

District Digest – May 4

* **PreConference Activities** – are planned for the enjoyment of everyone attending the District Conference in Parksville-Qualicum Beach. Go to the link on the district website <http://www.rotary5020.org/conference/2008/things-to-do.pdf> Of course, don't forget to register for the conference on the website.

* **RI and District Awards** – This has been a successful year and very Rotary club in D5020 will be presented with an award at the District Conference; so make sure your club is well represented to accept these RI and District Awards.

* **The Mid-Island Walk for ALS** – organized by the RC of Parksville AM members is scheduled for Sunday June 8. To get involved go to the website www.walkforals.ca “Mid-Island Walk”. ALS has claimed the lives of so many including our valued Rotarians; so have your club well represented in this worthwhile Rotary event.

* **Available Fire Equipment** - Wayne Green, President of the RC of Port McNeill is aware of some fire fighting equipment that has become surplus due to a change in Worksafe BC requirements. Do you know of any district project that may be able to utilize this equipment? Contact Wayne Pwgreen@telus.net

* **RI Convention** – The Amtrak Rotary Express is now booked for travel to LA. A District 5020 Reception at the LA Convention will be held for all attending from D5020 in the House of Friendship June 15 at 2:30 to 4:00. Northern Lights or the Far West breakfasts can be booked on the zone websites. There is also a move to have Canadians wear red to stand out for Canadian President Wilf.

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Also there will be a RAGM (Rotary Action Group for Microcredit) AGM at the Convention. PDG Joan is organizing the Microcredit workshop for the Convention.

· **Submit Foundation Contributions** – Now is the time to record all your Foundation contributions with RI. Club and district goals depend on these data. The newsletter “Every Rotarian Every Year can be found at the link below:
http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/erey_news0805_en.pdf

* **District Newsletter Editions** – There will be one more printed edition of The District Express newsletter which will be available for distribution at the District Conference. The Editor did not produce the April/May issue due a family health concern.

*** Grand Opening of School in Malawi.**

Several Rotary Clubs in 5020 are supporting a secondary school for girls in rural Malawi. On March 22, the school was officially opened. Canadian and Malawian flags were raised. Local leaders and politicians made speeches. There was much singing and dancing. The event started at 9:00 a.m. and wound up with a feast for 500 people at 1:00. See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT8i8IVlkKs> Christie Johnson is eager to speak to Rotarians who would like to get involved in this heart-warming project.

Have a great Rotary Week!!

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