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- Time: 6:00 pm chat room social time 6:20 pm – meeting started
- Pres-Deb: Welcome everyone to our meeting tonight. We have a very special guest with us tonight, our Club's Honorary member Glenn Fong. We are also honoured to have the original organizer of the 'Rotary Passport' clubs, Mike Reinero, Rotary Passport One Club, Past District 5180 Membership Chair, Past District Creative Chair 2020-2021.

Let's begin our meeting with reciting the Rotary 4-Way Test.



Sean: Introduced our guest speaker Glenn who he has been good friends with since their first meeting back in 2014. Sean also introduced Mike.

*Please watch the inspiring recording of this meeting! On our Club Runner Home page.* 

Glenn: Stated he asked his good friend and the Rotarian who really came up with the framework of the 'Rotary Passport Club', Mike. Mike got the concept passed by Rotary International as a new way to reach out to new members and possibly retain members about to leave Rotary.

#### Canada (Province)

ritish Columbia	Canadian
Alberta	
New Brunswick	Passport
Saskatchewan	Clubs
Ontario	

The template for Passport Clubs was to meet 6 times a year. When attendance was required by everyone at those meetings. Members were to volunteer 40-hours a year helping with Rotary projects, community projects, and contribute \$1,000 per year to Rotary. If you go to rotary.org you'll see the template for Passport Rotary Clubs.

There are about 74 Rotary Passport Club globally.

Passport Clubs were not appreciated by Rotary Clubs when they first started. Members of established Clubs thought that the Passport Clubs were out to steal members from clubs. That was not the intention or plan at all but to retain members who were about to leave Rotary because they no longer could make weekly meetings.

My good friend Mike will now speak more about Passport Clubs.

Mike: gave us an inspirational talk about the benefits of Passport Clubs, his passion to continue to help Rotary maintain its members who work tirelessly globally for the betterment of the world.

## Q&A

- Question: has there been an article about Passport Clubs in the Rotary magazine? Answer: yes, but remember at first the Passport Club template wasn't well received. They weren't requested to put much into the magazine.
- Pres-Deb: Thank you both Glenn and Mike for the very informative talk tonight.

Now I'd like to introduce Dakota White, Rotaract Club of Bellingham to speak to us about a District 5050 Rotaract upcoming international project.

Dakota: Thank you once again for allowing me to speak to the Club. District 5050 Rotaractors are planning another international project to Guatemala this year to help with a water project. We are hoping to send 20 Rotaractors on this trip to help with the water project. Presently we have 11 confirmed, 5 from Canada, 6 from the States. It costs \$2,000/person to go on this life changing trip. We have had a fundraiser and plan on having another one very soon to help raise funds for the trip. We are hoping District 5050 Rotary Clubs will help us obtain our goal of sending 20 with either Club donations or members personally donating.

## Q&A

Question: Answer:	Who are you partnering with? Hands for Peacemaking Foundation
Question: Answer:	How much more do you need? \$12,000.
Question: Answer:	When are you leaving? April 29, 2022
Question: Answer:	When do you need the funds? ASAP or by April 18 <sup>th</sup> at the latest
Sean:	Carol would like us to sponsor one person to go on this trip.
Dakota:	Thank you so much for the kind donation. We will happily speak at a club meeting after we return!
Pres-Deb:	Thank you Dakota
Trudy:	Days of Service – Area F A playground project it is a joint project and needs to be completed by June 30, 2022. More information to come.
Pres-Deb:	District 5050 Assembly coming up on April 9 <sup>th</sup> the Club will pay for 5 members to attend. Who is going: - Myself - Trudy

- Krista
- Sean

Please let me know if you are planning on attending.

## Pres-Deb: Time for Happy Bucks:

Remember to send your Happy Bucks to either Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle. The money raised from your Happy Bucks goes to our projects ARRES and Green Bag Project. There were many who had reasons to give tonight.

Pati & Tim: had a special reason to give to Happy Bucks they had just celebrated their 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary!!! Congratulations

Roy: Thanks for reminding me, mine is coming up next week --- 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Pre-Deb:

Thank you again to our wonderful speakers Glenn and Mike.

Please remember to sign up for District 5050 Conference, May 13-15<sup>th</sup>

Roy, please ring the bell

Good night – keep safe.

7:40 pm





# Thank you

Pres-Deb & Pati Villhauer Packing for the Starfish Backpack Program