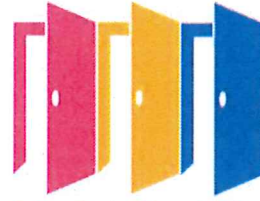


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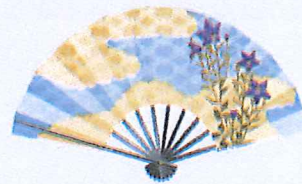
Welcome to Rotary Club of Little Tokyo 2020-2021



Rotary 

DISTRICT 5280

**ROTARY CLUB OF
LITTLE TOKYO,
LOS ANGELES**



ROTARY CLUB?

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. It was founded on February 23rd, 1905. (Comparing Kiwanese (1915), Rotary Foundation (1917), UNICEF (1946))

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-sectarian organization open to all people regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are 34,282 member clubs worldwide, and 1.2 million individuals, known as Rotarians, have joined.

For more than 110 years, our **guiding principles** have been the foundation of our values: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Guiding principles

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Avenues of Service

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity.

- **Club Service** focuses on making clubs strong. A thriving club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership development plan.
- **Vocational Service** calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society. Learn more in *An Introduction to Vocational Service and the Code of Conduct*.
- **Community Service** encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest. Learn more in *Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects*.
- **International Service** exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this service avenue by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.
- **Youth Service** recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Club

The Rotary Club is the basic unit of Rotary activity, and each club determines its own membership. Most clubs meet weekly, usually at a mealtime on a weekday in a

regular location, when Rotarians can discuss club business and hear from guest speakers. Each club also conducts various service projects within its local community, and participates in special projects involving other clubs in the local district, and occasionally a special project in a "sister club" in another nation. Most clubs also hold social events at least quarterly and in some cases more often.

Each club elects its own president and officers among its active members for a one-year term. The clubs enjoy considerable autonomy within the framework of the standard constitution and the constitution and bylaws of Rotary International. The governing body of the club is the Club Board (sometimes called Club Council), consisting of the club president (who serves as the Board chairman), a president-elect, club secretary, club treasurer, and several Club Board directors, including the immediate past president and the President Elect. The president usually appoints the directors to serve as chairs of the major club committees, including those responsible for club service, vocational service, community service, youth service, and international service.

Rotarians may attend any Rotary club around the world at one of their weekly meetings.

District level

A district governor, who is an officer of Rotary International and represents the RI board of directors in the field, leads his/her respective Rotary district. Each governor is nominated by the clubs of his/her district, and elected by all the clubs meeting in the annual RI District Convention held each year. The district governor appoints assistant governors from among the Rotarians of the district to assist in the management of Rotary activity and multi-club projects in the district.

Zone level

Approximately 15 Rotary districts form a zone. A zone director, who serves as a member of the RI board of directors, heads two zones. The zone director is nominated by the clubs in the zone and elected by the convention for the terms of two consecutive years.

Rotary International



Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, United States.

Rotary International is governed by a board of directors composed of the international president, the president-elect, the general secretary, and 17 zone directors. The nomination and the election of each president is handled in the one-to three-year period before he takes office and is based on requirements including geographical balance among Rotary zones and previous service as a district governor and board member. The international board meets quarterly to establish policies and make recommendations to the overall governing bodies, the RI Convention and the RI Council on Legislation.

The chief operating officer of RI is the general secretary, who heads a staff of about 600 people working at the international headquarters in Evanston and in seven international offices around the world.

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo



The purpose of this booklet is to present:

- A brief history of our local, district, and international Rotary organization and membership
- An overview of responsibilities and privileges associated with Rotary membership
- Rotary's expectations of new members

Topics Discussed:

- Welcome from President
- Club History
- Past Presidents
- Who's Who in 2020-2021
- Expectations of Membership
- Attendance
- Blue Badge Requirements
- Craft Talks
- Five Avenues of Service
- What is the Rotary Foundation?
- How to Propose a New Member
- Sponsor Requirements
- Rotary Resources

We present this information to you because:

- Our membership Committee is confident that your personal and business ethics and reputation will be a service both to our business and professional community.
- Our Classification Committee has verified your occupation and place of employment and decided you are an outstanding member of and/or leader in your chosen vocation.
- Our Board of Directors has approved your sponsor's application naming you as a candidate for Rotary Club of Little Tokyo membership.
- The General Membership has approved your membership based on your promised commitment to participation and the ideals of Rotary and the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo.

