

We are now well into the new Rotary year and hopefully everyone has recovered from the mammoth effort of delivering another very successful North Shore Canada Day at The Shipyards.

Once again, sincere thanks to our members, families, friends, volunteers and community partners whose tremendous support made this important civic celebration possible. We can all be proud of bringing thousands of people together to celebrate our community at an event that remains free and open to all.



**September is Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month**, recognizing Rotary's work to improve access to education worldwide. Our Club has a special connection through the school for deaf and hearing-impaired children in Bali, Indonesia, which we helped establish and continue to support - an inspiring example of Rotary creating opportunity, hope and lasting impact through education.



Olayinka H. "Yinka" Babalola of Nigeria began his term as Rotary International President on July 1, 2026, becoming only the second African to hold Rotary's highest leadership position. His presidential message for 2026–27, **"Create Lasting Impact,"** encourages Rotarians worldwide to strengthen communities through meaningful and sustainable service. His priorities include peacebuilding, membership growth and completing Rotary's historic commitment to eradicate polio.

Looking further ahead, Rotary announced in August that Dr. Bharat Pandya of the Rotary Club of Borivli, Mumbai, India, has been selected to serve as RI President in 2028–29. A surgeon and longtime Rotarian, Dr. Pandya has served Rotary as a director, treasurer and Rotary Foundation trustee and has extensive experience supporting Rotary's PolioPlus program.

Our Club enjoyed a wonderful **Summer Celebration and Installation Barbecue** at The Atrium, bringing members and guests together for an afternoon of fellowship, good food and plenty of fun. A special highlight was the presentation of a plaque to Ian Evans, recognizing him as the first recipient of our **Club's Living Legend Award**. The award honours Ian's remarkable achievement of 75 years of active Rotary service - an extraordinary milestone and an inspiration to us all.

We were also delighted to welcome District Governor Dean, who joined us for the celebration and helped make the occasion even more memorable. It was a fun and relaxed day, providing a great opportunity to celebrate Rotary friendship, recognize exceptional service and look forward to another successful Rotary year.



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We recently received an update from Kiva about one of our microloan recipients, ***Tania Monserrate, an entrepreneur in Portoviejo, Ecuador.*** Tania raises chickens and pigs to help support her family and supplement her family's income. She purchases young animals, cares for them until they reach a suitable weight, and then sells them to local traders and neighbours. Her small agricultural business enables her to earn an income while remaining close to home and supporting her family.



Our Kiva microloan is helping Tania purchase feed and medicine for her chickens and pigs, allowing her to maintain and grow her business. Through her hard work and determination, Tania is building a more secure livelihood for her family - another great example of how a relatively small loan can create lasting impact.

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On July 22, we were pleased to welcome ***Liz Charyna from Pathways Society,*** who joined us to share the important work the organization undertakes across the North Shore.

Pathways supports children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities and their families, helping them participate fully in community life. Through a range of programs and services, Pathways promotes inclusion, independence, social connections, employment opportunities and meaningful community participation, while also providing valuable support and resources for families.

Pathways is also a familiar and welcome participant at our annual North Shore Canada Day at The Shipyards, helping make the

celebration truly inclusive and accessible to everyone. Thank you, Liz, for joining us and reminding us of the important difference Pathways makes in our community.

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***A big thank you to Jim and Janice Thompson,*** who once again opened their home to members and friends for another fun-filled social evening on August 1st. This annual tradition has become a much-enjoyed Club event and provides a wonderful opportunity to step away from Rotary business, relax, and simply enjoy each other's company. Good conversation, plenty of laughs and some friendly competition made for another memorable evening.

Of course, no Thompson social would be complete without the highly competitive pool tournament! Congratulations to Carole Johnston, who captured the coveted title of Champion Pool Player for the second time! Thank you again, Jim and Janice, for your warm hospitality.





We are very proud to announce that the Rotary Club of Lions Gate North Vancouver has received a ***Club Excellence Award for the 2025–2026*** Rotary year.

This recognition reflects the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work of our members throughout the year. From our community service projects and fundraising activities to youth programs, international initiatives and fellowship, everyone has played a part in making our Club successful.

Well done and congratulations to all members! This award belongs to each of you and recognizes what we can accomplish when we work together in the spirit of *doing good in the world*. A wonderful achievement and something we can all be proud of!

We were delighted to welcome ***Jayne Dent, a former member of the Windsor Secondary Interact Club***, who shared her inspiring journey since graduating from high school.

Jayne has completed Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Science while continuing her commitment to volunteer service. She currently manages the North Vancouver Terry Fox Run, helping carry forward Terry Fox's remarkable legacy. Following Jayne's presentation, our Club voted to donate \$250 to the Terry Fox Run.

Jayne plans to attend medical school and become a doctor, ideally serving in a small rural community. She credits Interact with inspiring her ongoing commitment to volunteerism and community service, demonstrating the lasting impact of Rotary youth programs.

Thank you to Shirley and Eric for leading our ongoing support of the Windsor Secondary Interact Club and encouraging young people to embrace Service Above Self.



***Congratulations to Eric Foos***, who was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow recognition with three Sapphire pins in acknowledgement of his generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The presentation was made by our Club's Foundation Chair, Jim Thompson, at a recent Club meeting.

Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals whose contributions demonstrate a strong commitment to supporting the work of The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation transforms our contributions into projects that change lives in communities around the world. Its work supports Rotary's seven areas of focus, including promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment. It also plays a vital role in Rotary's continuing commitment to the worldwide eradication of polio.

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

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| <u>Wednesday September 9</u><br>Board 10:30 am – 11:30 pm<br>Club 11:30 pm – 1:00 pm | <b>Board &amp; Regular Club Lunch Meeting</b><br><b>Speaker: <i>Deborah Cushing - Boys &amp; Girls Club</i></b><br><b>Team Leader: Anne Marie</b><br>Location: Capilano Mall – Second Floor - Community Room 203<br>935 Marine Drive, North Vancouver |
| <u>Saturday September 12</u><br>10:00 am – 2:00 pm                                   | <b>Shred-It for Charity Fundraiser</b><br><b>Team Leader: Gilles</b><br><b><i>Please see signup sheet in Club Runner</i></b><br>Location: District of North Vancouver<br>355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver                                        |
| <u>Friday September 18</u><br>10:00 am – 1:00 pm                                     | <b>Backpack Buddies &amp; Social Lunch at Wildeye</b><br><b>Team Leader: Pam</b><br><b><i>Please see signup sheet in Club Runner</i></b><br>Location: 170 Harbour Avenue<br>North Vancouver                                                           |
| <u>Wednesday September 23</u><br>Club Meeting<br>5:30 pm – 7:00 pm                   | <b>Regular Club Meeting</b><br>Location: The Atrium at Parkgate<br>1188 Parkgate Avenue, North Vancouver                                                                                                                                              |



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