



Rotary
Training
Talk

February 2007

International Assembly



District governors-elect attended the [International Assembly](#) in San Diego, California, USA, from 28 January to 3 February. Visit www.rotary.org to read about RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson's emphases and the 2007-08 RI theme, along with the multicultural aspects of this meeting.

Presidents-elect training seminar (PETS)

This March, more than 32,000 club presidents-elect will attend their district's PETS or a multidistrict PETS. During the seminar, they'll work on their goals for the year using the [Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs](#), now available as a Word document that can easily be completed, updated, and e-mailed to fellow club members and district leaders. All handouts for PETS can be found in the [Club President's Manual](#) (222-EN), so encourage presidents-elect to bring their manuals if they'll be distributed before PETS. A great way to prepare for this meeting is to review "[Preparing for PETS](#)," a module in the [Rotary E-Learning Center](#).

During the International Assembly, Rotary International ships theme and reference materials to governors-elect to distribute to club presidents-elect at PETS. This mailing includes the [Club Leadership Plan](#), a publication explaining the recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. Learn more on the [Club Leadership Plan](#) resource page.

Information will be distributed to all club presidents-elect at PETS.

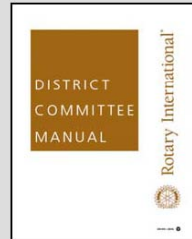
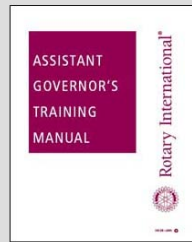
New Member Sponsor Recognition



President-elect Wilfred Wilkinson is encouraging all Rotarians to help strengthen Rotary's [membership](#) by bringing at least one new member into Rotary. Use this pin to recognize those who have sponsored new members in your club or district. For Rotarians who sponsor more than one new member, consider recognizing them with a numbered tab that attaches to the pin.

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District team training seminar



This month, many districts will hold their district team training seminar to train assistant governors and district committee chairs. Resources include the [Assistant Governor's Training Manual](#) (244-EN) and the [District Committee Manual](#) (249-EN), both of which include discussion questions that participants should consider before the training meeting, as well as reference materials for specific district committees.

March is Literacy Month



Encourage Rotarians to raise awareness of [literacy issues](#) and to organize literacy projects at home and abroad. Some efforts could include designing a “newborn literacy project” that gives books to mothers with newborns in hospitals to encourage lifelong reading. [Click here](#) for more literacy project ideas.

World Rotaract Week



[World Rotaract Week](#) is 12-18 March. Get more information about Rotaract in your area on the [Rotaract page](#), or contact your [local Rotary club](#).

Training Poll

According to the 116 people surveyed in January's training poll, 35 percent of clubs have long-range goals that address the elements of an effective club, 30 percent of clubs are working on developing some, and 35 percent have not set any yet.

February's poll asks, “Does your club have annual goals?” Visit the Training page to take this [poll](#).

Training Tip

Consider incorporating a panel discussion in your training. Organize a group of 3 to 5 experts to speak about an engaging topic. Panel discussions provide different opinions and experiences, which promote better discussion within the group. Changing speakers keeps the audience's attention and helps increase retention of information.

Looking for more training tips? Find a [collection](#) on the Training page.

Questions or Comments?



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