Our decision to consider your proposed membership was based on your commitment to the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. As Rotarians, we seek to encourage and foster:

- Acquaintance as an opportunity for service to others.
- High ethical standards in business and professions, through recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and through each Rotarian dignifying his/her own occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- Application of the ideals of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business, and community life.
- Advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons, united in the ideal of service.
- Participation on a committee as assigned by the Club President.
- Participation in Rotary-sponsored community projects
- Participation in Rotary social functions
- Participation in Rotary District and International activities

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo President:

Mari Robinson

Dear Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Rotarian:

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Board of Directors and members it is my pleasure to welcome you to our club.

Ahead of you is the opportunity to participate in the largest, and most active service organizations in the world. Rotary is known and respected worldwide as a group of men and women who simply come to help - by bringing clean water and food, by teaching literacy and by providing assistance after disasters.

However, we are first and foremost a local Rotary Club of Little Tokyo club with a proud legacy of serving our community and of creating lifelong friendships and business associations with our fellow members.

The emphasis in my year as president will be to further encourage your participation and camaraderie including both service and social events. I invite you to "get involved" and make this a truly rewarding chapter in your life. The opportunity to work and socialize with our quality members offers you a rare chance to fulfill and round out your life's goals and desires on a very positive and uplifting level.

As Rotarians we pledge to "Open Opportunities" but I attest that we must have fun in the process to make the participation and the rewards meaningful and enduring.

Welcome aboard and I hope your membership is as rewarding to you as it has been for me.

Yours in Rotary,

Mari Robinson
President 2020-2021

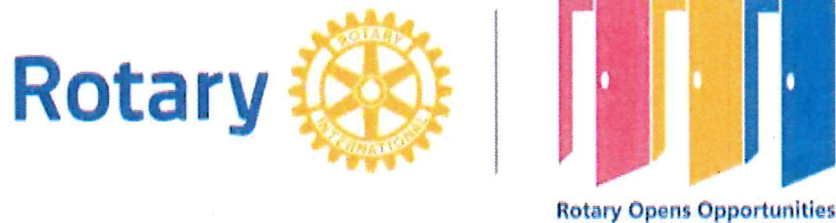
Rotary International Information

Rotary International President: Holger Knaack



Theme for 2020-2021,
Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary International Logo



A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement." Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association." A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

District 5280 Information

District Governor: Bette Hall



District Governor
Calabasas

Membership Rewards and Benefits

A Rotary Club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community, and these leaders take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal lives. Membership in a Rotary Club offers a number of benefits:

- Effecting change within the community
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of, and having an impact on, international humanitarian issues.
- Advancing business and professional networking.

Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians in more than 32,000 Clubs, in 168 countries make substantial contributions through Rotary's service programs, to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

Our Club History

- 2014 Nov First Club Meeting on November 18th at Coffee Shop. Started outlining club organization and activities.
- 2015 Mar Attended First District Meeting on March 31st, at City Club.Club
- 2015 Apr Initiated first community service as Frances Hashimoto Plaza Beautification on Sunday April 26th.
- 2015 Jun Club was chartered on June 30th with a nucleus of twenty members from the Little Tokyo Community and around Sponsored by the Glendale Rotary Club, Wilshire Rotary Club and LA 5. Makiko Nakasone became the Charter President. The club regular meeting venue was selected at the Far East Café on the First street, a historic building as being the center of Japanese immigrants' activities since 1930's.
- 2015 Jul Attended District Breakfast as a group on July 28th and recognized at the podium as the newest club in the District
- 2015 Sep Club's Inaugural Luncheons at the Official Residence of Consul General of Japan in Hancock Park on Sep. 13th with more than 80 attendees.
- 2015 Dec Club's first year-end party at Bowling Alley/Party Lounge on Dec 11th.
- 2016 Jan Rotary International's Peace Conference held in Ontario, CA from January 15th to 16th, with Makiko and Mike in attendance.
- 2016 April As a District Grant project, a commemorative stone monument was installed at Frances K. Hashimoto Beautification Project site.
- 2016 April Global Grant Project to de-contaminate the farmland in Fukushima approved
- 2016 May Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea from May 25th June 2nd, attended by Makiko and Mike.
- 2016 Jun Club President Makiko's Demotion Party at Far Bar on June 25th.
- 2016 Jun Rotary Year 2016-2017 started with Mike as the President 2016-2017 and Tsukasa as the President-Elect.
- 2017 Apr Two Year Anniversary Reception held on April 23rd for our signature community service project, Frances Hashimoto Plaza Beautification.

