



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 24 - RI End Polio Day
- October/November - District 5050 is asking all Clubs to help with their blood donor drive. The need is even greater during COVID.
- Fraser Valley Rotaractors - are selling calendars for \$25.00 to help the Valley's Starfish Backpack programme.
- November 14 - our **guest speaker** is Simon Sutcliffe talking about Hospice in Nepal



THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB - ROUNDUP

Date: October 22, 2020
Meeting: 6:00 pm End: 7:30 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
Rotary Foundation, Chair	Patricia Sibley

GUESTS:

DG Carol Tichelman
Asst DG Joan Apel



The Bell was rung at 6:00 pm after a great time of socializing between members in attendance.

P-Roy: Welcomed all in attendance to our virtual meeting. Thank you to Patricia Sibley for the Club's new bell. Patricia obtained the bell while shopping in an antique store. The bell was used to call the bell-man to request him/her to take your luggage to your room.

I'd also like to thank Jill and Terry Greer on behalf of the club for stepping up to the request by District 5050 to be Ambassadors promoting the RI 2021 International Conference in Taipei, Japan. They couldn't have picked two finer people to do the job.

I'd like our Club members to introduce yourselves to DG Carol and Asst DG Joan.

The members in attendance gave a brief introductory of themselves to our distinguished guests.

P-Roy: stated: RI is now going to have a Five-Way Test:
'Including an early awareness of sustainability in everything each member thinks, says, or does is the first step in reaching long-term environmental sustainability. The sole purpose for using The Four-Way Test should be to develop and maintain high ethical standards in human relations. A fifth question about environmental sustainability would positively contribute to members' ethical compass and increase their humanitarian convictions in the long-term. The proposal also means that it would now be referred to as The Five-Way Test.'

Allen: I took Leadership Training on-line to become a speaker for environment and sustainability. Al Gore was a great influence on me taking on this challenge. I now speak for the environment and sustainability for western states and southern BC. It is Rotary intention to get all Clubs active in climate change.



P-Roy: Pat Bond regularly sends us links for ongoing training and seminars.

November is Rotary Foundation month.

T-Terry: The Club received a thank you from the Wildbird Organization who run the Starfish Backpack programme in Whatcom County for our donation.

P-Roy: Lindagene would you please explain your new valuable role in District 5050.

Lindagene: Not to take time away from our DG Carol's presentation please go to the Peace Arch Journal to read about the important new work group.



'District 5050 forming a working group to address DEI

The District is committed to assisting clubs to increase membership, better reflect their communities, and ensure there is understanding of what is meant by Rotary's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Towards this end, the District is forming a DEI Working Group. If you are interested in working on these issues please [contact](#)

[Lindagene Coyle, Working Group Chair.](#)'

P-Roy: Induction – Phil did such a great job introducing himself to our guests he needs no further introduction by his sponsor Sean Hogan. DG Carol will you please do the honours of inducting our newest member Phil Toombs

DG Carol: With your long history in Rotary Phil you need no introduction to Rotary. I know you will continue to serve Rotary as you have in the past. Your service to Rotary has been greatly appreciated over the years. This Club I'm sure looks forward to you continuing to put 'service above self'. I always like to say 'what you get out of Rotary is what you put into it.' Welcome to District 5050's PNW Passport Rotary Club.



Phil: I look forward to being in the Club with folks I have known through Rotary for years Sean, Pat, and Lornell and getting to know more fellow Rotarians.

Asst DG Joan: I've know our District 5050 Governor for many years. She has been to Ethiopia 10 times delivering polio drops to children since joining Rotary. She has attained many Rotary awards for her dedication and service to Rotary over the years. DG Carol deserves each of them for the tireless work she puts into Rotary. Please welcome your District Governor Carol Tichelman.

DG Carol: Thank you Joan for the kind words, thank you to the PNW Passport Rotary Club for having me join your meeting today.



DG Carol's presentation for those members who were unable to join us has been attached.

P-Roy: thank you DG Carol for looking after us in District 5050 so well.

DG Carol: Patricia Sibley I take great pleasure in presenting you with this pin 'People of Action' for all your work and dedication to the betterment of this Club.



P-Roy: The Club would like to recognize our members who have earned a Paul Harris Fellow:

'Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.'

