

# **Lone Star PETS - 2019 Online Registration Guide**

The Lone Star President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is designed to provide essential and current information to President-elects and President-nominees to prepare them to have an effective and successful year. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear talks by top Rotary leaders and motivational speakers, attend small group discussion sessions on various topics led by knowledgeable and experienced discussion leaders, and network and exchange ideas with their peers from ten Rotary districts.

I know that you'll find Lone Star PETS to be a *very* worthwhile training experience, and this guide has been developed to provide you with the information you need to know <u>before</u> going online to register.

#### 1. Registration Packages

Registering for Lone Star PETS is easy!

Go to the Lone Star PETS website at <u>www.lonestarpets.org</u> and click on "Registration" in the menu, then "Online PETS Registration Link" in the drop down. This will take you directly to the Lone Star PETS registration page.

After entering your basic information (name, club, district, etc.) you will be required to select a basic Registration Package option.

The five available options are as follows:

- **a. President-elect**: Select this option if you will serve as the President of your club starting <u>July 1, 2019.</u>
- **b. President-nominee**: Select this option if you will serve as the President of your club starting <u>July 1, 2020.</u>
- **c. Assistant Governor:** Select this option if you are an Assistant Governor.
- **d. Spouse/Partner:** Select this option if you are a Spouse or Partner of someone attending PETS as a President-elect, President-nominee, Discussion Leader, Ranger or Lone Star PETS staff member.
- **e. All Others:** Select this option if you do not fit into one of the other four categories. This category includes DGs, DGEs, DGNs, DFRCs, Discussion Leaders, Rangers and other Lone Star PETS staff.

All options include the Thursday night reception, lunch and dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday and instructional materials.

<u>Note:</u> Please understand that if you and/or your spouse/partner want to participate in either the AG Training on Saturday or the Spouse/Partner Program you <u>MUST</u> register for the appropriate Registration Package.

<u>Hint:</u> If you fit into more than one Registration Package option, choose the option that best describes why you're attending PETS For instance, if both you and your spouse are attending, and both of you are either a President-elect or President-nominee, choose that option over Spouse/Partner. Similarly, if your spouse is attending and will be serving as a Lone Star PETS Ranger, choose Spouse/Partner since that is better for you cost-wise.

## 2. Registration Cost

The cost of your basic registration is directly linked to the Registration Package you select <u>AND</u> the date on which you make your registration.

<u>Note:</u> Online registration will open on November 1 and run through mid-night February 27. The cost of registration goes <u>UP</u> after midnight on February 10, and online registration <u>CLOSES</u> at midnight on February 27, 2018. After that time, the only option for registering will be on-site.

	Basic Registration Cost				
Registration Package	Until Feb 10	Feb 12 - 27	On-Site		
President-elect	\$345	\$395	\$410		
President-nominee	\$345	\$395	\$410		
Assistant Governor	\$310	\$335	\$375		
All Others	\$310	\$335	\$375		
Spouse/Partner	\$285	\$325	\$350		

# 3. Optional Classes

When you register for PETS you will be given the opportunity to register for up to two optional classes led by knowledgeable and experienced discussion leaders that are designed to provide focused information on topics ranging from Rotary Basics for new Rotarians to Membership and Club Finances.

There is <u>no</u> additional cost to attend these classes beyond registering for PETS.

The nine optional classes will be presented on the evening of Thursday, February 28.

- **a. Club Finances**: A session focusing on what a Club President needs to know and understand about his or her club's finances.
- **b. Membership**: A look at membership development issues including recruitment, retention and engagement.
- **c. Rotary Basics**: A Rotary 101 especially designed for Presidents-elect and Presidents-nominees who have been in Rotary 3 years or less.
- **d. Rotary Club Central/My Rotary:** Learning how to use Rotary Club Central and My Rotary.

- **e. Foundation:** Hear about the Foundations impact on the world, learn how donors can support our mission, and get tips for creating a culture of givers.
- **f. Satellite Clubs:** Learn how to set up and operate a Satellite Club and its importance to Rotary.
- g. People of Action/Public Image: How to survive and stay relevant in a highly competitive world of Service Organizations through the tools of Public Image of Rotary.
- **h. Membership Lead:** Learn what to do when RI sends a lead about a local individual that wants to join a Rotary club.
- i. How to start a Rotaract Club: How to start a community based Rotaract Club. How can we double the number of Rotaract clubs in the coming year.