- 2017 Jun Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA from Jun 9th Jun 13th, attended by Makiko, Tsukasa and Mike. Consul General of Japan Hon. Akira Chiba also attended as Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Honorary Member.
- 2017 Jun Club President Mike's Demotion Party at Far Bar on April 24th.
- 2017 Jun Rotary Year 2017-2018 started with Tsukasa as the President 2017-2018 and Alan as the President-Elect.
- 2017 Sep Global Grant kick-off at Glendale Unified School District Peace Education.
- 2018 Feb "Respect For Seniors" event with Children's Music Performance
- 2018 Mar Global Grant project in Columbia
- 2018 Apr Global Grant project "World Peace Conference" held in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles.
- 2018 May Community Clean-up "Little Tokyo Sparkle"
- 2018 June Club President 2018-2019 Promotion Party held at Tamon/Miyako Hotel. Then, Interim President Alan Kumamoto was promoted to the president.
- 2018 Nov Community Theater "East West Players" Tour
- 2019 Apr Fire Department Tour
- 2019 June Club President 2019-2020 Promotion Party held at LT Bowling Center. George Tanaka was promoted to the president.
- 2019 Jul Speech Contest Winner visited Japan
- 2019 Aug Nisei Week Rotary themed Tanabata streamer making for the festival.
- 2019 Oct Local News Paper company tour
- 2020 Feb Walk-in US, Talk-on Japan Event

Others:

- Respect for Seniors "keiro" bi-annual presentation at Sho-Tokyo towers featuring Lumbini Children's singing and flower presentation
- Donation of children's books to Little Tokyo Library honoring weekly meeting speakers.
- Frances Kazuko Hashimoto Plaza's Beautification Project continues.
- Regular Meetings continue
- Attend District meetings

Past Presidents

2015-2016	Makiko Nakasone, Charter President
2016-2017	Masao "Mike" Okamoto
2017-2018	Tsukasa Watanabe
2018-2019	Alan Kumamoto
2019-2020	George Tanaka
2020-2021	Mari Robinson

Who's Who in 2020-21

To contact these individuals, go to Clubrunner.

President	Mari Robinson
President-Elect	Joanne Kumamoto
Treasurer	Sylvia Ena
Secretary	Miho Yanagisawa Groia
Immediately Past President	George Tanaka
Past President	Alan Kumamoto
Past President	Masao "Mike" Okamoto
Charter President	Makiko Nakasone
Club Service	Alan Kumamoto
Community Service	Helen Ota
International Service	Farida Fotouhi
Peace	Farida Fotouhi
Vocational Service	George Tanaka
Youth Service	George Tanaka
Membership	Masao "Mike" Okamoto
Sgt. At Arms	Roy Cho
Programs	Masao "Mike" Okamoto
Rotary Foundation	Mari Robinson
Club Bulletin	Yoko Hata
Photography	Yoshiko Ueda
Public Relations	Joyce Chinn

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions (From Rotary International)

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary.

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, you are expected to:

- Consider your vocation to be another opportunity to serve
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of your vocation, to the laws of our country, and to the moral standards of our community
- Do all in your power to dignify your vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in your chosen vocation
- Be fair to your employer, employees, associated, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom you have a business or professional relationship
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful in society
- Offer your vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in our community
- Adhere to honesty in your advertising and in all representations to the public concerning your business or profession
- Neither seek from, nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

(Applied by Rotarians to everything we think, say, or do.)

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo

Our Missions are;

- 1) To vitalize the community.
- 2) To bridge between Japanese American Community and the Japanese speaking community
- 3) To be a "go-to" specialists in US Japan relationship and US Japan Cultural exchange.

Attendance

Our Standard

Rotary asks that all members commit to attend at least 50% of all regularly scheduled meetings and programs. Your attendance is necessary to promote continuity, strengthen relationships, and allow your business classification to be properly represented

If, for business or health reasons, you cannot attend the regular meetings of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo, you may "make up" at a District Function or a meeting for another Rotary Club, and receive attendance credit at the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo. Make-up meetings can be attended either fourteen (14) day before, or fourteen (14) days after our regular Club meetings.

When traveling on vacation or business, ask the club secretary for information regarding Rotary Clubs located in the cities you are about to visit. It is a great experience to make up meetings at other Rotary Clubs while allowing you to maintain your attendance commitment.

