

Assistant Governors Workbook

 **February 29 – March 3, 2024**

 **Goal: Prepare incoming club Presidents to become leaders of vibrant Rotary clubs.**

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 Dear District Assistant Governors,

Thank you for the important service you provide to your district governor and to the clubs that you have been assigned to assist. The connections and support you provide to Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee as they prepare for their future leadership roles is invaluable.

Our goal at Lone Star P.E.T.S. is to provide you with a forum to meet and collaborate with presidents-elect
and presidents-nominee. We encourage you to incorporate the following learning opportunities in your preparation:

1. Reach out to the Club Leadership Teams you have been asked to assist.
2. Develop a good relationship with these Club Leadership Teams. Working together you can
 help develop a continuity of club programs and goals.
3. Participate in each of your district’s various training sessions and events. You will
 develop a broad knowledge of the many Rotary programs in which club members
 may wish to participate.
4. Encourage collaboration among clubs to promote best practices relating to Rotary programs.
5. Complete the Assistant Governor Basics Learning Center courses on the Rotary International
website. [learn.rotary.org/members/learn/lp/121/assistant-governor-basics](https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/lp/121/assistant-governor-basics)
6. Very importantly, take every opportunity to communicate with your District Governor-Elect
and attend all training and information sessions provided by your District Governor-Elect.

This workbook is the product of many volunteer hours. The Curriculum/Facilitators Subcommittee has put together an outstanding program which will provide you with tools and resources to serve and support Rotary clubs.

I encourage you to take full advantage of this learning experience. Develop relationships with your fellow Rotary leaders. Ask questions of your facilitators. Visit the vendors and exhibitors in the House of Friendship. Be inspired by our speakers. Complete the evaluations.

May the next year be your best year in Rotary yet. And, most importantly, HAVE FUN!!!!

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Art Zeitler
2024 Operating Chair Lone Star P.E.T.S., Inc.

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them to support and guide vibrant Rotary Clubs effectively.**

**MODULE A-1 BECOMING A VIBRANT CLUB LEADER page 5**

*Club leaders will enhance their skills using targeted resources and tools, empowering them to emerge as vibrant and effective leaders.*

*Assistant Governors:*

*By observing and participating in this module, the assistant governor will understand how
club leaders utilize targeted resources and tools to refine their skills.*

**MODULE A-2 DEVELOPING A VIBRANT ROTARY CLUB page 8**

*Club leaders will master the resources and tools necessary to establish comprehensive multi-year goals and strategies, ensuring a thriving vibrant Rotary Club.*

*Assistant Governors:*

*Through active engagement in this module, the assistant governor will gain a deeper
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*Club leaders will acquire tools to craft robust membership strategies for the club’s growth and
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*Assistant Governors:*

*By observing and participating in this module, the assistant governor will gain insights into the
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enhancing their capacity to support clubs in achieving growth and vitality.*

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*Club leaders will gain skills to cultivate member support and foster a deep understanding of
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*Assistant Governors:*

*By observing and participating in this module, the assistant governor will grasp the techniques and
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 **MODULE A-1 BECOMING A VIBRANT CLUB LEADER**

 **GOAL: Club leaders will enhance their skills using targeted resources and
 tools, empowering them to emerge as vibrant and effective leaders.**

**RELEVANCE: Club presidents motivate members to reach goals, recognize club
members with awards, communicate with club and district leaders, and listen to
all members to ensure that their needs are met.**

**OBJECTIVES**

**At the end of the session, club leaders will have learned and be able to:**

1. List characteristics of and resources available for developing a vibrant leader.
2. List specific responsibilities of the Club President and Club President-Elect.
3. Explain how the club President and President-Elect work collaboratively with
club leaders to support the structure of a vibrant Rotary Club.
4. Discuss the importance of a strong leadership team and committee structure
in building a vibrant and impactful Rotary Club.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Be a Vibrant Club
Rotary Citation | My Rotary

Creating Your Club Leadership Plan

Preparing to be a Club President

**Module A-1: Becoming A Vibrant Club Leader**

Breakout Discussion Questions:

1. List characteristics of a vibrant leader.
2. What resources are available to assist you in becoming a vibrant leader?
3. What most excites you about being your club’s President?
4. List specific responsibilities of the club President and President-Elect.
5. What most concerns you for next year?
6. Refer to Be a Vibrant Club. How do collaborative efforts between President and President-Elect strengthen a club?
7. See Creating Your Club Leadership Plan in **Reference Materials**. Discuss the importance of a strong leadership team and committee structure for a vibrant, impactful club.
8. Take a few minutes to write action ideas on the Notes page at the end of this module.
9. What is your **primary takeaway** from the Vibrant Club Leader session?
10. Any other question(s)?

