



March 2007

District Assembly

In April and May, each president-elect and incoming club leadership team attends the [district assembly](#). This meeting helps Rotary club leaders, including secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs, to develop their skills for leading an effective club and allows them to meet the district leadership team who will be supporting their efforts throughout the year.

Participants are encouraged to read the appropriate manual before training so they arrive at the seminar prepared to discuss their duties and goals for the coming year. Manuals in the Club Officers' Kit (225- EN) include:

- [Club President's Manual](#)
- [Club Secretary's Manual](#)
- Club committee manuals for the following standing committees: [Club administration](#), [Membership](#), [Public relations](#), [Service projects](#), and [The Rotary Foundation](#)

Incoming club leadership teams should further develop their annual goals using the [Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs](#). Before the meeting, [club secretaries](#) and [committee chairs](#) should review discussion questions for the district assembly so they can think about their responses and be ready to participate.

2007-08 RI theme



At the 2007 International Assembly, RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson announced the 2007-08 RI theme: [Rotary Shares](#). In the upcoming year, he will continue to encourage Rotary clubs to focus on projects that address the [family of Rotary, water management, literacy, and health and hunger](#).

President-elect Wilkinson also requests that all incoming governors ask their club presidents to bring in one new club member during their first year in office. Learn more about the president-elect's emphases and how clubs can earn the [2007-08 Presidential Citation](#).

Club trainer

At its November 2006 meeting, the RI Board recommended that club presidents appoint a [club trainer](#) (English only) to help clubs meet their training needs. If you are a club trainer or know a good club trainer, please contact elizabeth.anderson@rotary.org. *Rotary Training Talk* will be including a profile of a club trainer in an upcoming issue.

Council on Legislation

This year, the [Council on Legislation](#) will meet 22-27 April. Every three years, the council meets to deliberate and act on all proposed enactments and resolutions submitted by clubs, district conferences, the General Council or the Conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, or the RI Board. The council itself also makes proposals. View a [30-second video](#) highlighting the basics of the Council on Legislation.

Public relations training



[Public relations](#) efforts inform communities around the world that Rotary is a credible organization that meets real needs. [Subscribe](#) to Rotary *PR Tips* (English only), a biweekly newsletter that offers innovative ideas for clubs and districts working to promote Rotary in their communities.

April is Magazine Month



Plan club meetings and activities to observe Magazine Month. Encourage club members to read and promote [Rotary World](#) and your [Rotary regional magazine](#) or [The Rotarian](#).

Training Poll

According to the 128 people who participated in February's training poll, 69 percent of Rotary clubs have annual goals, 15 percent are working on developing some, and 16 percent have not set goals for the year.

March's poll asks, "Is information from your district communicated to club members?" Visit the Training page to take this [poll](#).

Training Tip

One of the benefits of being a Rotarian is that you can learn new skills, such as training, while helping your club or district. Experienced trainers can help those new to the training role by serving as a mentor. Here are some of the responsibilities of an effective mentor:

- Be a positive role model.
- Be available to discuss different aspects of Rotary.
- Provide opportunities for practice.
- Schedule individual, periodic meetings with your training leaders.
- Offer suggestions not only for improving training skills but also for growing as an individual within Rotary.

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

Questions or Comments?



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