

2010 International Assembly
Jan 18-24, 2010

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A training and motivational meeting to prepare governors-elect for their year in office.

An opportunity to:

- Exchange ideas with your colleagues from all over the world.
- Share fellowship with Rotarians from around the world
- Further develop your international networks for future service projects and cultural exchanges.

Who attends?

- **All** Governors elect from all districts throughout the world.
- The International President-elect Ray Klinginsmith & his Moderator Jose Antonio Salazar Cruz and his team. This includes 40 Training Leaders from around the world.
- RI President John Kenney
- Also present at the Assembly will be past Rotary International Presidents, the Chair of the Rotary Foundation, Foundation Trustees
- Staff Members from Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation will also be present.

TRAINING CONTENT

Each morning and each afternoon will have a 1 hour plenary and a 90 minute group discussion
9-10 plenary
10:30-noon group discussions

Discussion topics will be:

Theme
Long Range Planning
Supporting the Rotary Foundation
Participating in the Foundation
Optimizing leadership talents with Rotary
Emphasizing Rotary's unique Vocational Service
Public Image
Ensuring safety service to youth
Club & District support
Going forth to serve

Discussion Group sizes approximately 20 people---all over the world.
Typically no more than 10 from USA in a room.
Sorted in different ways to mix up DGE's. Assigned seating within the room.

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STRUCTURE & EVENTS

5 day program

Opening Plenary is the night before -- on Monday January 18

Go all day Tues through Saturday until after closing dinner-----Depart Sunday

No half day off

Every nite before dinner there is a House of Friendship (In Manchester Ballroom). This is a Cocktail hour with cash bar. There will be some informal entertainment.

Meals

Mon Opening Plenary with plated dinner

Tues Buffet (including vegetarian)

Wed Fellowship nite Talent show—limited to 15 acts (from 20) on Friday, Jan 22

Thurs Buffet (including vegetarian)

Fri Festival nite (grand march with native costumes and dance)

Sat Plated Dinner-more formal dinner , closing

PARTNERS PROGRAM- more Rotary focused (Brenda Cressey is responsible for this)

- Go the main plenaries with partner. Sit in back of room during these sessions.
- Will have round table discussions—but fewer of them.
- Will have ‘WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR panel”
3 of them, each focused on a part of the world, focusing on Rotary Activities there. One on Africa: one on south Asia.
- They will have a cultural exchange—with spouses manning booths on different cultures.

ADVICE from PDG’s---upon looking back at the IA

- Participation is the key, both in sessions and in fellowship.
- Connect with Rotarians from other parts of the world
- Take advantage of the fellowship time!
- Make a point of sitting at tables (and connecting) with Governors elect from other countries. If you speak a language other than English, look for tables of people speaking French, Spanish, Japanese, etc. and engage with them. Sit with new people every meal.
- Have your GSE pairing done and meet with the DGE from your paired country.
- Know your district projects and the countries/districts you partner with. Then, take the opportunity to meet DGE(s) from those countries at the Assembly (make a personal connection!)

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- Give yourself some QUIET TIME to think about what you have learned and who you have met!
- Exercise/get fresh air: Get out early in the morning, and take a walk. *I requested a hotel room on a lower floor so that I could walk the stairs. We got out everyday and took a walk.*
- Read over the class notes the same day/evening - add more ideas to think about "back home"; talk with other DGEs during the breaks and at meals; talk with partner about the sessions and your plans (and concerns). .