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23 CLUBS -- 961 MEMBERS

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To the Presidents and Secretaries
Rotary Clubs of the 60th District

Happy New Year

1. 1950 Conference of the 60th District

The 1950 Conference for the 60th District will be held in Kyoto in April 15-16-17. Have you already appointed the "On-to-Kyoto Committee"? According to the Conference Committee of the host club only answers to their inquiry are in from 9 clubs, about 130 expecting to attend. The number will doubtless increase as time draws nearer but I solicit your further cooperation in answering the committee's inquiry from time to time.

There is another thing that I would like to have your cooperation; that is in connection with the Roster of the Rotarians in the 60th District, of which there has been a big demand. In order that such roster can be ready for distribution at the Conference, the service of the Conference Committee is available for the compilation of the same. You are, therefore, requested to please send immediately your latest roster (with pronouncing symbols to each name) to:

Mr. Jiro Morita, Secretary, the Rotary Club of Kyoto,
c/o Kyoto Bankers' Association,
Nishiki North, Takakura-dori, Nakakyo-ku, Kyoto.
Please hurry!

2. The 45th Anniversary of Rotary

The 45th Anniversary of Rotary is on February 23 (Thursday), as I mentioned in my previous letter. Each Club is urged to arrange a commemorating program, to let the public recognize the existence of the Rotary in its community and acknowledge the reason why, in its regular or special meeting during the week (February 22-25), making the best use of the materials, already in your hands.

3. End-of-1949 Figures on Rotary

110 provisional Rotary clubs became Rotary clubs in the period 1 July, 1949 to 31 December, 1949. Of these 110 clubs, 24 were reestablished clubs. These new clubs were located as follows:

United States, Canada and Bermuda	22
South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Antilles	20
Great Britain and Ireland	9
Continental Europe, North Africa, and Eastern Mediterranean Region ..	23
Asia	24
Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Other Places not included in any other group	12

Needless to say the above figures include 11 clubs (=10%) of our country, Yokohama, etc.

Taking the termination of 6 clubs in the same period into consideration, the total number of Rotary clubs as of 31 December was 6,938. Total membership was approximately 335,000.

4. The new club in District 60

One club was re-admitted and two "new" Clubs were born in District 60, since the last report. These make the number of clubs to 23 with the total membership of 961. It is really encouraging. More extension is desired for 1950 with the cooperation of you all. The new clubs are:

The Rotary Club of Ichinomiya (Charter No. 7410--admitted on Dec. 31, 1949)
Saturday, 12:30 Geiyokan Hotel
Pres. Joji Yasuno, Secy. Shigeru Yamamoto
(Charter Members 22)

The Rotary Club of Kokura (Charter No. 7413--admitted on 12 January 1950)
Saturday 12:30 Izutsuya Department Stores.
Pres. Hiroyuki Shimoi, Secy. Kenjiro Noguchi
(Charter Members 29)

The Rotary Club of Moji (Charter No. 3725--admitted on 12 January 1950)
Thursday 12:30 Moji Shoko Club
(Charter Members 29)

There has been changes in meeting places and offices. In compliance with requests from some Rotary clubs I have made a list of Rotary Club in District 60, which is attached to this letter. If you find any errors or omissions or if there are any changes in the future, please let me know without delay, so as to keep my information up-to-date.

An organization meeting was held on 17 January by the provisional Rotary Club of Sendai. They meet on Tuesdays at Brother-ken. A gala meeting was held on 20 January at Higata for the Charter presentation of the Rotary Club there.

5. Rotary Foundation Contributions and Fellows

The Rotary Club of Osaka has since made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation of U.S. \$810. at \$10 each for 81 members, or ¥291,600. We now have 4-100% Clubs in District 60 in Rotary Clubs of Okayama, Tokyo, Hiroshima and Osaka. The Secretariat takes up this matter as a top new in their letter to R.I. officials of the world. Besides the above I received a contribution of ¥118,800 or U.S. \$330. from 33 members of the Rotary club of Fukuoka, making a total receipt up to date of U.S. \$3170 or ¥1,243,600. Thanks a million for your cooperation. I fully expect the same kind of cooperation from other clubs in the district, in the near future.

As of 31 December, 1949, the total contributions to the Rotary Foundation since inception amounted to \$2,402,320. From 1 July, 1949, to 31 December, 1949, contributions amounted to \$69,277.

6. Semi-Annual Report of Membership and Per Capita Tax

Some has sent me the above report but I have not yet received from the others. The report is to be sent to the Secretariat as of 1 January, sending me a copy without fail. It is also desired that the per capita tax should be

said to the fiscal agent as soon as possible. Each club must have received the forms directly from the Secretariat: if not, I have some to furnish you in case of need.

7. A young Rotary ambassador

Recently, an unaddressed letter from the U.S. with just the street number was delivered at Rotarian (Past President of R.C. of Tokyo) Kiyota Kaneko's, with P.O.'s notation on the letter, "try the Kaneko's". The letter reads as follows:

"It was my happy and delightful privilege to take your son Hiroshi Kaneko to our Rotary Club today. He was our guest speaker. It is needless to say he did a fine job. Both of you have every reason to be proud of your son. Your son also talked to our International Relations Club which I sponsor and he did a most excellent job. All Rotarians appreciated the talk of your son and I am sure we will read of his success in the future".

It was evident that the letter was meant for the parents of Hiroshi Kaneko, who is studying at the Central Missouri State College, under personal care of Prof. R.T. Wood, the author of the letter.