Financial Obligations to the Rotary Club

Club Dues	\$300
Speakers' Meal	\$20
Meeting Room Charge	N/A
Social Events Charge	100 (Year-End, Demotion)
Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Foundation	100*(recommended)
Rotary International Foundation	100*(recommended)
Additional Contributions - LTRC Foundation	_____
Additional Contributions - Rotary International	_____
TOTAL DUE - Payable to Rotary Club of <i>Little Tokyo</i>	\$420

Your donation to the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo Foundation provides the funding for the Club's charitable giving efforts, such as various projects, scholarships for local students, dictionaries for needy schools, and so on.

The Rotary International Foundation supports efforts worldwide to eliminate polio, provide clean drinking water, student exchange programs, and so on. Club members

who have not achieved Paul Harris Fellow status (\$1000 in total giving) are requested to be a Sustaining Member with a \$100 annual contribution.

Additional Cost Concerns:

- Upon first time member application, there will be a fee of \$100 to process the application and prepare for the incoming member; i.e. name badge, etc.
- For potential young members, Board may provide discounts in club dues and the initial membership application fee up to 25%. However, the Board may decide to discontinue the discount from such time as such discount may be deemed unnecessary for the member.
- For spouse induction, Board may incentivize such recruit and/or retention by granting up to 10% discount in club dues for the added spouse.
- Additional Contributions - LTRC Foundation and Rotary International
- Weekly Venue Meal - The regular club meal meeting fee will be \$12 to \$18 depending on menu selection. You are welcome to pre-pay this fee with your annual statement. There will be a total of 44 regular lunch meetings, which may amount to \$500 to \$800. We also encourage "Happy Bucks" contributions of \$2.00 to \$5.00 or more at each meeting.

- Misc. expenses: District events etc.

Financial costs from \$600 to \$800 a year (Excluding your lunch expenses)

Corporate Member Options

- Corporate Member Options are being offered on case-by-case basis. These options enable multiple members to be registered under one corporate membership. Please ask the Membership Committee for further discussions.

Blue Badge Requirements

Each new member will be asked to do the following within the first 6-12 months. Once they complete these activities they will turn in their completed sheet into the Membership Chair and their Blue Badge will be presented to them.

- Flag Salute
- Invocation/ Thought for the week
- Introduction of Visitors
- Make-up at another Club
- Attend a Board Meeting
- Craft Talk for Membership
- Attend a Fireside Chat
- Join a Committee
- Log into Clubrunner
- Be a Greeter at the morning meeting
- Attend district breakfast within first six months of membership

In addition to the Blue Badge Requirements it is suggested that new members also do the following during the first year.

Attend a District Conference, the District Assembly and other Rotary events.

Have a conversation or meeting with the:

- President: Review annual focus and programs
- President-elect: Review rights and responsibilities of membership
- Secretary and Treasurer: Review Club attendance and make-up policies and procedures, financial commitments and responsibilities

Find out about the current projects and potential participation from the following Directors:

- Club Services
- International Service
- Youth Service
- Vocational Service

The Craft Talk

Soon after you become a Rotarian, you will be asked to give a "craft talk." First and foremost, allow your craft talk to reveal the essential elements of your approach to the *craft of living*. Tell us a story—your story. What life experiences have shaped your character and how? Organize your presentation any way you please. There is no particular formula or format to follow. Everyone has a distinct and different story to tell.

Yes, networking is a feature of membership in Rotary, but networking is not the same as selling. The craft talk should *not* be a sales pitch. Club members want to know of any particularly significant turning points in your life, such as what led you to the occupation you now pursue, or have pursued in the past, and they would enjoy hearing some unusual or humorous experiences in your life or vocation. But they do *not* want you to use this as an opportunity to troll amongst them for business; please, no advertising, not even a hint of selling (those who wish to use your services will come to you). On the other hand, if you have had critical or important or funny or revealing experiences that describe the nature of your occupation, business, or profession, by all means, relate those to us as part of your life story.

The key to a successful craft talk is whether, after hearing you speak, Club members feel they know you and your family. Club members wish to know how they and you together fit into, and form a unit within, the Family of Rotary.

What you choose to talk about is completely up to you. However, you may wish to include:

- A brief history of your life and career: Your full name, marital status, significant family members, hometown/place of birth, your upbringing, other important places you have lived, education, military service, any experiences you consider important, as well as when, how, and why you came to Little Tokyo and the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo, what you do for entertainment and relaxation, and finally, a small part of the talk should be about your vocation, describing your business or profession and your duties within it. The craft talk is an excellent basis for *networking* with Rotarians, but please note that networking is *not* the same as *selling*.