Pati Villhauer +1

Patricia Sibley +5

Roy Holman +2

Julie Johansen +6

Tim Villhauer +4

Terry Greer +8

Deb Wiggs received 2 more PH to add to her collection of many

Bonus Paul Harris Points for November Foundation Month For additional donations to the Annual Fund or PolioPlus

First time donors of \$50 or more could win a Paul Harris

Donors making an additional donation of \$100 or more could win a Paul Harris

Donors making an additional donation of \$250 or more could win a Paul Harris

PLUS matching PH Points

More information coming

P-Roy: Now is time for our *Happy Bucks*.

The funds you put into the virtual Happy Buck Basket are going towards sustaining our Club's projects Green Bag Project and ARES, we hope to obtain our goal plus more to allow us the opportunity to donate to other worthy projects. Please send your Happy Buck donations to either our Treasurer Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle for those sending Canadian dollars.

Just a few highlights from some of our members who added to our fundraiser basket.

Phil: thank you for allowing me to become a member of your Club.

Patricia: the fine work the Green Bag project is doing

Jill & Terry: the RI 2021 conference will happen – register now!!

Tim: on the passing of his Mother at the age of 93. Her favourite saying was 'Service to others is the rent we pay to be on this earth' What a great memory.

Tim, You definitely listened to your Mom

P-E Deb: the Club has started working on its vision and mission statement. We will be meeting again soon to continuing our work.

P-Roy: Thank you to DG Carol for your presentation to the Club.

Be Safe



Patti Villhauer working hard attaching ribbon onto the bags for the Days for Girls project.

Thank you Pati from your Club members for your work on this project.

If you have volunteer hours you'd like recorded please send them to your secretary.

Thank you Assistant Governor Joan – as past RI President Cliff Dochterman often said - that is by far the most recent introduction I have had!

Good evening President Roy - fellow Rotarians and friends... on these Hollywood Squares before me I see many friends - ☺!

It is truly an honour to serve as District Governor of this amazing District for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

I am so proud of the Clubs and Rotarians in this District. Almost all of Rotary went dark in the middle of March. A pandemic – what the heck. Everything in our playbook was not working. None of our District or Club Leadership trained for this.

But distance does not separate us – silence does. We are all going through this pandemic storm together – but every Club and every member is in a different boat.

Within two weeks of the shut-downs, the District offered every area a COVID response grant. Clubs started adapting to the new reality and serving our communities and our members with thoughtful action. Rotarians are people of action – and you have proved it in spades over the last seven months. When we come out the other side of the pandemic I truly believe that our Clubs will be more incredible, more dynamic and much more connected and effective than we were in the “old normal”.

Rotary President Holger Knaack asked four things of the incoming Governors at the International Assembly in San Diego back in January. Goodness – that was only nine months ago but some days it seems like a decade ago!

He said Rotary is not just a club that you join, it's an invitation to endless opportunities. It opens opportunities to serve in a project as big as End Polio Now, and also in a small community project where you might plant a tree.

Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

President Holger's 1st ask of the incoming Governors – was to create new innovative club models to help expand outreach by creating a satellite club or community based Rotaract Club. Since March - it has been proven that this can be done - even during a pandemic. !

President Holger's 2nd ask - that each club have at least one strategic meeting asking, what should our club look like in five years, and what steps should we take to achieve this vision. What value do we bring to our members?

President Holger's 3rd ask - select new members carefully. Make sure they're a good fit with your club, and that the club meets their expectations. Engage them and take care of them. There is no wrong age to become a Rotarian.

President Holger's 4th ask - continue your club's efforts to end polio by donating to END POLIO Now. We must fulfill the promise that we made to the children of the world. Thank you for your strong support of Polio Plus!

It is now nine months since the international assembly --- our lives have changed, but the goals to open opportunities have not. We are Rotarians and we must remain optimistic and continue to seek opportunities to engage members, grow rotary membership, fundraise and perform service projects.

The Rotary Citation has changed dramatically in the last two years – and this new framework for Clubs to set their own goals annually is a strong message from Rotary International that Rotary happens at the Club. Your Club can choose which door to open and which path to use. The only required item to obtain the Citation is paying your dues promptly - ☺ - did – thank you!

As Rotary's Vision statement says: Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

As Past RI President Ian Risely often says: “Rotary gives ordinary people the opportunity to do extraordinary things”.

