

Governor's MONTHLY LETTER 2020

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Rotary Opens Opportunities
ロータリーは機会の扉を開く

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Governor's Message

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Let our hearts beat as one as we open opportunities together.

Have you all been able to make the switch over to your "new lifestyle?" The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to rethink the nature of our lifestyle up to now. My concern is that "the act of coming together," which represents the very roots of Rotary, is being hindered. Thanks to forward progress in IT, the actual act of exchanging information can be done without meeting up with other people. However, I feel that robs people of the ability to obtain the joy of meeting and congregating with others.

Twenty-five years ago when I first joined the Rotary Club of Tokyo Ginza, over the course of my long training, I served in multiple posts that included District Conference Chair and Club President, and assumed the post of District Governor as if encouraged to do so by 2020 being the year of the Tokyo Olympics. However, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the Olympics to be delayed. In Rotary as well, a DVD was used in place of the training seminar for our Presidents-elect, and our District Training Assembly was held in different configuration than before. These are indicative of just how much we were impacted. While I have assumed the post of District Governor in what are certainly trying times, I intend to treasure what my great predecessors taught me, and fulfill my duties while benefiting from the support of all of you.

The theme raised by Holger Knaack, President of Rotary International (RI) for 2020-21, in sunny San Diego was "Rotary Opens Opportunities." As for how to open those opportunities, the President of RI stressed that we should choose new members as if we were choosing new friends for life, that Rotary must and will change to match the times, and that diversity, more than anything else, is where Rotary's appeal lies. He particularly emphasized how the next level of activities by young and female members would change Rotary going forward. Based on that, I chose "Barrier-Free Mind" as the theme that I would advocate. My hope is to take advantage of the current era to unite the hearts of Rotarians and practice the above three points promoted by RI President Knaack. While barriers come in both physical and mental forms, I believe that the inside of people's hearts is what poses the trickiest barrier. Eliminating that barrier gives way to two-way interaction of the mind. That, I feel, is a key element of interpersonal relationships.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been press reports of antagonistic actions taken towards Asians in Europe and the United States. Even in Japan as well, elements such as the policing of self-restraint potentially leading to discrimination are being viewed as a problem. Progress in globalization has resulted in the distribution of commodities worldwide, yet human solidarity appears to be devolving. The true value of the volunteer activities that we promote truly manifests itself in the two-way interaction of the mind between people. Let us in District 2750 let everyone know that the hearts of us Rotarians, with our "barrier-free mind," beat as one.

Lastly, please make it a policy to "keep distance but remain connected." Rotary has marked 115 years since its founding. Surely, with the passage of time, the COVID-19 pandemic will become another obstacle that we managed to overcome. Once we have fully gotten over this trying time with our hearts beating as one, a whole new world undoubtedly awaits us.

