

To: District 5440 Presidents Elect and Presidents Elect Nominee
From: District Governor Elect Chuck Rutenberg
Re: President Elect Training Seminar

Congratulations on being selected as president of your Rotary club for 2017-18 or 2018-19. It will be a rewarding and exciting year; and, one that requires commitment of time and resources to assure success for your club.

The Rotary High Country PETS (Presidents-elect Training Seminar) will be held February 24-26, 2018 in Denver, Colorado at the Renaissance Hotel. ON-LINE REGISTRATION opened November 1st. Please visit www.highcountrypets.org. Look under the PETS Registration Links on the top toolbar for the for the District 5440 Presidents-Elect (PE) & AGs link to register for our district. Presidents Elect Nominee you have your own link in which to use so look for that one directly under the PE link. The registration deadline is February 3, 2018. If you sign up for Rotary 101 on Friday, February 24th, it begins at 1:30 PM. Our district specific training does not start until after dinner so unless you sign up for Rotary 101 there is no need to be at the hotel prior to 4:30pm. Registration check-in will continue through the cocktail hour and close for dinner. Kellie Tovar, our District Administrator and PETS registrar, will return to the registration desk after dinner so those who came in a little late may pick up their supplies.

Room reservations at the Renaissance must be made by February 3rd to be included in the Rotary room block. A convenient link is available on the PETS web site. I strongly encourage you to stay at the hotel during PETS. It will improve your ability to be involved in the PETS experience. Also, please be aware that our district or your club could incur extra expense if the PETS room block is not utilized. If you choose to stay at a hotel other than the Renaissance, you will not receive the shared room reimbursement from our district which is one equivalent to one full night rate. The PETS block rooms include in-room internet and parking.

PENs (president-elect nominee) are strongly encouraged to attend. Special PEN sessions are being offered on February 25 & 26 with different information than given in your PE breakout discussions. The vast majority of club presidents who have attended PETS as both a PEN and PE say their experience was more productive the second year.

If you have any questions on the PETS materials or need assistance during registration, please contact Kellie who is our District registrar at 970-506-1036 or rotary5440@yahoo.com. You can always reach out to me as well with questions.

Thank you,

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