Think of how less rich your community would be now if your Rotary Club had never existed? Your community – and the world --- needs Rotary NOW more than ever before. As Paul Harris – our founder – once said “Whatever Rotary may mean to us – to the world it will be known by the results it achieves”.

In late 2018, Rotary asked the Johns Hopkins University to do a study on the impact of Rotarians on the global economy, which came back with a conservative estimate of \$850 million US dollars annually that it would cost communities around the world if they had to pay for the services Rotary volunteers provide --- and 47 million volunteer hours generated by Rotary members in a typical year.

On the Rotary brand front, The People of Action campaign brings the Rotary brand to life by highlighting what happens when community leaders within Rotary join together, share their vision, exchange ideas about solutions, and then take action to make it a reality. Rotarians share a unique passion for taking action to improve their communities and the world. Where others see problems, we see solutions. This is our chance to show others how Rotarians see what’s possible in their communities and to highlight what we can achieve when more community leaders join Rotary. We ARE People of Action!

And we are all united and guided by our motto: Service Above Self and of course the 4 Way Test. Integrity is what you do when no one is watching.

When I was first asked to join Rotary in 1992 – I did so as I was a bank manager – and it was expected of me to be involved in the community. Shortly after I joined I learned of Rotary’s corporate project to eradicate polio. That touched my heart – as my father was a victim of polio. I knew one day I would participate in a National immunization day --- and that day came in October 2009 when I went to Ethiopia --- and this vial is the one I used when I immunized my first child. With every child I have immunized on that and the subsequent eight NIDs I have done – I have felt gratitude for anyone who has ever donated to the Polio Plus program.

Although I don’t speak Amharic – and nor do the villagers we met as we went hut-to-hut speak English --- with every child I immunized --- every mommy looked deep into my eyes and my soul was filled with the thanks they were expressing from saving their child from the ravages of polio. Those children will face many challenges in their lives – but they will not be crippled nor potentially die from polio.

On August 25th the World Health Organization announced that transmission of the wild polio virus has officially been stopped in all of Africa. This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and our Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication. But we still have important work to do in order to eradicate wild polio in the last two endemic countries. Year to date there have been 79 cases in Pakistan and 53 in Afghanistan.

We have faced many challenges in our journey to eradicate polio. But we’ve made remarkable progress, and the polio infrastructure that Rotarians helped build will serve as a lasting legacy that will continue to help protect vulnerable children against other diseases for decades to come. And these same polio workers have been very active in COVID response and surveillance throughout the developing world since March.

Other exciting news from RI was the announcement that Jennifer Jones will serve as RI President in 2022-23. Jennifer is a Canadian – and from our own Zone 28 --- and she is the first woman nominated to lead our organization.

As Rotary International President Nominee, Jennifer’s nomination continues to demonstrate Rotary International’s commitment to diversify its leadership and specifically to fulfill the RI Board of Directors’ pledge that was made in January 2019 for the number of women in Rotary and in Rotary leadership positions to be 30% by June 2023.

Rotary also continues to grow and expand its commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and has started a monthly webinar series on this topic. At the District we are also developing a DEI program – and I thank Past District Governor Lindagene Coyle for leading this initiative.

Paul Harris said, “Rotary must always be evolutionary, and at times revolutionary.”

Another recent announcement from RI was the decision by the Rotary Foundation Trustees to add a seventh area of focus with the addition of the Environment. More information will come on this as the program is being developed for inclusion in Global Grants in July 2021.

Another initiative at the District is we are starting a District-wide blood donation friendly competition to encourage our members to regularly participate in this life-saving humanitarian act.

I was a casual blood donor early in my life. Then in 1996 – as my family worked collaboratively to take care of my father at home in palliative care – on my birthday – I took Dad for a blood transfusion. That dramatically improved his quality of life in his last two weeks of life – and I have been a committed blood donor ever since. I just completed my 68th blood donation. Governor-Elect Bev Harrington is also a life-long committed blood donor. I recently sent this information to President Roy --- and I encourage you, your family and your friends to participate if you are able!

