

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 8, 2020 PNW Passport Rotary Club Virtual Meeting

Viewing Fellowship Pictures from Club Service Projects

**TIME**: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

August 8, 2020 Service Project - help is needed to spruce up the Adventure Park

Freedom Park & Rotary Adventure Park, Camano Island

TIME: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm BRING YOUR OWN WATER

For more information and to RSVP: Jill Greer: windmill2greer@gmail.com

August 8, 2020 Service Project – help staining wooden boxes for a fundraiser

**Urban Waters Society** 

23357 44<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Langley **TIME**: 10:00 – 1:00 pm

BRING YOUR OWN WATER RSVP: jedstjohn@gmail.com

For more information:

Roy Holman: rholman@telus.net

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

## **ROTARY MASKS:**

Please let P-Roy



know if you would like one of these masks.



## THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB - ROUNDUP

**Date**: July 23, 2020

**Meeting**: 6:00 pm End: 7:00 pm

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

**A**TTENDANCE:

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

Pat Bond Navjit Sangha Tim Villhauer Allen Stockbridge

Julie Johansen Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam

Pete Kremen



P-Roy: Welcomed all in attendance to our virtual PNW Passport Rotary Club meeting. Welcomed our guest speaker Tannia Hecht to our meeting.

T-Terry: August 8, at 10:00 am there would be a great service project for our American members at Freedom Park & Rotary Adventure Park, Camano Island New COVID rules have recently been put into place 10 members is all that can join he and Jill in helping bring the Rotary Adventure Park back into shape. A picket fence needs to be stained, picnic tabletops need sanding, and weeding needs to be done. He asked for a gas powered weed eater, sanders, rakes, shovel, and pruning shears. A local merchant has kindly supplied the stain and paint. After the work-bee Jill & he were asking people to come to their place for lunch and a beverage.

P-Roy: August 8, at 10:00 am there would be a great service project for our Canadian members at a farm in Langley. An upcoming fundraiser to help clean a local waterway needs help staining wooden boxes to be sold. The stain would be supplied. There was plenty of parking and room to self-distance from each other. There would be a tour of the farm where folks could collect fresh vegetables to take home.

Julie

Allen: Green Bag Programme now has its website up and running. October 10 is the initial pick up. Rotaractor Dakota is helping organize the pick up.

P-E Deb: Shop with Scips a fundraiser for the Club will be presented at the next Executive Meeting for approval. August 27<sup>th</sup> is to be the Club launch. Then watch our bank account grow & grow for Club projects.

Pati: Tannia Hecht is our guest speaker today. I have known her, her husband and family for a number of years. The work they do in Los Cabos, Mexico is wonderful and amazing. With pleasure I give the meeting over to Tannia Hecht to talk about the Cleft Palate Children of Los Cabos.

Tannia: Thank you for asking me to your Club and talk about our work in Los Cabos.



The children come twice a year with the support of the Monarca Canada Foundation, Los Cabos Children's Foundation, and Hospital de Especialdades.

Cleft palate is found to be mostly a genetic problem. To help the children really get great results they need to see the babies when they reach 10-lbs or before 14-months.

It is so amazing what her husband an ENT and facial plastic surgeon can along with a team of medical people do to make these children's lives so much better. When the children are unable to speak they become sad and withdrawn. Mexico doesn't have many specialists trained in this field of cleft palate repair, in particular in Los Cabos. The cost is out of reach for most parents. The GPs are really the only doctors they get to see.

## Facts About Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Children

Children may need as many as 7 major surgeries in their lifetime.

- Many are malnourished as infants because they cannot properly swallow and may need feeding tubes to survive.
- Beyond the child's physical suffering, the **parents and families struggle** through this challenging ordeal for many years.
- CLP parents who do not speak clearly, are more likely to choose partners who also have CLP therefore increasing the genetic chances for more cleft palate births.
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She personally got involved when it became apparent that the older children needed to be trained to speak again because they didn't know how to form some letters or sounds. She has been able to train others on how to help the children. She has programs set up for families to help their children learn how to put words and sounds together. She does Internet consultation with the helpers when they need more help with a particular child.

The Smiles International helps prioritize the children before they arrive as a team to help the children.

They are in need of funds now more then every because of COVID. Please go on our website <a href="https://comunicabo.org/">https://comunicabo.org/</a> to donate no matter the amount it all helps!

P-Roy: Thank you Tannia for this very informative presentation. We all appreciate the work your husband, his team and yourself put into the programme to improve the lives of these unfortunate children.

T-Terry: Five members have not submitted their Rotary dues.

Allen: said he was about to take a course given by Al Gore on Climate changes and

he would be willing to speak about it when he was finished.

Pati: You're on the docket!!!

P-Roy: It was time for those Happy Bucks to support our Clubs projects:

Green Bag Programme

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Villhauers: who are friends with Tannia wanted to say a special thank you for all she & her husband do for children in need of a cleft palate repair.

Deb: wanted to say thank your to our Engagement Chair Pati for the great programmes.

We just have so many wonderful stories to be told as we give to our Happy Buck Basket.

Thank you PNW Passport Rotary Club members for your continued support of our Club projects!!

P- Roy: Closed the meeting.

Asking the membership to continue to stay safe and well.

