





## THE ROUNDUP For October 14, 2021

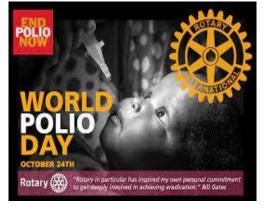
## BOARD MEMBERS:

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**Terry Greer** 

Patricia Sibley Rhian Piprell Trudy Gallant Pati Villhauer Joy St. John



The meeting started with members having a great time socializing. Members had a great time chatting with one of our guest speakers Bob Blacker who they hadn't seen for some time.

P-Deb: Our Break Room Topic: What is something you were surprised to be grateful for? Reconvene at 6:20ish

It is always fun to meet with other members in our 'Break Room' to not only talk about topic question but to find out what is going on with our other great members.

P-Deb: Welcome everyone on Zoom and those at Sean's Patio. This is our first try at a hybrid meeting. Thank you, Sean for hosting this the PNW Passport Rotary

Club's first hybrid meeting. Our guest speakers here tonight, needs very little introduction, Sean will do the honours.



Sean: Shirley-Pat Chamberlain – Rotary Club of Steveston





Shirley-Pat is a woman of mixed heritage and is Tl'esqox na whelh deni heelen (adoptee of Tl'esqox). She wears many

leadership hats including community planning and development, fund development, grant writing, project management, facilitation, teaching, and mentorship.

Shirley-Pat is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Steveston and received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award in 2012 for outstanding volunteerism. Shirley-Pat's first experience with Rotary was at the age of 15 through a 4-Way Test essay competition.

She reconnected with Rotary through her mom, who is also a Rotarian, in 2008 and her Rotary story is one of truth telling, discovery, mentorship and adventure. It has led to using the Rotary International Project model in her own backyard with co-founders His Honour, Steven L. Point, the 28th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Past District Governor Bob Blaker to work and partner with indigenous people and communities through the Write to Read BC project (www.https://www.writetoreadbc.com/).

Shirley-Pat has built strong and meaningful relationships with each Indigenous community or Nation that she has had the privilege and honour of working with across the Pacific Northwest as well as non-Indigenous organizations, communities, and governments. She is currently a PhD Candidate at the University of Edinburgh. Shirley-Pat is also the current District 5040 District Governor Nominee.

## **Bob Blacker - Rotary Club of Steveston**

Bob was born in Australia, moved to Canada in 1971, and has been a fixture in Richmond since the day he landed! He married Judy (born in New Westminster and mostly raised in Richmond) and they are proud parents of 4 children (3 daughters and 1 son).



In 1971 Bob joined the New Westminster Police Department and retired from the department in 2000 with the rank of Inspector.

Bob joined Rotary in 1996 and in 2008/9 became District Governor for Rotary District 5040, with 54 Clubs across British Columbia.

In 1998, Bob became an Honorary Aide de Camp, serving several Lt. Governors of British Columbia. In 2007, then Lt. Governor, His Honour, Steven Point, and Bob started to work together to get books into isolated First Nations Communities in British Columbia.

In 2012, after his term as Lt. Governor, H.H. Steven Point returned to the Bench as a Provincial Court Judge. As a result, Bob carried on as the Project Leader.

WRITE TO READ has succeeded beyond their dreams.

One of Bob's passions is youth programs, especially RYLA. Bob is an avid golfer, when he gets the time, and his favourite hobby is making golf clubs.

The presentation was recorded and is on the Club Runner PNW Passport Rotary Club Home page

- P-Deb: Thank you so much Shirley-Pat and Bob for this great presentation. You both have done so much to make the WRITE TO READ work along with all the volunteers. It is great to see the libraries continuing to grow within the indigenous community.
- Trudy: The joint project with Rotaractors 'Acts of Kindness'. We are looking at November 20th and it'll be park cleanup, in several locations. More information will be coming.
- Rhian: We are trying to get more member involvement with our meetings, I will be calling members over the coming months to speak for about 3-5 minutes at our meetings. The Club would like to hear about some of your activities or community volunteering or something else that you think will interest our members.
- Allen: I am traveling the countryside, when internet is available, I'm in touch with members of our Green Bag project. The project is going well.
- Pati: Our next guest speaker is Cleone Todgham, Rotary Club of Port Moody, speaking to us on 'At Your Service' how we can do service projects and community development during and after COVID-19.



- P-Deb: Thank you for obtaining our last speaker, Chloe. Her presentation was very informative on the need for naloxone kits.
- P-Deb: Our favourite Club fundraiser PNW Passport Rotary Club for our projects --- HAPPY BUCKS!



- Tim: He & Pati's grandson was celebrating his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday!
- Allen: Traveling to see 100 family members so far it has been fun and interesting.
- Trudy: great program, successful first hybrid meeting.

Other members joined in donating to our projects. Please do not forget to send your Happy Bucks to either Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle.

P Deb: No game tonight.

Thank you all for coming out tonight, thank you Sean & Ken for organizing the hybrid meeting.

Roy, please ring our Rotary Bell to end the very successful meeting – 7:45 pm

## Why is World Polio Day on October 24?

World Polio Day is held on October 24 in **celebration of the birth of Jonas Salk, the American researcher who developed the first polio vaccine in 1955**. In 1961 Albert Sabin developed the first monovalent oral polio vaccine followed by the trivalent oral polio vaccine in 1963 that has reduced polio worldwide by 99%.