- Characteristics most needed for success in your business or profession; aspects of your vocation that you find most rewarding or most difficult.
- Technical standards of practice in your field; changes in technology, environmental factors, or government regulations, or other outside forces that impact your vocational field, and how related fields might be affected.
- Ethical standards in your field. What ethical issues do you face in your work, and how does Rotary help you deal with them?

Sample Craft Talk Outline

I. Intro

- Funny story (How you got roped into doing the talk, something funny you did with another Rotarian, something in the news that has a tie-in to your life story.)
- Title or Theme you would use to label what you are going to share (For example, Jim Hallet, a lawyer, said "A reasonable doubt for a reasonable price." I said, "My job is to help business owners and corporations attract and retain the very best talent." The focus is on your job or profession.)

II. Your story

- You can begin with your family, childhood, how you moved here, college or other experiences that make you who you are. (For example, Joe Moyer is a stock broker and at one point he moved onto a sailboat and sailed around the world for ten years! Steve Murrillo was a fighter jock; Mike Doell, for a time, worked as an extra in the movies; etc. You can include or leave out religious, social or other involvements you may have that are meaningful and part of who you are.)
- The Main Part is your profession or job and a description of what you do. (This is actually a great opportunity to sell your services or the value you bring to the club and community. Careful not to give too blatant a "pitch." You will be fined. Emphasis should be on your specialty, how you are different, why you are good at it or why you like it. It's a unique opportunity for the audience to peek into a day in the life of another business person. What is it like to be City Manager, or physician to the Lakers, or Superintendent of Schools? Those sound special, but every job and profession is unique, and I found myself fascinated by a guy who sells food supplements!)

III. Close or wrap-up

- Here you fill in your hobbies, your wife and kids, significant other, if any, or unique things about your life-style or interests. (For example, I like to fly airplanes, I go back to Oshkosh almost every year for the big fly-in. Jay Harkenrider is a baseball player and fan. His favorite team is the pinstriped Yankees! A select number of members like to ride motorcycles, and so on. What is your free time passion?)

Anyway, have fun with it. You can really do whatever you want. Some people make it more autobiography; others focus almost exclusively on their job, while still others spend the most time on their hobby or other interest.

Five Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the Four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

- *Club Service* focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club.
- *Vocational Service* encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.
- *Community Service* covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.
- *International Service* encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

Club Service

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the club. There are many ways to become involved to support this area. You might be interested in participating in working with the Membership, Public Relations, or Program committees. There are also many special events which *come up over the year which require support.*

Membership Committee

Plans, organizes membership activities that will increase club membership. Informs new members and potential members about Rotary International and the projects that the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo sponsors, and assures that members meet the qualifications required by RI and the club. Maintains classifications, new member materials and coordinate semi-annual fireside chats.

Fund Raising Committee

Coordinates the efforts of the Club's major sources of revenue, Magic In Giving Fundraiser, Hometown Fair, and other events.

Membership Directory Committee

Develops and maintains a current listing of Club member information, including: phone numbers, addresses and family members.

Fellowship and Family of Rotary Committee

Plans a series of events designed to draw together members and their families for pleasant social experiences and to promote fellowship. Includes group trips and *Dine Around* program.

Special Events Committee

Promotes fellowship through sporting events at the Club and District level through, golf, bowling, game nights, etc.

Programs Committee

Provides topical, educational, and newsworthy speakers who will assist in making each meeting worthwhile, interesting, and entertaining.

Club Bulletin Committee

Provides a weekly publication that keeps members advised on club activities, upcoming events and noteworthy items.

Member Recognition Committee

Celebrates and sends cards for birthdays and Rotary anniversaries to club members. Also coordinates cards to members during time of grief or serious illness, including as appropriate visits and comfort

Outstanding Rotarian Commiee

Annually selects a member of the club as Rotarian of the Year to be announced at the Demotion Party.

Greeters Committee

At each meeting makes sure the speaker, special guests and visiting Rotarians feel welcomed. Coordinates Club member participation in introductions, pledge, and thought for the day

Music Committee

Provides music to support special occasions and weekly meetings as requested.
Leads the Club in Welcome Song as requested.

Club Calendar Committee

Produces an annual calendar of club events. Coordinates advertising on calendar as fundraiser activity. Works with web-site committee to keep information current.

Web-site Committee

Maintains and updates Rotary Club of Little Tokyo's web site. Post current roster list, bulletin, and special events.

