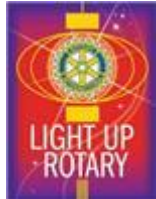


District Governor Elect Falkins Prepares for a Challenging Leadership Role in 2014-15

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DGE Bruce Falkins and Donna, in preparation for their challenging role as District 5060 leaders, are currently in San Diego, California, participating in the annual International Assembly for District Governor Elects with 533 other District Governor Elects and their spouses from around the world. The Assembly runs from January 12 through to January 18th.

The International Assembly functions to educate, motivate, and inspire district governors-elect to lead Rotarians in their districts. Through plenary sessions, group discussions, networking activities, and social events, future governors experience opportunities to gain information and discover new perspectives they will enable them to enjoy a successful year in their new leadership role. Spouses or partners also participate in the Assembly by attending motivational speeches and a variety of lively and interactive sessions to enable them to learn more about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. During the Assembly, both Bruce and Donna had the opportunity to meet with RI President Elect Gary Haung from the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.



One of the features at the Assembly is the address of the President Elect. In his address this year, PE Haung identified his theme of "Light up Rotary" for 2014-15. "Light up Rotary is our theme, but it is more than our theme. It is how we live in Rotary, how we think in Rotary, how we feel, how we work," stated PE Haung. "It is how we make a difference — every day, in every club, every district, and every country where we serve."

The Rotary International Assembly was first held in Chicago in 1919. Between 1928 and 1950, it was held at a site near the Rotary International Convention city, followed by 20 years at Lake Placid, New York. In recent years, it has been held in San Diego, California.