### Notes

 **FRIDAY*,* MARCH 1, 2024**

**MODULE A-2 DEVELOPING A VIBRANT ROTARY CLUB**

**GOAL: Club leaders will master the resources and tools necessary to
establish comprehensive multi-goals and strategies, ensuring a thriving
vibrant Rotary Club.**

 **RELEVANCE: By understanding trends, strengths, and opportunities, presidents
 can help clubs set short-term goals that align with Rotary’s Action Plan.**

 **OBJECTIVES:**

**At the end of the session, club leaders will have learned and be able to:**

1. Explain the benefits of strategic planning to maintain a vibrant club.
2. Outline the planning process to set multi-year goals and develop an action plan for the club.
3. Describe how to use the Rotary citation to list your goals in Rotary Club Central.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

[Action Plan | My Rotary](https://my.rotary.org/en/who-we-are/about-rotary/action-plan)
Rotary Citation | My Rotary
Club Health Check
Strategic Planning Guide

**Module A-2: Developing a Vibrant Rotary Club**

Breakout Discussion Questions:

1. Refer to the Strategic Planning Guide in **Reference Materials**. What are the benefits of a three-year strategic plan to maintain a vibrant club?
2. What are the benefits of good financial management? What ways ensure good stewardship of club funds?
3. How does your club reflect Rotary’s vision statement?
4. What steps help create meaningful goals and effective action plans for your Rotary Club?
5. How far have you progressed in setting club goals for the coming year?
6. See Rotary Citation Goals and Instructions in **Reference Materials**. Describe how to use the Rotary Citation to plan and list goals in Rotary Club Central.
7. Take a few minutes to write action ideas on the Notes page at the end of this module.
8. What is your **primary takeaway** from the vibrant Rotary Club session?
9. Any other question(s)?

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**FRIDAY*,* MARCH 1*,* 2024**

 **MODULE A-3 GROWING AND ENGAGING CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

**GOAL: Club Leaders will acquire tools to craft robust membership strategies for the club’s growth and vitality.**

 **RELEVANCE: By getting to know members well, club presidents can engage
 them in ways that tap into their unique skills and interests, creating a more
 meaningful membership experience. When club presidents create an inclusive
 club culture, then develop and implement innovative strategies to attract
 diverse participations, they strengthen their own clubs and Rotary.**

  **OBJECTIVES**

 **At the end of the session, club leaders will have learned and be able to:**

* + 1. Describe how a Club President can create a club atmosphere welcoming to all.
		2. Share strategies and best/worst practices to attract, engage, and retain members.
		3. List key elements of club membership health.

 **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

 Membership | My Rotary

 [Membership Assessment](http://www.rotarypets.com/) Tools

 Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Plan

 Connect for Good
 Improving Your Member Retention

 Creating a Positive Experience for Prospective Members

 Impact Begins with You

 RI Code of Conduct Harassment Policy

**Module A-3: Growing and Engaging Club Membership**

Breakout Discussion Questions:

1. What helped you get engaged in your club?
2. Refer to Rotary International Harassment Policy in **Reference Materials**. How can you as President create a club atmosphere welcoming to all?
3. Refer to Impact Begins with You in **Reference Materials**. What can your club do differently to attract/ retain Rotary members who can make an impact?
4. What strategies have you used to attract new members?
5. What are keys to member engagement from your perspective?
6. Refer to Club Health Check, Creating Your Membership
Plan, and other membership assessment tools in your
Reference Materials.
7. Take a few minutes to write action ideas on the Notes page at the end of this module.
8. What is your **primary takeaway** from Membership session?
9. Any other question(s)?

