm and countless hours of service led by Carole and Carolyn, brought the event to life.

Together, we welcomed over 25,000 of residents and visitors to celebrate Canada Day in a spirit of inclusion, pride, and fellowship. The day demonstrated the power of Rotary to unite people, strengthen community connections, and create lasting memories while showcasing the very best of the North Shore.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

<p><u>Wednesday July 8</u> Board 10:30 am – 11:30 pm Club 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Board &amp; Regular Club Lunch Meeting</b> Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203 935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Sunday July 12</u> 11:30 am – 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Club Summer Celebration &amp; Installation – <i>Please RSVP</i></b> Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver</p>
<p><u>Wednesday July 15</u> Club Meeting 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Rotary Lions Gate Foundation Board Meeting</b> Location: Zoom meeting <i>See Club Runner for connection details</i></p>
<p><u>Wednesday July 22</u> Club Meeting 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Regular Club Meeting</b> Location: The Atrium at Parkgate 1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver</p>

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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