



Rotary Training Talk

April 2009

2009 RI Convention



Rotarians from all over the world will be attending the [RI Convention](#) in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June. The convention is a great way to network with fellow Rotarians and find out what clubs are doing around the globe.

If you'll be at the convention, plan on attending the discussion sessions offered Monday through Wednesday. The [role of incoming club presidents](#),

the [Club Leadership Plan](#), [strategic planning \(and implementation\) for clubs and districts](#), and [Future Vision Plan updates](#) are just a few of the many topics covered this year.

If this is your first RI Convention, consider attending an orientation for [first-time attendees](#) held on Saturday, 20 June, 9:00-10:00 and 14:00-15:00.

Going Paperless



Thank you to all of those who commented on the idea of Rotary going paperless. [Read](#) about how the Far West Multidistrict Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) in the United States used USB drives to disseminate PETS materials to club presidents-elect.

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Did you know that Rotary International has a [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page so Rotarians can connect with one another online? You can also use these sites to find links to current Rotary news, videos, and discussions from around the world.

More and more training professionals are investigating social networking sites as opportunities for informal learning. For on-the-go people who can learn anywhere, these sites have a lot of potential. [Read](#) more about Rotary's involvement in social networking.

Your Voice, Your Solution



Your club's board has approved the idea of developing a strategic plan. All club members have been asked to provide a vision statement describing what they want the club to be known for in five years. What is your vision for the club? [Add](#) your solution.

Last month, many of you contributed your solutions to the problem of how to help prepare a treasurer. [Read](#) your colleagues' suggestions.

Each month, Rotary International's online problem-solving forum gives Rotarians the opportunity to exchange solutions and ideas. Search for "your voice" at www.rotary.org to read best practices for addressing everyday club challenges.

Training Tip



This team-building ice breaker takes 10-15 minutes, depending on the number of groups.

- Divide the participants into groups of four or five by having them number off. (This step is necessary because people generally sit with people they already know.)
- Tell the groups to discuss their favorite service projects, fellowship activities, or Rotary memories. Have each person share why the event or memory is special.
- To conclude, ask the small groups to share a favorite item from their discussion with the entire group. Have them think about what they learned about their fellow club members during the small-group discussion.