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**MODULE A-4 UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION**

**GOAL: Club leaders will gain skills to cultivate member
support and foster a deep understanding of The Rotary
Foundation among their club members.**

 **RELEVANCE: The Rotary Foundation helps advance world
 understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing
 quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty
 throughout the world.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

**At the end of the session, club leaders will have learned and be able to*:***

1. Explain how participation in programs of The Rotary Foundation attract, engage, and retain members.
2. Explain how your club goals and support for The Rotary Foundation fund local and international projects.
3. Discuss the importance of a trained Foundation Chair and Committee to the club’s impact in communities.
4. Identify types of individual and club recognitions for giving to our Foundation.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Rotary’s Areas of Focus
The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide

**Module A-4: Understanding and Supporting Our Rotary Foundation**

Breakout Discussion Questions:

1. How does participation in Rotary Foundation programs attract, engage, and retain members?
2. Explain how your club goals and support for The Rotary Foundation fund local and international projects.
3. What is some work accomplished through our Foundation? Refer to Rotary’s Areas of Focus in **Reference Materials**.
4. Discuss the importance of a trained Foundation Chair and Committee to the club’s impact in communities.
5. What are some individual and club recognitions for giving to our Foundation (Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, etc.)? Refer to Individual and Club Recognitions in **Reference Materials.**
6. Take a few minutes to write ideas on the Notes page at the end of this module.
7. What is your **primary takeaway** from The Foundation session?
8. Any other questions?

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 **Icebreaker and Midway Review Questions:**

 Icebreaker

 Implement an Icebreaker, with each participant sharing the
 following points:

1. Name
2. Role at PETS
3. Club
4. City
5. Most important characteristic for a Rotary leader
6. Desired individual takeaway from PETS

 Midway Review

 What is your ***primary takeaway*** from PETS thus far?

1. Take a couple of minutes to jot down action ideas on the notes page at the end of this module.
2. Any other question(s) or comments?

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

**MODULE B-5 EMBRACING LEADERSHIP: THE ASSISTANT
 GOVERNOR’S ROLE**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will gain insight into the roles and responsi-
bilities of an Assistant Governor, emphasizing their commitment to
both the clubs they guide and their relationship with the district governor.**

 **RELEVANCE:** Understanding the specific role and responsibilities of an assistant
 governor is crucial. This clarity ensures that clubs under their guidance are
 effectively supported and that the district governor’s objectives are consistently
 met, fostering harmony and efficiency within the Rotary district’s leadership structure.

**OBJECTIVES**

**At the end of the session, Assistant Governors will have learned and be able to:**

1. State the responsibilities that an Assistant Governor has to the club and to the
district.
2. Build on knowledge of Rotary Club Central and how its use helps an Assistant
Governor track club progress and build continuity.
3. Articulate key relationships and key components of an Assistant Governor’s
communication plan.

 ACTIVITIES:

* An interactive panel of Assistant Governors discuss real-life experiences and
challenges in fulfilling the role as well as discuss best practices and lessons
learned.
* Small groups discuss, create and present sample communication plans.

### Notes

 **MODULE B-6 SUPPORTING VIBRANT ROTARY CLUBS**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will be equipped with the knowledge
and insights necessary to guide their assigned clubs in crafting
effective action plans to enhance their vibrancy.**

 **RELEVANCE:** Vibrant clubs are essential for community impact and district
 objectives. This session equips Assistant Governors to guide clubs in crafting
 effective action plans, fostering adaptive leadership and strategic planning.

 **OBJECTIVES:**

**At the end of the session, Assistant Governors will have learned and be able to:**

1. Demonstrate a clear understanding of what constitutes a vibrant Rotary club, considering various aspects such as membership engagement, service projects,
and community impact.
2. Assess strengths and weaknesses of their assigned clubs and identify areas for improvement in club dynamics, activities, and member involvement.
3. Identify strategies for fostering a culture of innovation within their assigned clubs.

 **ACTIVITIES:**

* Brainstorm the meaning of innovation in the context of Rotary clubs and how innovation can enhance different aspects of club activities, projects, and engagement.
* Explore and share ways Assistant Governors and club members can collaboratively work on solving a specific challenge or improving an existing project using innovative approaches.

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**SATURDAY*,* MARCH 2, 2024**

**MODULE B-7 EXPLORING RESOURCES: UNCOVERING
 OPPORTUNITIES**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will identify and utilize available
resources to address questions or emerging needs.**

**RELEVANCE:** This session ensures that Assistant Governors are adept at
navigating the wealth of resources at their disposal. By actively seeking and
leveraging these resources, Assistant Governors can efficiently respond to
inquiries, tackle emerging challenges, and foster a culture of continuous
improvement within Rotary clubs.

