



Rotary Training Talk

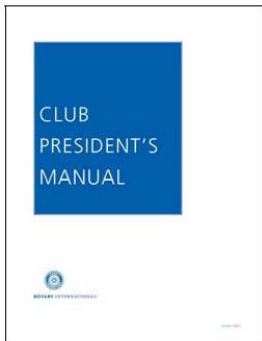
February 2009

International Assembly



District governors-elect attended the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, 18-25 January. Read about RI President-elect John Kenny's [emphases](#) for the coming year, [watch a video](#) on the 2009-10 RI theme, and get highlights of the speeches by [Bill Gates](#), [Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Glenn E. Estess Sr.](#), and [RI President Dong Kurn Lee](#).

Presidents-elect training seminar



In March, more than 32,000 club presidents-elect will attend their district or multidistrict PETS. During the seminar, they'll work on club goals for the year using the [Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs](#), available as a Word document that can be easily completed, updated, and e-mailed to fellow club members and district leaders. To help prepare for the meeting, encourage club presidents to review the [discussion questions](#) in the [Club President's Manual](#) (222) and bring their manuals to PETS if they receive them beforehand.

The *Club Leadership Plan* is featured throughout PETS. Each president-elect should receive a copy of the [Club Leadership Plan](#) (245), a publication that explains the plan and how clubs should implement it (see Mailing for PETS article). Learn more on the [Club Leadership Plan](#) resource page.

Thinking about going paperless

Mailing for PETS

In February, district governors-elect will receive a mailing with materials to distribute at the presidents-elect training seminar (PETS). The mailing includes:

RI Theme Brochure 2009-10

Presidential Citation Brochure 2009-10

Presidential Citation Certification Form 2009-10

[Every Rotarian, Every Year Club Success Kit](#)

[Club Leadership Plan](#)

[Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge Brochure](#)

[How to Propose a New Member](#)

[Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program](#)

[Membership Development Resource Guide](#)

Club Membership Goal Report Form

[New Member Orientation: A How-to Guide for Clubs](#)

[Rotary Basics](#)



When looking for information, do you use Google or another search engine, or do you pull out a reference manual? Has your employer gone paperless or started encouraging the use of USB flash drives? How does this impact training? Can training be paperless?

Please e-mail training.talk@rotary.org to give us your thoughts and suggestions.

Your Voice, Your Solution



You've been appointed the weekly program chair for the coming year. Last year many members complained that the weekly meetings were a waste of time. How will you keep weekly programs for the coming year interesting? [Add Your Solution.](#)

Last month, many of you contributed your solutions to the problem of how to raise funds for a great community service project. [Read](#) your colleagues' suggestions.

Rotary International's online problem-solving forum gives Rotarians the opportunity to 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.

March is Literacy Month



[Celebrate Literacy Month!](#) Encourage Rotarians to raise awareness about [literacy issues](#) and to organize literacy projects at home and abroad. Consider facilitating a discussion at an upcoming club meeting about literacy and education in your community.

If your club or district is interested in getting involved in a literacy project, take advantage of the [ProjectLINK](#) database at www.rotary.org (English only). When you search for education-related projects, you'll find projects from around the world that need volunteers, donated goods, or financial contributions. Share Rotary's mission at a new member orientation.

Training Tip

[RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives: Club Submission Form](#)

[RI Strategic Plan brochure](#)

[The Rotary Foundation Quick Reference Guide](#)

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If you need to present new information to your club in a limited time, consider using a presentation method called *pecha kucha*, Japanese for "chatter." It was invented by two architects living in Tokyo who wanted to make their presentations more interesting and concise, with time at the end for discussion. In this format, you are limited to 20 slides that automatically advance after 20 seconds, allowing you just under seven minutes to make your presentation.

