



# Rotary International District 5020



## Celebrate Our Dreams at District Conference, April 24-26

The 2009 District 5020 Conference is one you'll long remember! We are celebrating the dreams we have made real by showcasing outstanding community and international Rotary club projects.

Our Rotary International President's Representative is PDG Byung-Rak Tak with his spouse Jeom Soon Lee from Jeonju, South Korea. Speakers include Rotary water expert Jim Bodenner, Polio Survivor Joan Toone and Peace Fellow (selectee) Glenn Raynor. Opportunities to visit with Rotarians from all over the District include eating dinner in Kitsap County Rotarian's homes, a reception on a Navy destroyer, and two After-Hours parties hosted by local Rotarians in a beautiful board room. You will even have several chances to sail on the Odyssey, the tallest mast ship on the West Coast. The lovely new Kitsap Conference Center



on Bremerton's waterfront is a great place to meet, plus their buffet meals are excellent. Boaters receive a free night's moorage at the new Bremerton Marina, steps from the Conference Center. Come and join us, making a great conference even better!

Ellen Newberg  
Conference Chair

## Conference Program Highlights

Friday - Home Hospitality. Opening Ceremony meet RI President's Representative Byung-Rak Tak, and hear Canadian Polio Survivor Joan Toone speak on Polio, party with fellow Rotarians at the After-Hours Reception hosted by Area 6A clubs in the Kitsap Credit Union Board Room

Saturday - Celebrate International Service Day by participating in a hands-on community service project. Keynote speaker James Bodenner, Vice Chair of the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group plus Group Study Exchange Teams Presentations, Plenary Sessions, free tour of the Turner Joy and the Governors Banquet with RI President's Representative Byung-Rak Tak. Cruise on the tall mast ship Odyssey. Party with Area 6B clubs in the Kitsap Credit Union Board Room

Sunday - Plenary Sessions, Inbound Ambassadorial Scholar, Outbound Peace Scholar, Memorial Service, and take a four-hour cruise on the tall mast ship Odyssey

Celebrate Our Dreams 2009 Rotary District 5020 Conference

When: April 24, 25, 26

Where: Kitsap Conference Center, Bremerton, Washington

Cost: No charge - except for food package

Registration online at [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

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**District Governor**  
Brian Beagle and wife  
Barbara  
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## Upcoming Events

March 2009  
23 - May 4 - GSE Team  
from Australia

April 2009  
14- May 19 - GSE Team  
from Dominican Republic

24-26 - District Conference  
in Bremerton

## Inbound Scholar from District 2710

### Biography of Megumi Fujino

My name is Megumi Fujino, and I am a 2008-9 Inbound Student on the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Program from District 2710 which includes my home town of Nagato, Japan. I am 25 years old, and I studied previously at TransPacific Hawaii College towards a degree in Child and Youth Care. At present, I am a 3rd year student in Social Sciences at the University of Victoria, and my hope is that I will eventually be able to complete my degree at this institution.

While at UVic, I have joined the Victoria Rotaract Club and have participated in some of their successful fund-raising events. I have also participated in events of my counselor's club, and have indicated to other clubs in the area that I would be willing to help them as well.

Since I arrived in Canada, my biggest involvement with Rotary was with the Zone 22 institute from September 7th to the 14th 2008. I was introduced to Mr. Kazuhiko Ozawa, a Rotary International Director from Yokosuka Rotary Club in Kanagawa Japan. Mr. Ozawa does not speak any English, and I was able to act as his translator around Victoria. I have made a very good contact with Mr. Ozawa, and I will be contacting him when I return to Japan to see about becoming more involved with Rotary.

Currently, I also spend time with a 90 years old lady who requires assistance due to blindness and mobility problems. Since I hope to eventually become a childcare worker, I spend time with many small children who come to visit in the boarding home where I live.

I hope this short summary of my life has given you a good impression of



who I am.  
Thanks again to the Rotary Foundation for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

## “Welcome Aboard” Mid Island Rotaract Club



On January 23, the Mid-Island Rotaract Club was chartered. Drawing from the area that encompasses Ladysmith to Nanaimo to Qualicum Beach, it is a community-based Rotaract Club, with members comprised of young working professionals and Vancouver Island University students.

