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Dear club president-elect,

Welcome to your presidents-elect training seminar. This important training event will help you prepare for any challenges you might face in the year ahead.

Club presidents play a significant part in our organization. You will lead by example and set the tone for your club this year by helping it grow, keeping your fellow members engaged, and planning meaningful, sustainable projects. How successful your club is — and in turn, how successful Rotary is — depends on you and your leadership.

Remember that you and I have the same job as members of this organization: to help Rotary do its job in the world better. We need to plan strategically and work efficiently if we want to move Rotary forward. We have to ensure that Rotary continues to provide the best possible experience to its members, that it continues to grow and be useful through sustainable service. We must make sure that Rotary is transparent and accountable while changing the lives of as many people as possible.

Although this will be your year as president, you'll need to plan beyond that. The year you serve in office is only one year in a long-term plan. You'll have succeeded as a club president not only if you hit your milestones or fundraising goals, but also if you have been part of planning Rotary's future, along with your future leaders.

I hope that you leave this seminar feeling confident and prepared to tackle any goals you set this coming Rotary year. What you achieve can make all the difference in years to come.

As our new vision statement says: Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Congratulations on being elected club president. I look forward to having you join me this coming year to Be the Inspiration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Rassin".

Barry Rassin
2018-19 President, Rotary International