**OBJECTIVES:**

**At the end of the session, assistant governors will have learned and be able to:**

* + 1. Identify and evaluate available resources.
		2. Develop a resource mapping framework.
		3. Generate innovative opportunities through resource integration.

 **ACTIVITIES:**

* + - Meet with RI Club & District Support staff member, Michael De Grandis, to learn more about support RI offers AGs in their role as well as to discuss and develop the Assistant Governor’s personal resource framework.

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**SATURDAY*,* MARCH 2, 2024**

 **MODULE C-8 EMPOWERING CLUB LEADERS**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will have the skills and knowledge necessary to effectively facilitate and support Rotary Club leaders in their adoption and utilization of online tools, ensuring enhanced communication, efficient club management, and improved member engagement within their respective clubs.**

 **RELEVANCE:** Equipping Assistant Governors with the expertise to guide and
 empower club leaders through the integration of online tools ensures not only the
 seamless implementation of technology but also fosters a culture of innovation
 within each club This goal is not just about keeping pace with the times; it is about
 creating vibrant and responsive Rotary clubs that thrive in the digital landscape.

 **OBJECTIVES:**

**At the end of the session, assistant governors will have learned and be able to:**

 1. Effectively communicate the benefits and functionalities of key online tools
 relevant to Rotary club operations (such as Rotary Club Central and Rotary
 Showcase) to club leaders.

 2. Identify key performance indicators to measure the success of online tool
 adoption.
 3. Strategically plan for the phased implementation of online tools in the club
 setting.

**ACTIVITIES:**

 Group discussions on milestones, challenges, and effective communication with
 club leaders along with phased implementation strategies.

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 **SATURDAY*,* MARCH 2, 2024**

 **MODULE C-9 DATA-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP: UTILIZING CLUB REPORTS**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will identify, assess, and effectively utilize
available reports to gain data-driven insights to support and enhance
club leadership decision-making and strategic planning.**

 **RELEVANCE:** By leveraging data-driven insights, Assistant Governors empower
 themselves to support and enhance club leadership decision-making and strategic
 planning. In doing so, they not only contribute to the efficiency of day-to-day operations
 but also enable Rotary clubs to make informed, forward-thinking decisions. This goal
 underscores the importance of harnessing the power of data as a tool for continuous
 improvement.

 **OBJECTIVES:**

 **At the end of the session, assistant governors will have learned and be able to:**

 1. Demonstrate proficiency in identifying key reports relevant to club operations.
 2. Evaluate the reliability and relevance of each report for decision-making and
 strategic planning.
 3. Demonstrate the ability to interpret data in the context of club dynamics,
 member engagement, and service projects.

**ACTIVITY:**

 Roundtable discussions on specific strategic topics using insights from available
 reports to discuss and formulate strategic plans.

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 **SATURDAY*,* MARCH 2, 2024**

 **MODULE C-10 LEADERSHIP: EMPOWERING EXCELLENCE**

**GOAL: Assistant Governors will hone their leadership skills to maximize
their impact in each club, driving and inspiring efforts toward establishing
and sustaining vibrant clubs.**

 **RELEVANCE: A**ssistant Governors serve as catalysts for positive change. By
 maximizing their leadership skills, they become instrumental in driving and inspiring
 efforts within each club. This goal is deeply relevant as it recognizes that vibrant clubs
 are not just the result of individual initiatives but of cohesive, inspired leadership.

 **OBJECTIVES:**

 **At the end of the session, assistant governors will have learned and be able to:**

1. Show an increased ability to motivate and influence club leaders toward shared
 goals.

 2. Develop proficiency in conducting comprehensive assessments of club dynamics,
 member engagement, and service projects.
 3. Facilitate collaborative initiatives and partnerships among clubs to maximize
 collective impact.
 4. Foster a culture of transparency, inclusivity, and shared responsibility within the
 district’s leadership structure.

 **ACTIVITY:**

 Open discussions on leadership experiences, challenges, and best practices for creating
 an inclusive culture, including how "Empowering Excellence" aligns with vibrant club
 leadership.

Notes