



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- August 22      Canadian members:  
Rotary Club of Steveston  
Shred Event  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
4251 Garry Street – McMath Secondary School  
By donation
- August 27      PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting – 6:00 pm  
**Guest Speaker:** Celeste Mergens  
Days for Girls  
And the induction of our new member  
Lornell Ridley
- September 5      American members please note  
Freedom Park & Rotary Adventure Park  
Work project to be continued  
Contact Jill Greer for more information  
[windmill2greer@gmail.com](mailto:windmill2greer@gmail.com)
- September 8      Semiahmoo Rotary Golf Tournament  
Morgan Creek Golf Course  
3500 Morgan Creek Way, Surrey, BC  
TIME: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$275.00  
For more information: Doug Blender – [dblender50@gmail.com](mailto:dblender50@gmail.com)
- September 12      PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting – 4:00 pm  
**Guest Speaker:** Chris Loat  
ShelterBox
- September 24      PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting – 6:00 pm  
Guest Speaker: Izzie Edwards  
Speaking about Bird Watching
- October 22      PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting – 6:00 pm  
**Guest Speaker:** DG Carol Tichelman

## THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB - ROUNDUP

**Date:** August 8, 2020

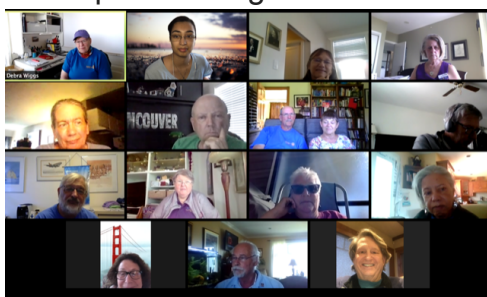
**Meeting:** 4:00 pm End: 5:15 pm

**Place:** Zoom Online – hosted by P-Elect Deb Wiggs

**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

President	Roy Holman
President - Elect	Deb Wiggs
Treasurer	Terry Greer
Membership & Engagement, Chair	Pati Villhauer
Service, Chair	Jill Greer
Secretary	Joy St. John

The Bell was rung at 4:10 pm after a great time of socializing between members in attendance.



P-Roy: Welcomed all in attendance to our virtual meeting.

He asked Terry Greer for a report on the Service project at Freedom Park and Rotary Adventure Playground.

Terry: Best day ever!! There were 12 folks to help not all Rotarians but possible future Rotarians. He said that:

- Pati was the best person to tangle with the weeds!
- Deb wow she loved the power tools!

It was a great Rotary inter-Club project/community/fellowship project.

Stanwood Camano Rotary Club partnered with the PNW Passport Rotary Club and community members to do some much-needed maintenance on the Rotary “Freedom Park” on Camano Island. The playground is 10 years old and the fence needed staining, tables needed sanding and staining, and weeding/raking are always needed.

Josh Seabury, manager of Ace Hardware of Stanwood, donated stain for the picnic tables and fence, and assistant manager, Christal Avelenda and family (Giovanni, Izzy, and Ian) joined us for “sweat equity” at the work party.

John of Ace Hardware, Camano Island, also donated stain.

P-Roy: Said on the Canadian side the project it too went well. There were 6 that worked away at making the boxes saleable for the fundraiser. More needs to be done another date to be decided upon. Sadly the rain came along and we had to shut down our production line.

P-Roy: asked our Engagement Chair Pati to talk about an upcoming speaker.  
Pati: We have a speaker Chris Loat, from ShelterBox organization speaking at our September 12 meeting.

P-Roy: asked Patricia, Foundation Chair to share some Rotary news.

Patricia: Jennifer Jones, of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2022-23. Ms Jones will be the FIRST WOMAN inducted as Rotary International President.  
Ms. Jones:

“As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that *our ability to adapt* would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history,” Jones said in her vision statement. “Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today’s reality.”

P-Roy: Asked Allen to speak about our Club project Green Bag Program.

Allen: The project is progressing well..



The first Green Bags, with a paper hangtag indicating the items desired by the Ferndale Food Bank, are being delivered to 40+ homes in Ferndale on August 22nd. The hangtag will also have information about the Rotary Clubs involved - PNW PP and Ferndale (formerly Whatcom North).

The PNW Passport club, with the support of the Ferndale Rotary Club, is starting the project to support the Ferndale Food Bank by collecting food from donors six times per year and delivering it to the Food Bank. We have Rotaracts helping with the project.

We are starting with the Ferndale Food Bank, which is currently willing to accept donations. Our first food pick up is on October 10th. Then we will pick up on the second Saturdays of even months (Feb, April, etc.) 6 times per year.

Please log into their website and give feedback --

<http://pnwrotarygreenbags.org/58-2/>

The Green Bag Project is going to apply for a Rotary matching grant.

P-Roy: our Club will be donating \$500. each to two Starfish Backpack programmes, one in Blaine/Ferndale and one in North Delta. He asked Pat to speak about the North Delta programme.

Pat: The North Delta Starfish Backpack program will start up in September.

Pati: Blaine/Ferndale programme will also be starting in September.

P-Roy: Asked Deb to speak about our Club fundraiser Scrips.

Deb: said she is planning to have the fundraiser start on September 1. She will have all the information to send out very shortly. Once it is up and running smoothly she will be working on one for our Canadian members. These programs can truly be an easy way for our Club to raise money and it is something we all use. **Gift card fundraising is the right way to raise money.**

Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for your organization and the people that matter most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

P-Roy: Thanked Deb and Terry for getting this fundraiser up and running.

P-Roy: asked Jim to speak about World Health Organization.

Jim: right now as we know everything is on hold due to something called COVID-19!! They have had to say no to products right now and ask that folks to please hold them until they are able to pick them up. When they are able to get back and pack up a container they have two destinations ready.

P-Roy: There will not be a Golfun this year but: Patricia please explain:

Patricia: In support of individual donations to the Annual Fund, the District is providing Paul Harris matching points for every donation of \$250 (US) or more. A \$500 (US) donation would, with matching District points, get you a Paul Harris!

If you want to know or understand more about Foundation dollars and points towards a Paul Harris please get in touch with Foundation Chair, Patricia Sibley. *She knows everything there is to know about the subject!!*

P-Roy: Time for our Virtual Club fundraiser Happy Bucks. Where do your Happy Bucks go? To the Green Bag Project and ARES whom we have committed to each project a \$1,000.

Right now we are working on the honour system – keep track of how much you have put into the HB basket, then mail a cheque to Treasurer, Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle.

Thank you to each and every member who puts funds into the HB Basket each of our members has a wonderful reason for donating.

Joy: my personal favourite this time was our member Jim McGrandles, he thanked Patricia, Navjit and I for helping him get linked into our meetings!!! We might be sorry – no we're glad Jim you found out it's easier than you thought!!

Rhian: was so happy with the bountiful crop of blackberries.

Terry: new friendships, service, fun and most of all fellowship.

P-Roy: On that happy Rotary fellowship note I will call the meeting finished.