Each class will be presented twice – **Session 1** starts at 7:00 pm and **Session 2** starts at 8:00 pm. Having two sessions gives you the flexibility (if you so choose) to attend two of the nine classes (one during Session 1 and another during Session 2).

All classes are 50 minutes in length.

<u>Note:</u> Seating for some of these classes is <u>limited</u> and session-specific reservations will be taken on a <u>first-come</u>, <u>first-served basis</u> at the time of PETS registration.

## 4. Spouse/Partner Program

When you register for PETS you will have the opportunity to register your spouse/partner to attend the Spouse/Partner Program Thursday evening. What to do while your spouse is being trained. Come together with other spouses/partners and plan your time at PETS.

## 5. Assistant Governor Training

If you are registering for PETS as an Assistant Governor in order to support your District Governor-elect with Friday's training, please consider staying an extra day to attend Assistant Governor Training on Saturday.

Whether you'll be a first-time AG in 2019, or have been on the job for a number of years, there's something in this training for everybody. Led by a knowledgeable and experienced discussion leader, you'll network and exchange ideas with Assistant Governors from ten Rotary districts.

## 6. Extra Meal Tickets

When you register for PETS you will be given the opportunity to purchase extra meal tickets so you can bring a guest or guests to one or more of the six plenary sessions. Extra meal tickets can only be purchased by "registered" attendees.

Plenary Session	Day	Meal	Program/Speaker	Cost
1	Friday	Lunch		\$55
2	Friday	Dinner		\$80
3	Saturday	Breakfast		\$55
4	Saturday	Lunch		\$55
5	Saturday	Dinner		\$80
6	Sunday	Breakfast		\$55

#### 7. Speaker DVDs

There will be no DVDs available for this year's speakers. Instead, videos of all speeches will be downloadable from the website or mobile app.

## 8. Cancellation and Refund Policy

We hope that you will not find it necessary to do this, but should it be necessary to cancel your PETS registration please understand President-elect's and President-nominee's cancellation fee is \$50 and all others are \$25.

#### Note:

- (1) There will be <u>NO</u> refund issued for a basic registration cancellation requested after the close of online registration at midnight, February 27, 2019.
- (2) While there is no cancellation fee associated with the purchase of extra meal tickets, to receive a refund your request to cancel must be received not later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the meal for which the ticket was purchased.

# 9. Appropriate Attire

Treat attending PETS like you would be going to work and you'll be fine.

While your discussion leaders and the Lone Star PETS leadership will be in business attire all weekend, the appropriate attire for the training sessions on Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday is <u>business casual</u> – trousers/khakis and a shirt with a collar for the gentlemen, and trousers/knee-length skirt and a blouse or shirt with a collar for the ladies. No jeans. No athletic wear.

Some of the rooms tend to be chilly, so you might consider bringing along a light sweater or jacket.

The only exception is Plenary Session # 5 on Saturday night. The Lone Star PETS tradition is to wear <u>business attire</u> – coat/suit and tie for the gentlemen, and either a suit or dress for the ladies – when Rotary International President-elect is the speaker.

# 10. Hotel Reservation

Registering for Lone Star PETS does not get you a hotel room!

When you finish registering for Lone Star PETS you must still go back to the Lone Star PETS website and click on "Registration" in the menu, then "Online **Hotel Reservation Link" in the drop down** to reserve your room at the DFW Hyatt Regency.

#### Note:

- (1) These rooms tend to sell out before the PETS online registration closes so <u>do not</u> wait too long to do this.
- (2) <u>Do not go to www.hyatt.com</u> to register for your room. The <u>only</u> way to get the special rate of **\$108 per night plus tax** is to register via the Lone Star PETS registration link.

## 11. Onsite Registration

Onsite registration will be held in **Innovation A**, located in the hallway behind the hotel registration desk, for the duration of Lone Star PETS.