We have been REALLY busy in District 5050!! Another new initiative is we are taking the Rotary and Toastmasters Alliance to an active program. We thank Stephanie Hooper and Carl Garrison in leading this - and our first step is to identify any Rotary member in our District who is or has been a member of Toastmasters. So if you are or have been let us know! We are having our first training for this at the end of the month – so register on the District website.

We are also working at the District to assist clubs to work collaboratively on Global Grants. This is happening more each year – and we encourage Clubs to work together with their international service funds to allow Rotarians to do community service on a global scale. There is a WASH grant in the works for Kenya – if you want to partner in an international project – and not have to do any of the work!

Rotary Opens Opportunities – How prophetic for that theme to come after last year's theme of **Rotary Connects the World** as we work through a pandemic.

If there is a viable treatment or vaccine – next May 13-16 -- Chilliwack's Doors will be open! Building on the RI theme – the District Conference theme shows six doors – and those six doors represent the four Rotary Clubs, the Rotaract and the Interact Clubs in Chilliwack. You will be seeing that graphic shortly on upcoming promotions. We will be offering home stay along with a home hosted dinner on the Friday night.

We have a great line up of speakers borrowing in part from this year's cancelled Conference. We will be celebrating the 2019-20 Club & District Leadership and will host a cocktail party for them to celebrate together as they were not able to this past spring. And of course we will be celebrating the District and Club leadership and successes from **this** Rotary year.

We will have lots of opportunities to showcase our beautiful City of Chilliwack including a tour at the new Molson Coors brewery, a Circle Farm Tour, an excursion to the Blue Heron Interpretive Centre and the extensive Rotary Trails --- to name just a few.

So mark your calendars – we look forward to welcoming everyone to Chilliwack in May 2021 – hoping that we can gather together. Watch for more news on this on the District website and the Peace Arch Journal monthly newsletter.

Speaking of the Peace Arch Journal I encourage you to submit articles and pictures as you do projects through the year --- your Camano park clean-up and the very recent Food Bank green bag project --- and congratulations on getting the district grant for that! Please share these pictures & stories with other members in our District!

And then there is the RI Convention in Taipei in June 2021. I was sad not to go to Honolulu this year – I love attending the Rotary International Conventions. With each one I have attended my awe at the internationality and amazingness of Rotary expands. I have to admit that while I may not be able to go to Taipei next June due to the pandemic – I was giddy with excitement as I registered for the Convention – with the thought of eventually travelling again one day. I encourage you all to consider planning for Taipei next June – with the knowledge that your registration fees will be refunded if we are unable to go.

And now I will end – by sharing one of **MY** Rotary moments:

I was so lucky to be raised in a wonderful family. We were not wealthy – but we were rich with values, faith, respect, love and many other things I treasure. I have three brothers.

I was daddy’s girl. Mom loved me deeply – but we did not have a strong mother-daughter bond or friendship.

We clashed often --- and when I was an adult it was often about my involvement in Rotary. We are Catholic. She always questioned me about why I was spending so much time volunteering for Rotary and not doing that work through the Church. I am very involved in my Church: but Mom still wanted me to do ALL my volunteer work through the Church.

As I mentioned - my father passed away in 1996 at the age of 68. Following Dad’s death I always included Mom in my travel plans including my company Conferences. In 2004 my Rotary Club planned a trip to deliver a container-load of wheelchairs in Mexico – and Mom came with me and 19 other fellow Club and family members.

Like most Rotary international service projects there are **profound** moments throughout the service work --- and this one occurred on the first day. My Mom (uncharacteristically) turned to me --- tears streaming down her face --- and she said to me “You are truly doing God’s work on Earth”.

Mom (who had metastatic breast cancer at that time) worked tirelessly the following days from dawn to dusk, as we delivered the gift of mobility.

The following year I was President of my Rotary Club --- and Mom drove out to Chilliwack from Vancouver (about an hour’s drive each way) on many Fridays for the Club meetings.

That year mom became a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

Two years later Mom became a Legacy Donor to The Rotary Foundation – OUR Foundation.

That shared Rotary experience in Mexico allowed me to become best friends with my mother in her last 3 years. Rotary **truly** changes lives in ways we might never imagine.

Thank you for sharing YOU with Rotary. And I look forward to serving you as district governor this year.

I now will entertain questions if there are any – as we continue to work together to Grow Rotary and increase and expand our impact, and have fun while doing so!!!

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