



District Leadership Academy (DLA)

The purpose of the District Leadership Academy is to provide intensive training for Rotarians who have high potential for future leadership positions within District 6780 and potentially beyond.

DLA lessons are designed to develop knowledge and ideas beyond what would ordinarily be encountered in the club and to develop knowledge of resources so that participants will know where to go to develop additional Rotary knowledge and skills.

The course of training takes the form of an extension course consisting of an Orientation Seminar in August followed by seven correspondence lessons with a face-to-face Summary Seminar and Graduation at the District Conference. Candidates are also expected to participate in several District activities. The district provides all materials, so there is little cost to participants.

Criteria for Candidates

The candidate:

1. Must have outstanding qualifications for Rotary leadership.
2. **Should have served for a full term as president of a Rotary club** when the course begins. A candidate that has not served as a president of a Rotary club **must have graduated Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)**. A candidate that has not served as a president of a Rotary club would not be eligible for serving as an Assistant Governor or District Governor until that criterion has been met.
3. **Must be willing, upon completion of the course, to serve in a district leadership position or on a district committee** and be physically and mentally capable of discharging leadership tasks to which he/she may be recruited. Every DLA graduate will be asked to serve in a district role.
4. Must be willing to **devote the time and effort necessary to satisfactorily complete the course.**

Nomination and Selection Process

Any Rotarian may nominate a qualified candidate for the Academy. The following should be considered when making a nomination.

1. The candidate must be **informed about the nature of the Academy and the commitment of time and service involved.**
2. The **candidate should agree to be nominated** with the understanding that not all nominees are selected.

The Academy accepts a limited number of candidates each year. All other things being equal, candidates will be selected to provide geographical diversity within the district from among candidates nominated.

Nominations will be accepted through June 30th of the current calendar year.

DLA Course Content

The course consists of an orientation seminar, an extension course of seven lessons, a summary seminar, and participation in a selected number of district activities. Each lesson concentrates on a particular aspect of Rotary and includes discussion, references, and a written assignment. The lessons are designed to direct the participant to a variety of references and resources including print materials and web sites. Participants are expected to complete the lessons independently.

Reviewed lessons are returned to the participant along with answers to questions that were missed. Approximately three weeks are allowed to complete each lesson. The summary seminar includes a review of the lessons and a discussion of selected topics not easily covered by the extension lessons. To receive a certificate of graduation from the course, the participant should attend the orientation seminar, must successfully complete the seven lessons, should attend the summary seminar, and must complete the selected activities.

The lesson topics are:

1. District 6780: Organization, policies and procedures
2. Membership
3. Public Image and Awareness
4. Effective Service Projects
5. The Rotary Foundation
6. Youth Service
7. Organization and Structure of Rotary International

The activities are (**must attend two of the following**):

1. Vibrant Clubs Workshops
2. Club Leaders Training Assembly
3. District Team Training Seminar
4. RYLA or Interact Conference (Interact Conference includes District 4-Way Speech Contest)
5. Interact club meeting or a Rotaract club meeting
6. A club meeting at a club you have not visited before
7. District Rotary Foundation Committee or a Youth Service Committee meeting or active participation on a District committee
8. District Conference

All of the District important dates for the activities can be found on the last page of the District Directory, or on the district website (rotarydistrict6780.com) under the District tab, then Important Dates tab. All district club meetings & times can be found on DACdb.com.

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