



**PNW Passport  
Rotary Club**

**Date:** February 27, 2020

**Social Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm **Meeting:** 7:00–8:30 pm

**Place:** Roadhouse Grille, Surrey, BC

## **Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendars**

### CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT SIX-MONTHS 2020

02/27/20	Thursday	6-8p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting
03/14/20	Saturday	4-6p	CA	Roadhouse	Board Meeting
03/14/20	Saturday	6-7p	CA	Roadhouse	Board Meeting
03/26/20	Thursday	6-8p	US	Mt. Vernon	Meeting
04/08/20	Wednesday	7-8p	online	Zoom	Board Meeting
04/11/20	Saturday	No meeting Easter Weekend			
04/23/20	Thursday	6-8p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting
05/09/20	Saturday	4-6p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting
05/09/20	Saturday	6-7p	CA	Roadhouse	Board Meeting
05/28/20	Thursday	6-8p	US	Bob's	Meeting
06/13/20	Saturday	4-6p	US	Bob's	Meeting
06/13/20	Saturday	6-7p	US	Bob's	Board Meeting
06/25/20	Thursday	6-8p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting

As a rule meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday and the 4th Thursday. Alternating countries pattern provides two consecutive meeting in each country to provide some continuity as well highlighted.

**Meeting Sites:**  
CANADA: The Roadhouse Grille, 1781 King George Hwy, Surrey, BC V4A 4Z9  
US: Bob's Burgers & Brew, 8120 Birch Bay Square, Blaine, WA 98230  
US(Mt. Vernon): Max Dale's Steak & Chop House, 2030 Riverside Dr., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

March 8 & 9, 2020 D5050 offering of Part 3 will be March 8 in Mt Vernon, WA.

### **March 14, 2020 MEETING --- PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- PNW Passport Rotary Club

**EXECUTIVE SLATE:** President 2020-2021: Roy Holman  
Past-President: Deb Wiggs  
President-Elect 2021-22: Deb Wiggs  
Treasurer: Terry Greer  
Co-Treasurer: Lindagene Coyle  
Chair, Service: Jill Greer  
Chair, Engagement: Pati Villhauer  
Chair, Rotary Foundation: Patricia Sibley  
Secretary: Joy St. John

**AND**

**Guest Speaker:** Dan Gallant - Update on Rotary World Help.  
Roadhouse Grille, Surrey, BC  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

- March 25, 2020      New Member Fireside  
 All members who are new to Rotary are invited to attend  
 DG Brad and PDG Denis will host this event  
 You will learn more about Rotary and the new 'Grow Rotary'  
 program from Rotary International.  
 Refreshments will be served: appetizers, beer, wine  
 7 – 9:00 pm  
 Rotary Fieldhouse, Surrey, BC  
 Please advise President Roy if you are going to attend by  
 March 20, 2020.
- March 26, 2020      **Meeting**  
Guest Speaker: Lee Harman will talk about his successful  
 trip Peking to Paris Polio fundraiser.  
 Max Dale's Steak & Chop House  
 Mt Vernon, WA  
 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- April 4, 2020      Spring Training Event  
 Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey Campus  
 You are encouraged to attend this very informative day  
 where you will learn information on a wide range of Rotary  
 topics. Rotarians in our District as well as Rotarians from  
 neighbouring Districts will provide us with insight and  
 awareness of best Rotary practices. Registration will start at  
 8:00 and the program will begin at 8:30. Lunch is included.
- April 14, 2020      White Rock Rotary Club needs help to set-up for their book  
 sale. Please contact the Club directly or Pres Roy.
- April 22, 2020      On Earth Day spread the word of Rotary – service above self  
 join a local community event or group that is working to  
 promote the betterment of Mother Earth.
- April 30 – May 3, 2020      District 5050 Conference at Harrison Hot Springs, BC

## **PNW Passport Rotary Club Meeting Notes**

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Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Notes taken by: Joy St. John



Pres Roy: Welcomed all in attendance.

P-Elect Roy: Announced due to President Deb's family circumstances he will be our President for the remaining Rotary year. At our Annual General Meeting he would become our President for 2020-21. District 5050 Governor Brad Whittaker and PNW Passport Rotary Club executive have agreed this is for the best. He thanked Deb for her contribution and looks forward to her taking the helm again when she is able.

Pres Roy: Said one of his projects was to contact members of the Club to ask if the Club was meeting their expectations and if they haven't come to a meeting what would interest them to come to a meeting.

Pres Roy: Asked Secretary Joy to introduce our guests.

Sec Joy: Welcomed Sean's wife Carol Hogan, Pat's husband Al Bond and guest speaker Mark Knittel.

P Roy: Went over the coming District events (see above).

Pat Bond: Explained that the District 5050 Conference as of March 1 is \$395.00 + GST Canadian. There will be no refunds as of March 1, 2020.

Lindagene Coyle: talked about upcoming fundraiser on March 21, 2020.



Pres Roy: Said he would be in touch with our new members Rhian and Andy to set a date for their induction to our club.

Pres Roy: Told us about the PETs training he attended. When he spoke to others in attendance he found it very interesting that the majority did not know about Passport Clubs. He hopes to make District 5050 more aware of who we are and how we are more of a service Club ready and willing to help Clubs. He also spoke about focus on Youth over the coming years.

Pres Roy: Introduced our speakers for tonight Sean Hogan and Mark Knittel they will update us on ARES (African Ruggedized Education System) and their recent trip.

Sean Hogan: Once again spoke with passion about this most amazing way of educating so many who are wanting and willing to learn more then their world is equipped to offer.



The ARES Project



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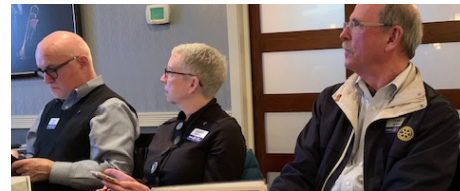
Sean said some of these children had seen their own wildlife. This gave them opportunity to! They had access to Khan Academy and Ted Talk Youth & Education. Teachers can monitor their student's projects and progress.

Sean: Introduced Mark Knittel who without his superior willingness to help people of the world and his exceptional knowledge of electronics none of this would be possible.

Mark: Guided us on how to hook up to the server. We were able to look at the educational data available. He helped guide us through some of the possibilities of the server for a classroom. They update programmes each year by sending a USB with the new information.



It continues to be a challenge of getting the updates to each village. The maintenance of the equipment though it is almost indestructible still needs to be maintained.



The demand for this project throughout Africa is becoming a very interesting struggle with the team. The team is trying very hard to make sure the integrity of the program is maintained.

Bonnie Sutherland who we have met and is very involved with this project is looking into the possibility of bringing it to our own remote indigenous people.

P Roy: Thanked our guest speakers for their very informative update on such a worthwhile program.

P Roy: Passed around the Happy Buck/Loonie Basket.  
Thank you to all who contributed and the stories behind your contribution.

P Roy: Thanked all those in attendance for coming out and wished them a safe drive home.