International Service



International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. Advancing world understanding and peace, is expressed in the fourth part of the Object of Rotary. International Services is the impetus for numerous service efforts and other cooperative ventures among Rotarians from different parts of the world through club-to-club contacts, international service projects, peace programs, and cultural and educational exchanges. IS has a long-standing, close collaboration with the United Nations and many of its member agencies. **Our clubs International Services area is involved in a variety of programs across the world.**

Ambassadorial Scholar

Rotary International provides \$25,000 in scholarship money to exceptional candidates to study abroad. This 2008-2009 Rotary year the Little Tokyo Rotary is hosting Eun Young, a PhD. candidate from Korea who studies applied linguistics at UCLA. We are required to provide her counseling and mentorship in Rotary and

Rotary participation. She is required to attend Rotary functions and speak at numerous clubs during her stay.

Youth Study Exchange

There will be opportunities to sponsor Youth Study Exchange student. Some of them are sons and daughters of a Rotary from other countries. They attend local schools and stays in Rotary host family homes.

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange program provides for a group of professionals to spend a month abroad learning about the other culture and building international Rotary relationships. This year, the Little Tokyo Rotary is supporting a student given a chance to study architectural engineering in Los Angeles from one district in Japan. Next year, one other Japanese scholar will be studying at UCLA and we will be assisting the sponsoring club.

Columbia Humanitarian Project

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo is participating in a district grant project to provide humanitarian projects and supports in Columbia.

Bill and Melinda Gates Polio Challenge

The Bill and Melinda Gates foundation has challenged Rotary International to completely eradication polio off the face of the planet with in three years. Each club has been requested to contribute \$1000.00 to this effort. The Little Tokyo Rotary is participating in this challenge.

Youth Service



Through word and deed, in accord with the Four Way Test, Rotary Club of Little Tokyo seeks to instill courage and personal integrity among youth, in our community in particular and the world in general. Exemplary behavior by Rotarians is the best way to teach ethical behavior to young people, through programs that cultivate their social awareness.

Youth Exchange, an avenue of service within this Committee, was started in 1927 by the Rotary Club of Nice, France, and in 1939 was established between California and Latin America. Now all countries participate to some extent; about 7,000 young people participate annually. Exchanges may be sponsored either by a club or by a District.

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo offers young people career guidance, occupational information, and assistance in making vocational choices. Rotary Club of Little Tokyo intends to host student leaders of Interact and Rotaract Clubs in the area and provides assistance to them in carrying out the Club projects and vocational choices.

Community Service Committee



Rotary Club of Little Tokyo seeks to restore and improve the physical and social environment in Little Tokyo and surrounding Downtown areas by cooperating with other organizations. We take responsible action to address problems of public safety, develop activities to benefit the aged, provide mentoring to young people. In cooperation with other organizations such as Little Tokyo Business Association, Chambers of Commerce, Community Councils, YMCA, religious organizations, etc., we undertake community projects to improve the quality of life for people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Vocational Service



The Vocational Service Committee has three major areas for service. They are Ethics, Literacy, and Vocational Service.

Rotary International



The mission of Rotary International is to support member Clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member Clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
 - Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary
- Providing a system of international administration

A Brief History of Rotary International*

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on 23 February 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotary's popularity spread throughout the United States in the decade that followed; clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents, and the organization adopted the name Rotary International a year later.

* "A Brief History of Rotary International" and "Rotary International Historic Milestones" are taken from the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving the professional and social interests of club members. Rotarians began pooling their resources and contributing their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its principal motto: Service Above Self. Rotary also later embraced a code of ethics, called The 4-Way Test that has been translated into hundreds of languages.

During and after World War II, Rotarians became increasingly involved in promoting international understanding. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotary still actively participates in UN conferences by sending observers to major meetings and promoting the United Nations in Rotary publications. Rotary International's relationship with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) dates back to a 1943 London Rotary conference that promoted international cultural and educational exchanges. Attended by ministers of education and observers from around the world, and chaired by a past president of RI, the conference was an impetus to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946.

An endowment fund, set up by Rotarians in 1917 "for doing good in the world," became a not-for-profit corporation known as The Rotary Foundation in 1928. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, an outpouring of Rotarian donations made in his honor, totaling US\$2 million, launched the Foundation's first program — graduate fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today, contributions to The Rotary Foundation total more than US\$80 million annually and support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world.

In 1985, Rotary made a historic commitment to immunize all of the world's children against polio. Working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations and national governments through its PolioPlus program, Rotary is the largest private-sector contributor to the global polio eradication campaign. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of PolioPlus volunteers and have immunized more than one billion children worldwide. By the 2005 target date for certification of a polio-free world, Rotary will have contributed half a billion dollars to the cause.

