

THE PNW PASSPORT ROTARY CLUB ROUNDUP

Date: February 25, 2021
Meeting: 6:00 pm **End Time:** 7:05 pm
Place: Zoom Online – hosted by P-Elect Deb Wiggs

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

President	Roy Holman
President-Elect	Deb Wiggs
Membership & Engagement, Chair	Pati Villhauer
Secretary	Joy St. John

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Treasurer	Terry Greer
Service, Chair	Jill Greer
Foundation Chair	Patricia Sibley
Membership-Elect	Rhian Piprell

GUESTS:

Tonya Myers
Bob Moles

P-E Deb: Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Her PETs Course is almost finished! Our member Jill Greer continues her fight against cancer. If you wish to send Jill a message please go through services@caringbridge.org. A few members need to leave early to attend other meetings we'll start our meeting off with Andy's presentation.

P-Roy: Arrived a few minutes late having attended a Help4Haiti Zoom meeting. The PNW Passport Rotary Club bell was rung at 6:10 pm.

Pati: It is with my pleasure that I introduce Andy Clay-Leebron tonight. Andy will be speaking to us about the school she started after seeing the need in the village of Ngomano and about being a volunteer Fire & Rescue person.

Andy: Thank you to the Club for asking me to speak. First off I want to thank my good friend Celeste Mergens for taking me with her on one of her Days for Girls trips to Africa. Celeste now has a Days for Girls Podcast.

After the death of one of my son's and going through many stages of grief. I found my calling after it was suggested that I try something new, different, and something

she has wanted to do – such as climbing a mountain. After some thought she decided the mountain she wanted to climb was Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, Africa. It was after a trip to Africa seeing children unable to get an education due to lack of funds for a school that Andy decided to build a school in the tiny village of Ngomano. It was no easy feat but after lots of hard work, many many phone calls she was able to start her dream of a school.

The Clay International Secondary School was started as a free coeducational school in 2005 to support rural students in Kenya whose families could not afford public high school fees.

126 Clay boys and girls live on campus in boarding facilities, and 12 faculty members live in campus housing, in the remote village of Ngomano, in Makueni County 110 miles from Nairobi.

Completely funded by private donors through Project Education Inc., (PEI) Clay School is a unique collaboration with parents, students, and a Kenyan staff of educators and mentors.

Over the years they have added other buildings to the school, such as small guest buildings. If you'd like to take a trip with Andy after COVID she'd love to have you join her to see what can be done with a vision, hard work, the support of family and friends.

Please find attached the wonderful presentation given by Andy. Her stories that went all with the slides were very inspiring.

Andy now volunteers with the Edison Fire Department. She had to pass the course to become a volunteer firefighter, and a course on emergency medical response.

P-Roy: Will your school be supplied with computers from the ARES program?

Andy: Yes, the organization has been in touch with the ARES program.

Pati: After COVID is over – Tim & I will be touch to join you on one of your trips.

P-Roy: Thank you so much Andy for this very inspiring presentation today.

Announcements:

Help4Hati – White Rock Rotary Club along with the Semiahmoo Rotary Club are having a fundraiser to buy containers full of seeds for villages.



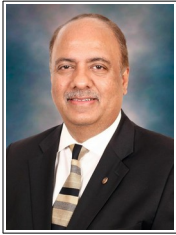
March 6, LaConnor Rotary Club will be having a Smelt Run with Rotary. Contact Roy or LaConnor's Whitney Meissner at whitney.erin13@gmail.com for details. It is a 5 km run that can be done on your own time.

Hey folks - the Smelt Run is back and it's VIRTUAL!

Please register and join in the fun - March 6, 2021.

Thank you for supporting Rotary!

Register here: <https://www.databarevents.com/rotarysmeltrun>



Director Dialogue

Our next **Director Dialogue** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 10th**.

The topic is "Positive Peace," and Valarie Wafer's guests will be Rotary International President-Elect **Shekhar Mehta** and Rwandan-born first-generation Canadian Rotary Peace Fellow **Marie-Paule Attema**,

Registration is required; **to register** for the webinar visit the Director

Dialogue page and access recordings of past events.

