



# The River

## February 2025

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**Coquitlam River Lions Club Monthly Newsletter**  
Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada  
District /Zone O-3, Multiple District 19

**Club President: Rosalie Kunic**

**Zone Chair: Gerry Becker**

**Home Club: Coquitlam River Lions**

**District Governor: Beth James**

**Home Club: Renton Lions**

**Newsletter Editor: September Stokes**



**MISSION 1.5**





## A Mission of Hope

Behind every LCIF grant and program is a story of inspiration. As the only global Lions foundation, LCIF exists to empower over 1.4 million Lions and Leos as they serve communities around the world. Their compassionate dedication to service brings possibilities to life for millions of people in need and has shaped our mission since 1968.

LCIF supports the efforts of Lions, volunteers and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need to promote peace and understanding globally. With a focus on childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger, vision and youth, LCIF advances Lions' service in creative, diverse and meaningful ways. Their stories are reflections of LCIF's mission and guide our future.

## LCIF and the United Nations

Lions International has partnered with the United Nations (UN) for more than 75 years. Like LCIF, the UN seeks to address global and emerging needs of vulnerable and marginalized populations. To achieve this, the UN created 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—a collection of interlinked global objectives designed to foster a better, more sustainable future. LCIF's cause areas reflect the spirit of these goals.

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



[www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/)

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# VDG Scrapbook: District Governor Training

When you spend three days with about 700 of your fellow incoming District Governors from all over the globe, it's humbling, to say the least. I was honoured to be in St. Charles, Illinois from Feb 11-13, for the training sessions to prepare us for our year. It was nice to finally meet my group of 25 who've been meeting by Zoom for the past few months. We are all working towards the same goal, helping to grow our membership in our districts. I look forward to seeing them all again when we finish our training as part of the International Convention in July in Orlando.



The official portrait of me with our 2025-2026 International President A.P. Singh



Grabbed a selfie outside the Lions International headquarters!



My training group has VDGs from Canada, California, Idaho, Texas, Arkansas, South Dakota, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand! Super bunch.



Group 18 VDGs at the start of our tour of the Lions International headquarters.



## Club Visits and Events in February



Ryan, Richard and Rosalie joined 1st VDG September on her official visit to the **Richmond Mandarin Lions Club** on February 19th at the Continental Seafood Restaurant. Joined by 1901 Zone Chair Chris Qui, we had a great meal and super fellowship. We were honoured when the club donated \$300.00 to the Coquitlam River Lions towards our Dog Walk in May. Thank you, Richmond Mandarin Lions for your Lion-hearted hospitality.

Dawn, Gerry, Richard, Rosalie, September and Ryan had a wonderful evening with the **Surrey Central Lions** at their annual Potato Feed on February 22nd. Elvis was in the building, providing great music and entertainment. The food was just right, and Dawn and September each got some Silent Auction items. Our **District Governor Beth James** was in attendance, and was the successful bidder on the live auction of a beautiful print of an Indigenous style hummingbird. She then presented it to September and said "It's yours." She was shocked and so grateful.

(I was totally stunned, and even emotional. I love hummingbirds, and this was a very special gift)



Ryan and Richard joined 1st VDG September Stokes at her official visit to the **Fort Langley Lions Club**. We enjoyed a terrific potluck dinner, and September was honoured to induct two new members into their club; **Sally Reiter and Richard Stevenson**, both sponsored by Fort Langley Lion **Wendy Canessa**. Welcome Sally and Richard into our Lions family.




# March 2025

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| 2  | 3   | 4            | 5                                 | 6  | 7                  | 8                     |
|    |   | Zone Meeting | Club Meeting<br>7:00pm            |    |                    |                       |
| 9  | 10  | 11           | 12                                | 13 | 14                 | 15                    |
|    |   |              | Board Meeting<br>7:00pm @ Library |    |                    |                       |
| 16 | 17  | 18           | 19                                | 20 | 21                 | 22                    |
|    |  |              | Club Meeting<br>7:00pm            |    | Spring Conference! |                       |
| 23 | 24  | 25           | 26                                | 27 | 28                 | 29                    |
|    |   |              |                                   |    |                    | Barks Burger and Brew |

30 Get your tickets now for the March 29th **Barks Burger and Brew**, our fundraiser for the Walk for Dog Guides in May. Tickets are just \$25.00, and it's at the Poco Legion. It's gonna be a big event, so don't miss it! Go to [www.coquitlamriverlions.club](http://www.coquitlamriverlions.club) to get your tickets.

**On The Cover:** When you visit the Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, you get to see just how administering the world's largest service organization works. There's a large LCIF section, framed portraits of every Past President since 1917, and all the original framed Peace Poster winners. A highlight of the tour is poking into the International President's office, shown here and on the cover of The River.

**The final Zone meeting** of the year is taking place on Tuesday, March 4th. All club members are invited to attend. Meeting is at 7pm at the Poco Legion, hosted by the Port Coquitlam Lions Club. Get there early and have a nice dinner before the meeting. Let's all be there in support of our Zone Chairman Gerry Becker.



International President's  
Office at LCI



# Membership Roster 2024-25

## Board of Directors:

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Bring your change to our club meetings for our new:

### Let's Make A Deal 50/50 draw.

Each meeting, purchase your draw tickets, 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. If your ticket is drawn you can keep the cash prize, OR.....you can trade it for what's in the surprise package? You never know, it could be something fabulously unique and interesting, could be a TUG (totally useless gift) in the spirit of Let's Make a Deal. It's fun, entertaining, and the money raised goes to help our club.



## Coquitlam River Lions Club

Chartered March 2022

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00pm  
River Springs Recreation Centre  
1950 Lodge Drive, Coquitlam, BC  
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Email: coquitlamriverlions@gmail.com



## 5 BENEFITS OF BEING A LION



1. To have fun.
2. To be a part of something big, yet unique.
3. To have opportunities for personal growth
4. To be a part of a global and international organization
5. Because doing good feels good