District 2750 Membership Attendance Report May 2020

| Club Name | Regular meeting | Attendance percentage | Member quantity | | | Club Name | Regular meeting | Attendance percentage | Member quantity | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | July 1, 2019 | End of May 2020 | Variations | | | | July 1, 2019 | End of May 2020 | Variations |
| Chiyoda Group | | | | | | Yamanote West Group | | | | | |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-South | 0 | | 189 | 193 | 4 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jiyugaoka | 0 | | 15 | 16 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shiba | 0 | | 50 | 55 | 5 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya Central | 0 | | 16 | 15 | -1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shimbashi | 0 | | 62 | 58 | -4 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yoneyama Yuai | 2 | 63.00 | 34 | 35 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akasaka | 0 | | 48 | 48 | 0 | Rotary E-Club of District 2750, Tokyo Yoneyama | 2 | 90.00 | 32 | 33 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Minato | 0 | | 38 | 37 | -1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo Daikanyama | 2 | 55.00 | 21 | 28 | 7 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Azabu | 2 | 37.50 | 13 | 16 | 3 | Tama South Group | | | | | |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Global | 0 | | 21 | 21 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji | 0 | | 67 | 66 | -1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sunrise Shiodome | 2 | 49.10 | 21 | 19 | -2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida | 0 | | 56 | 56 | 0 |
| Ginza/Nihonbashi Group | | | | | | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hino | 0 | | 34 | 33 | -1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza | 0 | | 184 | 185 | 1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji West | 4 | 100.00 | 106 | 109 | 3 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi | 0 | | 202 | 208 | 6 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Naka | 0 | | 27 | 28 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tsukiji | 0 | | 72 | 71 | -1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji East | 0 | | 27 | 32 | 5 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi East | 0 | | 47 | 44 | -3 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji South | 3 | 100.00 | 76 | 78 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo | 0 | | 211 | 209 | -2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida-Salvia | 0 | | 30 | 34 | 4 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Nihonbashi West | 0 | | 42 | 44 | 2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tobihino | 0 | | 21 | 23 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ginza New | 0 | | 74 | 80 | 6 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Machida East | 0 | | 29 | 30 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-City Nihonbashi | 0 | | 41 | 39 | -2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hachioji North | 0 | | 39 | 42 | 3 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chuo Shin | 3 | 50.20 | 58 | 64 | 6 | Tama Middle Group | | | | | |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akebono | 3 | | 21 | 21 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa | 0 | | 114 | 121 | 7 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Sanno | 0 | | 34 | 36 | 2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei | 0 | | 37 | 39 | 2 |
| Keihin Group | | | | | | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kokubunji | 0 | | 34 | 35 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Haneda | 0 | | 55 | 57 | 2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Mitaka | 0 | | 44 | 44 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa | 0 | | 47 | 45 | -2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima | 0 | | 54 | 56 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Omori | 0 | | 41 | 37 | -4 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi | 0 | | 49 | 51 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shinagawa Chuo | 0 | | 31 | 33 | 2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tachikawa Kobushi | 0 | | 91 | 92 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu | 0 | | 48 | 51 | 3 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inokashira | 0 | | 26 | 26 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Konan Marine | 0 | | 20 | 20 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Akishima Chuo | 0 | | 49 | 47 | -2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Osaki | 0 | | 29 | 28 | -1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Kokubunji | 0 | | 36 | 42 | 6 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kamata | 0 | | 60 | 57 | -3 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Koganei-Sakura | 0 | | 23 | 25 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Keihin | 0 | | 26 | 27 | 1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Kunitachi Shiroume | 0 | | 16 | 17 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Denenchofu Midori | 0 | | 21 | 23 | 2 | Rotary E-Club of Tokyo Peace Wing | 4 | 50.00 | 24 | 27 | 3 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shirokane | 0 | | 32 | 32 | 0 | Tama East Group | | | | | |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Takanawa | 1 | 56.52 | 22 | 24 | 2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Fuchu | 0 | | 58 | 59 | 1 |
| Yamanote East Group | | | | | | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu | 0 | | 64 | 64 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-West | 0 | | 193 | 200 | 7 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama | 0 | | 24 | 25 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Josai | 3 | | 71 | 71 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Komae | 0 | | 15 | 14 | -1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seinan | 0 | | 52 | 50 | -2 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Inagi | 0 | | 30 | 29 | -1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Harajuku | 0 | | 21 | 18 | -3 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Musashi Fuchu | 0 | | 42 | 40 | -2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Suginami | 0 | | 40 | 40 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tamagawa | 0 | | 21 | 21 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jingu | 0 | | 27 | 26 | -1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Tama Green | 0 | | 29 | 29 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Ebisu | 0 | | 120 | 120 | 0 | Rotary Club of Tokyo-Chofu Murasaki | 0 | | 69 | 71 | 2 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Hiroo | 2 | 64.63 | 28 | 27 | -1 | Rotary Club of Tokyo i City | 0 | | 17 | 18 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Shibuya | 3 | | 34 | 37 | 3 | Pacific Basin Group | | | | | |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Roppongi | 3 | 100.00 | 52 | 53 | 1 | Rotary Club of Guam | | | 61 | 55 | -6 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Atago | 3 | 84.60 | 30 | 33 | 3 | Rotary Club of Saipan | | | 39 | 42 | 3 |
| Yamanote West Group | | | | | | Rotary Club of Tumon Bay | | | 61 | 62 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya | 0 | | 47 | 46 | -1 | Rotary Club of Northern Guam | 0 | | 35 | 32 | -3 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Meguro | 0 | | 37 | 36 | -1 | Rotary Club of Pohnpei | | | 23 | 23 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo | 0 | | 16 | 17 | 1 | Rotary Club of Palau | | | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Setagaya South | 0 | | 100 | 96 | -4 | Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise | | | 17 | 18 | 1 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Jonan | 0 | | 20 | 17 | -3 | Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon | | | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Yamanote | 0 | 100.00 | 71 | 71 | 0 | Rotary Club of Pago Bay Guam E | | | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Seijo Shin | 0 | | 31 | 33 | 2 | Total in Japan - 89 | | | 4,469 | 4,544 | 75 |
| Rotary Club of Tokyo-Aoyama | 0 | | 23 | 21 | -2 | Total in 2750 dis. - 98 | | | 4,742 | 4,813 | 71 |

* The table shows the provisional data as of the last day of May.