



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 2, 2020 Coffee with DG Brad Whittacker and Mike McGovern, Chair, RI Polio Plus Program  
Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/97330724089>
- June 3, 2020 District 5050 Training Seminar
- June 13, 2020 PNW Passport Rotary Club Virtual Meeting – 4:00 pm  
Patrick Drum, Guest Speaker
- June 25, 2020 PNW Passport Rotary Club Virtual Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Lee Harman, Guest Speaker
- June 20-26, 2020 RI Virtual Rotary Convention – Aloha  
[riconvention.org](http://riconvention.org)

## THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB ROUNDUP

**Date:** May 28, 2020  
**Meeting:** 6:00 pm End: 7:45 pm  
**Place:** Zoom Online – hosted by P-Elect Deb Wiggs

### ATTENDANCE:

President	Roy Holman
President - Elect	Deb Wiggs
Co-Treasurer	Lindagene Coyle
Membership & Engagement Chair	Pati Villhauer
Foundation Chair	Patricia Sibley
Secretary	Joy St. John
Pat Bond	Char Hart
Patrick Drum	Pete Kremen
Sean Hogan	Rhian Piprell – Guest Speaker
Julie Johansen	Marietta Ostberg
Rosemary Jones	Trudy Gallant
Tim Villhauer	Krista Burnham
Allen Stockbridge	Keith & Heather Vernon
Roger Kelley	

**GUEST:**

Ken Smith, Vernon, BC

P-Roy: Welcomed all in attendance to our fourth virtual PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting. A special welcome to Ken Smith joining us from Vernon, BC. Asked if any one had submitted or cared to offer a name of our meeting notes.

Julie: suggested that we use President Roy's suggestion of PNW Passport Rotary Club Roundup.  
Those in attendance agreed upon the name.

Our virtual meetings are going well and enjoyed by many members. It gives members the opportunity of doing things while attending the meetings:

*P-Roy* was able to attend to his BBQ before starting the meeting – suggesting we socialize until he was finished and others continued to join the meeting.

Members were able to knit, eat supper, go out to their BBQs or kitchens to prepare dinner or snacks, have a grandchild say hi to the Club members, enjoy a glass of wine while still able to enjoy the meeting.

P-Roy: He suggested we go around the screen with people giving an up date on what they've been doing or ask questions.



There were a great variety of answers by those in attendance. Some highlights:



P-Roy: sadly a friend of over 50-years had just passed away. On a happy note he had fresh asparagus out of his garden.

*P-Elect Deb*: said she had never seen the carpets of an Alaska Airline plane so clean as the ones she went on recently. From now on that is going to be very important to her.

*Pete*: Back from Mexico he was in self-quarantine for the past 14-days.

*Char*: was organizing her 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from High School. Plus extra busy working from home on changing the events her event planning company had organized to virtual ones.

*Patricia:* She had been busy attending many interesting Rotary Zoom meetings from all over the country; she heard so many interesting lectures. Plus all her usual many volunteer activities.

*Patrick:* will be our Guest Speaker on June 13. But right now he wanted us to know about the Museum of Glass in Tacoma – there is going to be a virtual tour on June 5 at 8:00 am it's also a fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior & Children charities. Email him for more information: [ptd@saturna.com](mailto:ptd@saturna.com)

*Trudy:* said she was enjoying get caught up on her back issues of the Rotarian magazine

*Keith & Heather:* Were both excited that Heather was able to get her haircut!! On a more serious note they were still volunteering with the Haney Rotary Club & the Legion to deliver meals.

*Ken Smith:* was enjoying fishing in a river near Vernon, BC. He was glad to join our meeting with the hopes of possibly being a member.

*Marietta:* Her Company is very busy these days. Hasn't had a hug from her son in 2 ½ months, she will be a happy Mom when she can get one.

*Lindagene:* is almost zoomed out. Not only does she have to attend lots of zoom meetings as a member of many District 5050 committees but she like Patricia is enjoying the ability to join other club meetings all over the country.

*Pat:* Her Rotary work never, never stops – thanks Pat for all you do in District 5050 Rotary. She also continues to order food for a local Starfish Pack program.

*Krista:* She is very thankful she is doing well and continues to go to work on a daily basis.

*Allen:* Glad to be back as a member of the Club. He will also be happy when he can help once again with the Green Bag Project.

*Roger:* He was continuing to do lots of running. He was making a fly-fishing rod.

*Rhian:* she & her husband decided because he was a paramedic in Port Moody it would be wiser for her to stay at their residence on Sechelt. She was enjoying reading her books, as well as doing some kayaking.

*Julie:* sadly her mother-in-law passed away. Her sister-in-law was diagnosed with cancer.

P-Roy: asked Pati to introduce our Guest Speaker today – Rhian Piprell.

Pati: Said it was her pleasure to introduce our member Rhian to speak to the Club about the country of Myanmar from she lived and worked there as a Librarian at a International school.

Rhian: Informed us that she was going to speak about the Myanmar or Burma and experiences she had while living there for four years. The country was rich in history and different cultures.



She felt the country was truly misunderstood by the world. Yes, there were struggles going on but they were only



in certain parts of the country. She had traveled over most of the country and found the people to be very kind. The country on a whole was a literate one. People tried hard to have their children attend school for a few years at least.

There are the wealthy, middle class and those living in extreme poverty.



They are trying to better their country. She wasn't really sure when people were displaced from street living where they actually were sent to live. One day you could see people living just off the street then shortly gone.

At the International School where she worked they celebrated the different nationalities that attended the school one day of the school year.



Rhian: said that she was pleased and found it rewarding to have had the opportunity to get to know the country and its people. She continues to help the country by organizing having books sent to school libraries. The libraries from elementary right up to higher education have very old and out-dated books on their shelves.

P-Roy: Thanked Rhian for the very informative presentation.

He informed us of upcoming District meetings. He advised us that Asst/Area F Governor Joan Apel would like Rotarians in the Delta/White area to support Cobs Bakery they are having a hard time during the closures of business. They are big supporters of the Rotary projects in that area.

P-Elect Deb: said between Terry, Sean & herself they were almost ready to present the fundraiser Scipps to the Club.

P-Roy: Said it was time for our honour system of Club Happy Bucks. If we can't meet soon we'll have to send a cheque to either Treasurer Terry or Co-Treasurer Lindagene for our money owing the Club.

### HAPPY BUCK HIGHLIGHTS

P-Elect Deb: said she was giving because the sight of seeing an Orca pod in Bellingham Bay was very special.

Rhian: had seen dolphins recently off the shores of Sechart.

P-Roy: Called the meeting to a close.

Asked the membership to continue to stay safe and well.