

Date: December 14, 2019 Social Time: 4:00 – 4:30 pm
Place: Bob's Burger & Brew, Birch Bay Square, WA

Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendars

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| January 11, 2020 | Meeting – PNW Passport Rotary Club's AGM Roadhouse Grille, Surrey, BC 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm <u>PNW Passport Rotary Club's AGM for 2020</u> Come out to <u>support your</u> Club as WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2020. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT TURN OUT FOR THIS MEETING. |
| January 23, 2020 | Meeting – PNW Passport Rotary Club Bob's Burger & Brew – Birch Bay Square, WA 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm |
| February 1, 2020 | Grants Management Seminars Registration is now open \$45. per person CAD or US Rotary Field House, Surrey, BC OR |
| February 29, 2020 | Silver Reef Casino Resort – Tower Room |
| April 4, 2020 | District Training Assembly Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Campus Registration will open soon |

PNW Passport Rotary Club Meeting Notes

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Pres-Elect Roy: Welcomed those in attendance. He asked Secretary Joy to introduce visiting Rotarians.

Sec Joy: Introduced: Suzanne Radenkovic, Burlington Rotary Club and Bob Moles, Bellingham Bay Rotary Club.

Pres-Elect Roy: Gave the heads up on upcoming District Events (they are listed above). He also stated that District 5050 is looking for members to step up to be Assistant DG in particular for the Whatcom Area. Sean spoke up saying being Assistant DG is a very worthwhile position; it is way less work then being a DG. Sean should know being a dedicated Rotarian he has held almost every position within the District.

Patricia Sibley: Informed us that morning there were seven members from our Club including herself and Sean at the Rotary World Help container loading. It was filled mostly with medical supplies. The container was going to the Philippines. It was the 21st container sent in the year 2019!



Pres-Elect Roy: Said the month of December was Disease Prevention month:

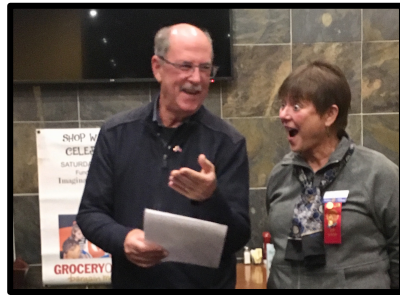
OUR IMPACT ON DISEASE -- "The Rotary Foundation is changing the world by providing grants for projects and activities around the globe and in your own backyard."

Pres-Elect Roy: Attended PETS and came away saying things have changed since he was last President of a Rotary Club. He was looking forward to his coming year. Our District Governor for 2020/21 will be Carol Tichelman.

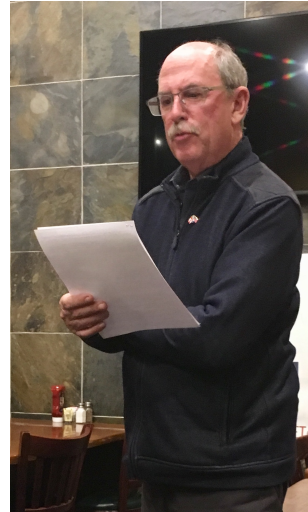
Pres-Elect Roy: Introduced our guest speaker Terry Greer he was going to talk about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Welcome Terry

Terry Greer: He thanked the Club for asking Jill and him to speak about a charity that is very dear to his heart. He has been working with the partnership of Rotary and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library since 2008. Dolly Parton's Dad was never taught to read and now that she can make it happen for children around the world she was going to do just that. Reading opens up a much better world for children who will become adults needing the tool of reading for their day-to-day lives. Terry organized & started fundraising for this charity in Stanwood Camano with the help of his then Rotary Club Stanwood-Camano Island Rotary Club in memory of his wife – Shelly Greer. Since then there have been 60,000 books sent out to children from the funds raised by the Stanwood-Camano Island Rotary Club to children. Terry

has worked tirelessly to make this happen. Terry explained different and creative ways he has been able to maintain interest in raising funds and supplying children with books. He was so pleased when a local Native American Indian Chief approached him to donate \$5,000. that books could be sent to children on the reserve. There are over a million books a month send out by the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Foundation. Jill said as a retired teacher she knows first hand the value of children being able to read. She said "books at home are so important.' Children can start receiving a book from birth to the age of five-years old when they go to school. Children can keep the books forever. As they learn to read at school they can go back and start reading each book that they only looked at before. This gives each child a great sense of accomplishment. A book is delivered to the child's home for the cost of \$25./yr/child. Imagine the thrill each month for a child to receive something addressed only them.



Wow -- Terry a million books sent out each month!!



Pres-Elect Roy: Thanked Terry and Jill for this very informative presentation of such a worthy Rotary partnership project. If there was nothing else for the good of Rotary the meeting was adjourned – see you at our AGM January 11th, 2020!



Guess who sent this note..

Santa I just want to thank you for my newest Christmas light – you're the best are you a Rotarian!!!