



Rotary Training Talk

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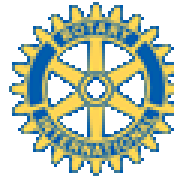
Plan for your club's future



At the [presidents-elect training seminar](#) and the [district assembly](#), incoming club presidents and their fellow club leaders work on the [Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs](#) (862-EN) to assess the current state of their club, set goals, and determine the steps needed to achieve them. A copy of the guide is included in the [Club President's Manual](#) (222-EN).

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Spread the word about Rotary in January! At your next club assembly, keep your members informed so they can spread the word about Rotary to the community.



- Share [Rotary's mission](#) at a new member orientation.
- Spread the word about [Rotary's US\\$100 Million Challenge](#) at your next weekly meeting.
- Use your club and district Web site or newsletter to update Rotarians on activities planned for the year.
- Publicize Rotary club events to the community. Consider conducting a public relations training session.

Your Voice, Your Solution

December Mailing

In December, the following materials will be sent to district governors-elect for distribution to assistant governors and district committee chairs before the [district team training seminar](#).

The [Assistant Governor's Training Manual](#) (244-EN) and the [District Committee Manual](#) (249-EN) include discussion questions that should be reviewed before the training meeting. The following materials, for specific committees, were also included:

[Abuse and Harassment Prevention Training Manual and Leader's Guide](#) (775-EN)

[Communities in Action/Menu of Service Opportunities](#) (605-EN)

[District Conference Manual](#) (800-EN)

[Effective Public Relations: A Guide for Rotary Clubs](#)(257-EN)



Respond to this month's problem: **How can you encourage fellowship among senior and new members?**

Add [Your Voice, Your Solution](#) to this real problem that many clubs face. This online case study will help Rotarians exchange solutions and ideas. At the end of the month, you and your fellow Rotarians will have generated a collection of best practices that can be used by club presidents for years to come.

Last month, many of you contributed your solution to the problem of how to get members involved. [Read](#) your colleagues' solutions to this common problem.

Do you have a question you would like fellow Rotarians to respond to? [E-mail](#) us your ideas.

Training Tip



At the start of a session or after lunch, consider doing a quick icebreaker. It will get people moving around and interacting with each other. This energizer can be done with any size group and should take about 10-15 minutes.

Ask participants to get into groups based on their birth order: only child, oldest child, youngest child, and middle child. When everyone is assembled, ask them to discuss what special characteristics their birth order has and how those characteristics are reflected in the leadership position they have accepted/chosen in their Rotary club. If there is time, have groups report back.

[Interact Handbook](#) (654-EN)

[Organizing New Clubs](#) (808-EN)

[Rotary Community Corps Handbook](#) (770-EN)

[Rotary Fellowships Handbook](#) (729-EN)

[Rotaract Handbook](#) (562-EN)

[RYLA Handbook](#) (694-EN)

[World Community Service Handbook: A Guide to Action](#) (742-EN)

[Youth Exchange Handbook](#) (746-EN)

District committee chairs should ensure that members of their committee have the necessary training materials.

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