



Date: January 11, 2020 Social Time: 4:00 – 4:45pm  
Place: Roadhouse Grille, Surrey, BC

## Upcoming Dates to mark on your Calendars

I have had requests for a calendar of our upcoming meetings ... here it is:

01/11/20	Saturday	4-6p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting (AGM)	De
01/11/20	Saturday	6-7p	CA	Roadhouse	Board Meeting	De
01/23/20	Thursday	6-8p	US	Bob's	Meeting	De
02/08/20	Saturday	4-6p	US	Bob's	Meeting	Dr
02/08/20	Saturday	6-7p	US	Bob's	Board Meeting	D
02/27/20	Thursday	6-8p	CA	Roadhouse	Meeting	C
03/14/20	Saturday	4-6p	CA	Roadhouse	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 and day pattern provides two consecutive meeting in each country to provide some continuity as well. Any e 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

January 23, 2020

Meeting – PNW Passport Rotary Club  
Speaker on Starfish Pack  
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**

Social Time: 4:00 – 4:45 pm                      Notes taken by: Joy St. John  
Meeting Time: 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Pres-Elect Roy: Welcome it is great to have such a great turn out for our meeting.  
There were no guests to be introduced.

P-E Roy asked that we keep Pres-Deb in our thoughts. She lost her father Dec 2018 and now her only sibling. Pres-Deb has had a lot on her plate over the last year.

Sweaters and blankets were brought for Deb to deliver to a homeless shelter in Gig Harbour upon her sister's request. Our member Julie Johansen will be delivering the package to Deb on our behalf.

Pres-Elect Roy: Said there were 10 million Canadians in Rotary Foundation. Canadians were sixth in the world as contributors donating 41 million, third for member contributions.

Pres-Elect Roy: Also stated that District 5050 is looking for members to step up to be Assistant DG in particular for the Bellingham Area. District 5050 is still looking for a treasurer.

Patricia Sibley: Reported that Rotary World Help hasn't announced their next Saturday load.

Pres-Elect Roy: Informed the members that our member Sean Hogan was once again in Africa with the ARES Project.

We were reminded of our District 5050 Conference at Harrison Hot Springs, BC, May

YAIL is February 7 – 9, 2020 we have not sponsored any participants for this program.

RYLA is May 7-10, 2020 in Washington.

Julie Johansen: Reminded the Club that we had made a commitment to send two Rotaracts to RYLA. The Rotaract Club of Bellingham has two members they wish to nominate to go.

Pres-Elect Roy: Reminded us that District 5050 has a YouTube channel. There are some interesting short videos to look at.

Pati Villhauer: Mar 26, 2020 at Max Dale's Steak & Chop House, Mt Vernon our guest speaker will be Lee Harmon giving us a recap of his amazing adventure with Miss Vicky Peking to Paris.

Julie Johansen: Passed along this information:

The "green bag food bank" program is getting new traction. We learned from Tim Villhauer that Whatcom County North Rotary club is not going to pursue championing this project and he turned over the start-up materials to Char Hart - one of our members. Char is forming a work committee that includes Char, Julie, Marlene Sexton and Allen Stockbridge. We are looking for additional members to help us get it rolling. We will come back to the club in the next few weeks with a budget and request for funds to purchase bags and printed materials. The first area we will target is a neighbourhood in Ferndale. The Ferndale Food bank is on-board and ready to roll with the program. Our hope is to successfully implement this in one community and then expand to other communities or neighbourhoods. Please let one of us know if you are willing to help with this project. We also will provide another program at a club meeting to educate our members who may have missed the program last year.

Additional information about another group:

We also will be hearing from the folks at Wild Bird Charity about their Starfish Backpack program with the intent of participating with this group as a service project. They need volunteers and money. They pack the backpacks on Fridays at a warehouse in Ferndale. This is an easy hands-on project for at least a few of our members.

<https://wildbirdcharity.org/>

Rhian Piprell: Informed us of a Quiz Night please see the attached information sheet on the fun evening event.

Rhian also told us she was off to Guatemala shortly with a group she has been involved with for several years a mobile literacy bus, which takes books to those who wouldn't necessarily have the opportunity to get books. She was going to check on the condition of the bus they have been using; it may need repairs or be replaced.

Navjit Sangha: Informed us of a RotarX fundraiser on January 31, 2020 all proceeds are going to SOS Village. Please see the attached information sheet. The discount code for tickets is: "rotarx2020". See the attached for more information.

Trudy Gallant: Made the suggestion that we might want to start a Rotary Buddy program where we are assigned a Club member to meet with for coffee, walk, bike to get to know members better. Or we may want to have a Guess Who's Coming To Dinner evening.

Pres-elect Roy: Said they were things we could talk in more detail at our next meeting. The suggestion of a fun social event was a good to hear.

We passed around the Happy Buck Beer Glass.

We heard many stories those in attendance wanted Pres Deb to know our thoughts were with her at this time. There were many Happy Bucks members were excited about 2020 and the new Decade.



The group enjoyed getting caught up with each other as well as getting to know new members.

Pres-Elect Roy didn't mind being the only male in attendance!