As it approached the dawn of the 21st century, Rotary worked to meet the changing needs of society, expanding its service effort to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk.

The organization admitted women for the first time (worldwide) in 1989 and claims more than 145,000 women in its ranks today. Following the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Rotary clubs were formed or re-established throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Rotary International Historical Milestones

- 1905 First Rotary Club organized in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1908 Second Club formed in San Francisco, California, USA
- 1910 First Rotary convention held in Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 1912 The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, becomes the first Club outside the United States to be officially chartered. (The Club was formed in 1910.)
- 1917 Endowment fund, forerunner of The Rotary Foundation, established
- 1932 4-Way Test formulated by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor
- 1945 Forty-nine Rotarians help draft United Nations Charter in San Francisco
- 1947 Rotary founder Paul Harris dies; first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships granted
- 1962 First Interact Club formed in Melbourne, Florida, USA
- 1965 Rotary Foundation launches Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange programs
- 1985 Rotary announces PolioPlus program to immunize all the children of the world against polio
- 1989 Council on Legislation opens Rotary membership to women worldwide; Rotary Clubs chartered in Budapest, Hungary, and Warsaw, Poland, for first time in almost 50 years

- 1990 Rotary Club of Moscow chartered first club in Soviet Union
- 1990-91 Preserve Planet Earth program inspires some 2,000 Rotary-sponsored environmental projects
- 1994 Western Hemisphere declared polio-free
- 1999 Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution established
- 2000 Western Pacific declared polio-free
- 2001 30,000th Rotary Club chartered
- 2002 Europe declared polio-free; first class of 70 Rotary Peace Scholars begin study
- 2003 Rotarians raise more than \$118 million to support the final stages of polio eradication
- 2004 Rotary International's largest convention with 45,381 attendees, held in Osaka, Japan
- 2005 Rotary Celebrates centennial in Chicago, Illinois, USA

The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world." It has grown from an initial contribution of US\$26.50 to more than US\$117.9 million contributed in 2004-05. Its event-filled history is a story of Rotarians learning the value of service to humanity.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programs fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education, and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. One of the major Humanitarian Programs is PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate the poliovirus worldwide. Through its Educational Programs, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. Grants are also awarded to university teachers to teach in developing countries and for exchanges of business and professional people. Former participants in the Foundation's programs have the opportunity to continue their affiliation with Rotary as Foundation Alumni.

History of the Rotary Foundation

In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary's sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA.



**Arch C. Klumph,
1916-17 president of Rotary
International and founder of
The Rotary Foundation**

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property. . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI."

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US\$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC — created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen — later grew into the Easter Seals organization.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing the Foundation. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

That same year, the first Foundation program — the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program — was established. Then in 1965-66, three new programs were launched — Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical

Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978, with the Rotary Volunteers program being created as a part of 3-H in 1980. The PolioPlus program was announced in 1984-85, and the following year saw the introduction of Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first Peace Forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the establishment of Rotary Peace Programs. Then in 1989, 1963-64 RI President Carl P. Miller and his wife, Ruth, donated US\$1 million to establish the Discovery Grants program.

Throughout this time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since that first \$26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than US\$1 billion. More than US\$70 million was contributed in 2003-04 alone. To date, some 914,792 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows — that is, someone who has contributed US\$1000 or has had that amount contributed in his or her name.

Such strong support and involvement of Rotarians worldwide ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

Paul Harris Fellows

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Sixty-nine members of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo are Paul Harris Fellows, including all members who have been in the club longer than 5 years. New members are expected to make annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation each year of at least \$200 at least until they become Paul Harris Fellows. However, nearly all club members continue annually giving to the Rotary Foundation, which has made the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo a leader in the district in Foundation Giving. In the 2006-2007 Rotary Year, the 96 members of our club gave in excess of \$56,000 to the Foundation.

Paul Harris Fellows earn additional recognition by earning "plus" recognition for each additional \$1,000 in contributions. Over half of our club are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

Members whose lifetime contributions to the Foundation total \$10,000 earn the status of "Major Donor" with appropriate recognition.

Additionally, members are encouraged to name the Rotary Foundation in their will, becoming Benefactors for amounts in excess of \$1,000, or members of the Bequest society for amounts in excess of \$10,000.

Proposing a New Member to the Club

Types of Membership

Active: When a candidate accepts membership, he or she becomes an Active Member, filling a classification that is loaned to that individual by the Club.