As of Charter night the Club had already raised \$2,000 of their \$8,000 goal, and has since been accepted as a member of the Rotary Mid-Island World Community Service Committee.

Photo: Front row far right: President Ron Blank (Nanaimo Daybreak Rotary Club); second row left: Rotaract Club President Kalila Wilkinson next to DG Brian Beagle; third row far right: Doug Pearson (Nanaimo North Rotary Club). Not pictured: President Suzanne Benoit (Nanaimo North Rotary Club) and AG Brian Kirkhope

## Two New Provisional Rotary Clubs Announced

**The Yelm Rotary Club (Provisional)** meets at 7 AM Tuesday's at Clark's Bar and Grill at the Tahoma Golf Course, 5425 Mossman St S.W., Yelm, Washington, 98597.

**Gig Harbor North Rotary Club (Provisional)** meets 5 PM Tuesday's at St. Anthony Medical Center. Please contact President Pat Williams, President-elect Kathi Melendez for exact meeting location: Williams at 318-7503 or Melendez at 509-0065

### DLTA in Victoria on 21-22 February was a resounding success



Picture #1 - Vanna with the Blue Team, DGN Bob Martin and AG Karen McCarthy

A special THANK YOU to the hard work of PDG Norm Watts (District Trainer), AG Judy Byron (DLTA Chair), the entire DLTA committee, and an army of trainers and volunteers. It was the best attended DLTA in recent years, with over 550 Rotary Club leaders, Rotaractors and guests participating.

In an entertaining but educational change of pace, PDG Ross White moderated one breakout session as a game show, with Blue and Gold teams competing to answer tough questions about Rotary. The audience cheered their respective teams, and jeered the opposition. Fun was had by all.



Picture #2 - Vanna, aka Barbara Beagle (is that DG Brian's wife?) with moderator PDG Ross White

### GSE Team visits Southern Australia

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District 5020's outbound GSE Team, led by AG Kim Sleno (Comox Rotary Club), has been in southern Australia since the second week of February.

Focused on sustainable forestry, the Team has traveled non-stop throughout District 9780. Meet the members and check out their exciting blog entries at <http://gse-d5020-d9780.blogspot.com>.

Photo:

Bottom row: Kim Sleno (Team Leader), Jill Werk (Campbell River)

Top row:

Dave Brown and Ben Curtis (Campbell River), Koshare Lomnicki (Olympia)



### Application for The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Pilot Program

At the recently completed PETS, the Presidents-elect, representing their Rotary Clubs voted overwhelmingly to ratify the recommendation that District 5020 should apply to be a Pilot District to help shape the Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation. That application has been sent. Results will be announced mid-July 2009 by the Pilot District selection committee.

#### What is the The Rotary Foundation Future Vision pilot Program?

The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Pilot is a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's Future Vision Plan . To simplify the grant-making process, the plan offers only two types of grants: Rotary Foundation District Grants and Rotary Foundation Global Grants . Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

## The Rotaract Club of the University of Puget Sound Charter Ceremony

On March 3 the Rotaract Club of the University of Puget Sound held a chartering ceremony on campus. Chartered by RI in June 2008, this very energetic and dedicated Rotaract Club has already participated in a number of service projects: food banks, Toy Rescue Mission, Oak Tree

Park projects with Tacoma #8, feeding of the homeless in downtown Tacoma, helping out at two of Tacoma #8's auctions, and holding two on-campus seminars on Marketing and Non-Profits with Tacoma #8 Rotarians as panel members.



Photo #1: Front row: Jeff Rounce, President, Tacoma #8, DG Brian Beagle, Lisa Griswold and Monica Cowdery, Rotaract Club Co-Presidents. Back row: Tacoma #8 Past Presidents Steve Smith and Pete Taylor. Not pictured: Jim Henderson and Carol Duris, Tacoma #8 Rotaract Committee Co-Chairs.



Photo #2: Rotaract Club members with DG Brian Beagle

## New 2009-10 Rotary International Theme Unveiled By Arnold R. Grahl RI News -- 19 January 2009

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