March 11, An Evening of Hope – 7:00 pm One-hour of Hope for Women Survivors. 6 tasty treats as door prizes. Please contact Pati Villihauer for more details.

March 11, Trivia Quiz Night for Douglas College Psychiatric Nurses (Canada). Our is the PNW Rotary Trivia Travellers.

March 13, Social walk at Deer Lake in Burnaby for our Canadian members. Meeting at 10:00 am This is a family event. Call P-Roy for more information.

Rotary World Help is looking for Club assistance to raise \$9,000. (Cdn) to send a container to Belize. They are requesting \$500 to a \$1,000/ Club if possible.

March 13, There is a Grant Management Seminar. Please contact Pat Bond to register and if you wish further information. Deb and Allen will be attending the one on January 30th, 2021.

Denny Boyd is concerned that Club's are getting Zoomed out!!

Denis Boyd, D5050 Membership Chair, Zones 28/32 Training Team is looking for ways Rotary Clubs are keeping their members interested in attending virtual meetings that aren't going to be ending any time soon. Ways in which your Club is doing service work during the virtual reality of the world right now? If you wish contact me (Roy) to discuss these points. Denis's team will be hosting a Zoom meeting next month (February) to go over the topic. Denis also informed us that January is Vocational Service Month, everyone is welcome to go to the district's Business Directory at www.rotarynetworkingplus.com.

Our District Conference 2021 – Windows of Opportunity will be virtual. May 14th two hour evening program. May 15th two, two hour sessions with a break for the House of Friendship.

April 22, Stay tuned for a mystery meeting!

Pati: Speaker May 27 will be Cassie speaking about the Giant Hornet.

P-Roy: It is time for our Club's Happy Buck fundraiser for our projects Green Bag and ARES.

Tim & Pati: Thank you Andy for the great presentation we hopefully will be able to join you on one of your trips.

Andy: Happy to be getting her second dose of COVID vaccine.

Keith & Heather: Great presentation

Sean: Great inspirational presentation.

Please remember to send a cheque to send your Happy Buck cheques to:

Lindagene Coyle
2789 Cranley Drive
Surrey, BC V4P 1E2

or

Terry Greer
1009 Juniper Beach Road
Stanwood, WA 98292

P-Roy: Thank you, for coming.



Green Bag Pickup in action – February 13th.
Thanks Tim for sharing the picture

WHO SAID YOU COULD DO THAT?

(SOMETIMES IT TAKES A NEAR DEADLY PUSH)



OUR 21 YEAR-OLD SON WAS KILLED



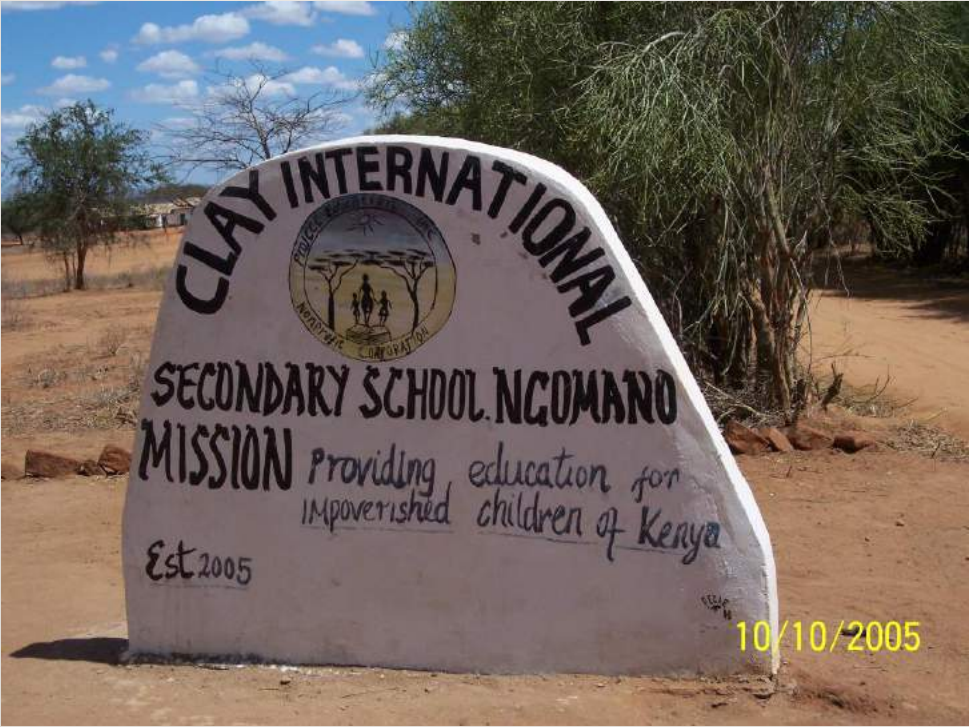
ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CAN'T SEEM TO GET OUT
OF BED