Let us hope that all sons and daughters of Rotarians, who are under similar situation as this young Kaneko, would serve as young Rotary ambassadors, whenever possible.

8. Japanese translation of the "Brief Facts About Rotary"

The "Rotary Taiyo", the Japanese translation of the familiar R.I. Pamphlet No. 1, "Brief Facts About Rotary" is now in the press and will be sent to you when ready. Additional copies are available for your requirements. Please make good use of the publication.

9. Reinstatement of the Membership

In working on translation of the "Membership and Classifications in the Rotary Club" (R.I. Pamphlet No. 17) I came across with the following statements on Page 19 in connection with the reinstatement of the membership, refreshing my memories:--

When the membership of an active member has terminated by reason of his changing from one concern to another or from one line of business to another, he may make new application for membership in the same club, and, whether made under the same or another classification, his application shall be considered in advance of any other, and, if elected to membership, he shall not be required to pay a second admission fee.

"No provision is made in the standard constitution for a Rotary club and by-laws recommended for a Rotary club for reinstating a member who has resigned because of illness or has been dropped for not attending the number of consecutive meetings nor the percentage of meetings in a given period of time provided for in the constitution of the club. There is nothing, however, in the standard constitution or by-laws recommended for a Rotary club which would prevent the club from taking back into its membership, as a new member, one whose membership has terminated in such a manner."

The above, particularly the latter paragraph, may, I think, serve as reference to alleviate the worries of some of the clubs.

10. "Service Is My Business"

The first two printings of 25,000 copies each were exhausted and a third printing, also of 25,000 copies were off the press in December. The book has been in heavy demand during the past several months. Some took a book home to clarify the true meaning of vocational service in Rotary. Some found this a suitable Christmas gift. Some clubs used it as presents to their members on their birthdays. Also the book is found to be a wonderfully fine medium for imparting information to the new member about Rotary's second object. Besides "the constantly increasing number of orders received from non-Rotarians and from non-Rotary organizations testifies to the wide appeal of 'Service Is My Business' in the field of literature dealing in human relations in business and industry", according to the Secretariat Letter.

When we look at the social conditions of Japan today it will not be myself alone who feels the advisability of the translation "Hoshi-koso Waga Tsutome", being more widely read. There still are a number of copies left of the first printing. I solicit your cooperation in the distribution of the work.

11. Re the induction of new members

The skit "the Making of a Rotarian", illustrating how preinduction information may be given in a simple, but interesting way, of which I have mentioned in my letter No. 5 dated 16 November, 1949, has been in a great demand from various clubs. I have, therefore, had copies made of the above and attaching to this letter, addressed to the presidents. I earnestly hope that you would make use of the above at a suitable occasion.

12. Club Bulletins

I have often reiterated that every club should issue bulletins weekly, or biweekly, or even monthly and I also strongly urged at the intercity assembly of the Shikoku Island Clubs the other day. The result is evident in having a monthly bulletin of the R.C. of Kochi, of which I am very much pleased.

The most effective way to get out the bulletin is to appoint the bulletin committee and to rely on its activities. Don't say tomorrow but do it today!

13. Ten Ways to Kill a Good Club

According to the recent Monthly Letter of Vernon Burkhardt, Governor of District No. 231, R.I., of Barnesville, Ohio "Ten Ways to Kill a Good Club" are as follows:

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you do, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the officers and members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to think.
6. Nevertheless, get annoyed if you are not appointed to a committee.
If you are appointed, don't attend the committee meeting.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him you have nothing to say! After the meeting tell everyone how things should have been done.

8. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary. When other members roll up their sleeves and unselfishly use their ability to help things along, howl that the club is run by a "clique".
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible -- better still, don't pay them at all.
10. Don't bother about getting any new members; but if you do, be sure they are grouches like yourself.

Do you know of any one like this? I wish we could say with emphasis that there is no such member in Rotary in Japan.

14. Attendance Record for December

Clubs	Regular Meetings	Membership	December Percentage	100% Meetings	November Percentage for comparison
Nishinomiya	4	23	94.6%	2	91.3%
Oteru	4	23	93.8%	0	90.7%
Yyoto	4	64	92.0%	0	88.9%
Tokushima	4	27	90.8%	0	92.6%
Yokohama	4	41	89.8%	0	85.6%
Nagoya	3	54	87.0%	0	78.4%
Kobe	5	57	85.7%	0	81.8%
Sapporo	4	40	86.2%	0	84.5%
Imabari	4	35	85.7%	0	94.3%
Niigata	4	24	84.4%	0	81.9%
District Average			84.1%		
Oasa	5	82	82.8%	0	76.9%
Kochi	4	24	82.3%	0	89.2%
Fukuoka	4	44	81.9%	0	71.7%
Hakodate	5	24	81.7%	0	86.1%
Gifu	3	20	81.7%	0	-----
Tokyo	4	174	81.5%	0	79.8%
Kumamoto	5	27	80.0%	0	81.5%
Yokkaichi	4	20	80.0%	0	90.0%
Okayama	4	25	75.0%	0	76.9%
Firoshima	4	42	64.9%	0	73.8%
Total		681	84.1%	2	84.0%

Even 0.1% is a good sign to be better than the last month's average.

15. "Happiness visits the smiling home"

Such is a saying in our country. Roy Palmer, Governor of District 213, R.I., of Ottawa, Illinois, writes in his Monthly Letter that:

"You use 18 muscles when you frown
Four make a smile;
Rest your face."
Try it yourself, if you don't believe it.

Sincerely yours,

Tomotake Teshima
Governor, District 60, R.I.
(1949-50)