Honorary: Honorary membership is a high mark of distinction granted to an individual by the Board of Directors for one year, to be revoted upon each year. An honorary member is distinguished by meritorious service in furtherance of Rotary ideals. The honorary member must reside, or be definitely associated with the territorial limits of the Club, cannot hold office in the Club, and is not required to pay dues. The term of honorary membership is the Rotary year, July 1st through June 30th.

Description of Ideal Rotarian

Below are characteristics of what we are looking for in new members:

- Mature men & women
- High ethical standards in occupation, civic and personal Life
- Live or work in Little Tokyo (Rotary International rules allow adjacent communities)
- Commitment to community
- Business owner or Management Level Position
- Not necessarily a suit... can be a Blue Collar Business owner all legitimate and ethical professions are welcome
- Ability to attend weekly Rotary meetings in accordance with Club Standards (50% min)
- Ability and desire to attend and participate in Rotary functions and activities such as the Dist Conference, Dist Assembly, and Governors Meeting (This is highly encouraged within 2 yrs of joining)
- Past areas of service, community, school, sport, religious

Prior to first meeting:

- Make a preliminary evaluation of perspective Rotarians
- Tell Perspective members about Rotary and Rotary requirements.
- Sponsor advises Membership Committee of Special Guest at least **seven** days before they attend their first meeting. It can be less than 7 days but it is very important that the membership committee know if a new potential member is coming so they can prepare. Contact Kathleen Terry at kterry2@yahoo.com or by phone at 310-545-4046.
- Sponsor provides Membership with Special Guests name, address, phone number and occupation.
- Submit to the Membership Chair a Letter of Recommendation about the potential member.
- Membership canvases members with same classification for potential conflicts.

Impacted Classifications

If the potential member's profession is within the following categories: Lawyer, CPA, Real Estate or Financial Planners the membership committee will need to explore with other members who are also within this category to ensure we do not have too many members within the same profession.

- Attend first three weekly meetings with PM

Introduction of Potential Member at Meeting

New guests will be referred to as "honored" guests if they are considering becoming a member,

When introducing guest to membership at large, give name, profession, and share something about how you know the individual or something of interest about them. This will enable the club members to get to know the individual.

- Introduce the member to the Club members at the meetings

The following process explains what occurs once you have identified a potential Rotarian:

- New Potential Member completes a New Member Bio Form and presents to the Membership Chair.
- The Membership Development Committee will verify the proposed new member's character, business, and general eligibility.
- The application is then directed to the Classification Committee.
- Following review and approval by the Classification Committee, the proposal is submitted to the Board of Directors for final review.
- The Membership Committee then distributes information concerning the proposed new member to the club members. A ten day waiting period allows Club members to review the proposed new member's information and classification for possible objections.
- The average time for processing a new member proposal is approximately 30 days. If application is declined the potential applicant will be contacted.

If membership is approved,

- Following the ten day period, the proposed new member's sponsor will be notified and a pre-induction meeting will be arranged by the Membership Committee to further introduce Rotary to the proposed member.
- The candidate, sponsor, club officer, and membership committee will review:

Commitment of time, outside service, and finances, assignment to Club Activity, Blue Badge Requirements

Sponsor Requirements

Sponsoring a new member is an important responsibility. We would like the sponsor with the support to the Membership Committee to:

- Make a preliminary evaluation of perspective Rotarians
- Tell Perspective members about Rotary and Rotary requirements.
- Submit to the Membership Chair a Letter of Recommendation about the potential member.

- Contact the Membership Committee prior to asking the individual to attend a meeting.
- Attend first three weekly meetings with PM
- Introduce the member to the Club members at the meetings.
- Attend the Orientation meeting with Membership and the new member.
- Oversee the new member to fulfill the Blue Badge Requirements.

Rotary Resources

The Rotarian - Monthly Magazine containing domestic and international news along with interesting articles on a variety of subjects.

Club Runner is our internet communication tool. This is our club's Website. This is a convenient and useful way to access other members of the Club, receive member information, send emails, and find club information. www.mbrotary.org

Rotary International Website

You can log on to www.rotary.org and explore what Rotary does all over the world, members in distant countries and exciting projects the organization is working on.

Here is how you do it:

1. Go to www.rotary.org
2. Click on "Member Access" which is located in the upper right-hand corner of that page
3. Click on "Register Now"
4. You will be asked for the following information:
District Number: 5280
Club Number: 751
Membership ID: 6496430

You must have a valid email address for the site to send you login and password information.