

Date: November 21, 2019 Social Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Max Dale's Steak and Chop House, Mt Vernon, WA

## Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendars

December 14, 2019 Meeting 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Bob's Burger & Brew  
Birch Bay Square, WA



December 26, 2019 No meeting  
Enjoy the festive season with family and friends!!

January 11, 2020 Meeting – **PNW Passport Rotary Club AGM**  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
We look forward to a great turn out for this meeting as we discuss the Pacific NW Passport Rotary Club year ahead.  
Roadhouse Grill, Surrey, BC

## PNW Passport Rotary Club Meeting Notes

Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

Pres Deb: Welcomed those in attendance in particular our DG Brad Whittaker. She introduced Andy Clay a very special, very busy lady who is a potential member of our Club!!

In keeping with the last meeting's theme of Gratitude she asked us to go around the table mentioning something we are grateful for or about:

Patricia: told us a very special story. A friend that she knits with was turning 50 a few years ago she didn't want a party but wanted to mark the occasion another way. She got brown bags decorated by some children at a local school then she asked her friends to help her make peanut butter sandwiches for the homeless. They went to the East end of Vancouver and handed them out they were gone very quickly and appreciated. Now

five years later they will be making 500 sandwiches to deliver. Patricia said COBs Bakery donates day old bread the ladies pick it up and freeze it until they have enough.

Pati: spoke about Rotary in the Honduras. Rotary gives loans to women who want to start a small business. She was able to visit some of the special businesses they are often located in their homes.

Both Villhauers: are so grateful their home renovations are almost over they now have water, heat and lights.

Tim: has been collecting and admiring Santa light up decorations for years. This year he was able to get off eBay a Mickey Mouse light up one!!

Sean: most grateful for his lovely family. Like always Sean has a story about his wonderful family but right now he is so happy to say he will be attending his parents 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in Creston, BC.

DG Brad: grateful to be a granddad to a 22-month old child. He is grateful for how well he is received at all the District 5050 Clubs including the Rotaracts Clubs. It is rewarding to see how much work each Club does locally and internationally.

Roger: grateful for his lovely supportive wife and all the hard long hours of work she puts in allowing him to train for Ultra Running Marathons. He is also grateful for good health, which allows him to do these marathons – except at this moment he has a lung infection from a cold.

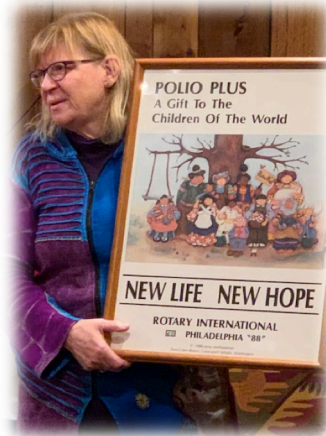
Andy: She said she is very grateful to have what she considers the best life – a wonderful husband and family.

Pres Deb: said sadly her sister is back in hospital and it isn't looking good for to go on the liver transplant list. Her sister and she are embraced with amazing wonderful friends who have been giving them both so much support. Deb said she was grateful to be a Rotarian and hopefully making her Dad.

Pres Deb: November is Rotary Foundation month with this in mind she gave us some history – The mission of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviations of poverty.

We recited the Four Way Test

Pres Deb: Showed us a print her Father received the year he was DG. She is going to donate it for auction the funds raised will go to Polio Plus.



Pres Deb: asked Roger Kelley about the upcoming Y.E.S (Youth Engaged in Service). The students are ones in grade 11 who are interested in international travel and helping others. He is busy getting the 2020 trip all organized for their return to the Honduras.

Pres Deb: mentioned there is a World Help container being loaded on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning. The Club is now a member of the World Help Rotary organization.

Pres Deb: told us that as a youth she was on the Rotary Float in the Rosebowl Parade. She also helped put the flowers on the night before that part wasn't as much fun as riding on the float in the parade.

Pres Deb: Past around our Buck/Loony Basket for people if they so chose to toss in some money and telling us why. The money we put into the basket presently goes to offset our membership with Rotary World Help. Each of us in attendance shared more stories as to why they were putting money into the basket. Sometimes the reason is heartwarming and sometimes humorous why we feel the need to put money in.

Pres Deb: Introduced our District 5050 DG Brad Whittacker she was grateful that he kindly said he would join us in Canada as well as the States.

DG Brad: Gave us a very passionate over view of Rotary internationally and locally.



One of the key points he made was Rotary Connects the World. One of his wishes is that each of us gets the most out of Rotary. How can we possibly do that:

1. put more into Rotary
2. learn more about Rotary
3. become involved beyond the Club

Some things we all need to be involved in are:

1. *Grow Rotary* – getting the message out about all the good Rotary does not only international but within your own community.
2. *Bring families into Rotary* – you can bring your children to a meeting or to help with a project.

DG Brad made us aware of upcoming events that are important:

1. Rotary Learning Institute – March 7 & 8

2. District Assembly – April 4
  3. Rotary Learning Center
  4. Visioning
  5. District Conference – April 30-May 3, 2020
  6. Rotary International Conference – June 6 – 11, 2020
- All these dates and times can be found on the Rotary website, ClubRunner, Peace Arch Journal

DG Brad: suggested that we all google two groups: Rotary Action Group and Rotary Fellowship Group.

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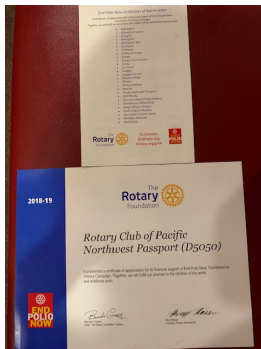
Pres Deb: Thanked DG Brad for a very heartfelt presentation.

DG Brad: Had one more very happy duty to perform that was to give our member Pati Villhauer her Paul Harris Fellow times two.

If you want to understand more about what that means google:

[http://www.rotary7680.org/foundation\\_recognition\\_points\\_factsheet\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary7680.org/foundation_recognition_points_factsheet_en.pdf)

Pres Deb: Shared with us the fact that our Club was presented with the Certificate of Appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign.



Pres Deb: Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting at Mt Vernon she adjourned our meeting at 7:30 pm

**District 5050  
Foundation Dinner  
November 15, 2019**

