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## Zone-level district trainer program

Many areas hold a [zone-level district trainer program](#) in conjunction with the Rotary institute. This program helps district trainers develop effective skills and provides an opportunity to practice training techniques. It also offers a forum for district trainers to share their experience and knowledge. Ask your zone's leadership whether a district trainer program will be held in your area. If you're conducting this training, support materials are available from RI.

## New name for *District Trainer's Manual*



The **new 2007 edition** of the manual for the district training committee is called the [District Training Manual](#) (246-EN). This publication will help you plan and conduct training meetings that support effective clubs. Chapter 1 explains the duties of the district trainer and the district training committee, the leadership development training cycle, and RI resources. Chapter 2 offers ideas and strategies for planning training meetings. Chapter 3 is a sample "train the trainer" session guide that you can adapt to prepare your training leaders. If you're a first-time member of the district training committee, you may find it beneficial to review the entire manual, including handouts, to fully understand and prepare for your training responsibilities.

## Training materials mailed

The following training materials have been mailed to governors-elect:

- [\*District Assembly Leaders' Guide\*](#) (828-EN) 2006 edition
- [\*District Membership Seminar Leaders' Guide\*](#) (242-EN) 2006 edition
- [\*Presidents-elect Training Seminar Leaders' Guide\*](#) (243-EN) 2006 edition
- [\*District Team Training Seminar Leaders' Guide\*](#) (247-EN) **NEW 2007 edition**
- [\*District Leadership Seminar Leaders' Guide\*](#) (248-EN) **NEW 2007 edition**

Governors-elect should contact their [Club and District Support representative](#) if they don't receive these materials by 1 September.

## Governors-elect training seminars

Eighteen [governors-elect training seminars \(GETS\)](#) will be held around the world to help prepare the incoming class of district governors. These regional meetings allow governors-elect to discuss leadership strategies that are effective in their area. The training they receive at GETS will be continued at the [International Assembly](#) in January.

To prepare for GETS, governors-elect should read the [District Governor's Training Manual](#) (233-EN) and consider the discussion questions. Because each chapter corresponds to the recommended GETS curriculum and contains the worksheets used at the seminar, governors-elect should bring their manuals with them.

## September is New Generations Month

How will you train the next generation of Rotarians? Research shows that younger generations have different communication styles and attitudes toward technology compared with older generations. Many young people have never known a world without computers, an Internet connection, cell phones, and iPods. They often prefer collaborative and flexible learning environments that offer access to information on demand. It's important to be aware of these differences when designing your sessions. Think about how you could provide training and technology that fit the learning styles and preferences of Rotary's

diverse population.

## Training Poll

According to July's training poll results, 77 percent of clubs have implemented the Club Leadership Plan, 17 percent have not, but will in the future, and 6 percent do plan to implement the Club Leadership Plan.

August's poll asks, "Does your club have a program to develop leadership skills among Rotarians?" Visit the Training page to take this [poll](#).

## Training Tip

Promote networking during your training session by giving participants a chance to get to know each other. Design ways for them to connect during the session and share valuable experiences. Consider including activities such as an icebreaker at the beginning of the training, which will likely relax participants and encourage them to be engaged in the session.

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

## Ask the editor



[E-mail](#) your questions about Rotary training or training materials, and they may be answered in next month's edition of *Rotary Training Talk*.

## Questions or Comments?



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