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Dear District Governor-elect:

Congratulations on your election to the office of district governor for 2018-19. It will be my honor and privilege to work with you as we make 2018-19 an exciting and productive year for Rotary.

Over the years, Rotary has developed three major components of preparing our governors-elect:

- **Lead Your District: Governor**

This manual will serve as your reference manual as well as your GETS Workbook. Your thorough review and understanding of this manual is the first step towards preparing for your year as district governor. It contains valuable information such as resources for strengthening membership, promoting Rotary's public image, developing leaders, supporting The Rotary Foundation, as well as Rotary International policy and procedures. Find an electronic version at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

The training at GETS uses the worksheets found in this manual and the International Assembly builds upon its content, so please review it and take it with you to your GETS. You will not need to bring *Lead Your District: Governor* to the International Assembly.

- **Governors-elect Training Seminar (GETS)**

At GETS, you will meet with your fellow governors-elect from your region to discuss your goals and strategies for the year and identify common challenges and solutions.

This training is designed to build on governor-nominee training, and to ensure all governors have equivalent knowledge going into the International Assembly. If you did not complete governor-nominee training in advance of your GETS, we encourage you to log into [www.rotary.org/myrotary](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary) and visit the Learning Centre under the Learning and Reference section to review the online governor-nominee training module to ensure you are fully prepared for your role.

At GETS, only a portion of the many important topics of your governor year will be covered. GETS curriculum is intentionally focused on district and regional strategies and activities such as building your team and planning your district conference. Many of these topics are primers for the Assembly.

- **International Assembly**

The 2018 International Assembly will take place 14 – 20 January 2018, at the Manchester Grand Hyatt hotel in San Diego, California, USA. This event serves as the culmination of your training.

When you arrive in San Diego, you'll be able to use the knowledge that you gathered at GETS to discuss issues and initiatives that affect the whole Rotary world such as membership, fundraising, and polio eradication efforts. You'll also experience the internationality of our organization and gather ideas for your upcoming year of service.

The International Assembly includes a robust governor-elect spouse program that is independent from the governor-elect training. This specially crafted program gives governor-elect spouses a chance to interact with each other and learn about the many ways they can be involved with Rotary. Governor-elect spouse attendance at the International Assembly is not mandatory, but spouses are encouraged to take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity.

I am also happy to share with you details of your class theme jacket. Having considered the cost of ordering specially-made jackets and the practical utility of these jackets in your non-Rotary life, I've decided to keep it simple.

The color of our jacket will be a traditional navy blue which will blend with any shade of pants and skirts or sarees and will be useful to you in all functions and travels whether they be for Rotary or otherwise. Further information on appropriate dress during the Assembly will be supplied by staff in upcoming communications.

Please start preparing for GETS and the Assembly by becoming familiar with your manual, Rotary.org, and the Manual of Procedure. Starting in August, you will receive a several messages regarding the Assembly, including your registration materials, via email. If you do not receive this information, please contact your Club and District Support Representative at [cds@rotary.org](mailto:cds@rotary.org).

Serving as district governor for 2018-19 is a great responsibility that I hope you will find rewarding. I wish you every success as you prepare for your year of leadership, and I look forward to seeing you in San Diego next January, if not before.

Kind Regards,



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