HE SAID, "SOMETHING LIKE CLIMING A MOUNTAIN"







AND SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TO BE OPEN AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE YOU MEET ALONG THE WAY





NGOMANO, KENYA



DOWNTOWN NGOMANO













































NGOMANO FAUCET

























CUKOO (CHICKENS, BUT SKINNIER)





PAWPAW TREES IN THE HEAT



GUEST QUARTERS



AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW...









THE ORPHANAGE WHERE DAYS FOR GIRLS WAS BORN!



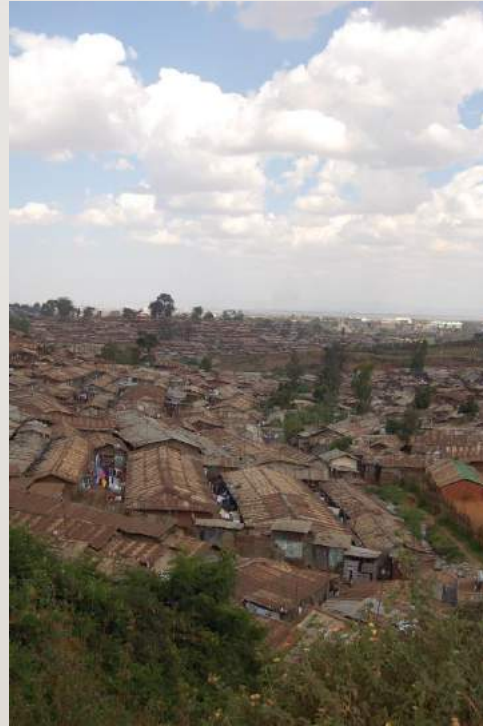


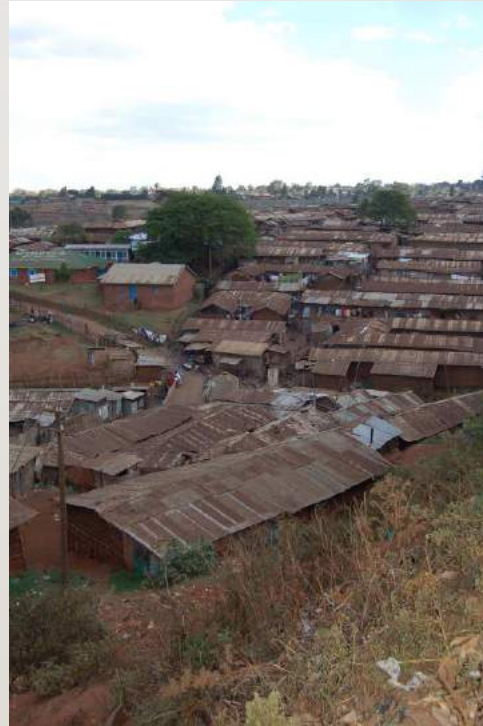
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MY PEOPLE NEED ME