

To: 2017-2018 Club Presidents
Cc: Assistant Governors, 2018-2019 Club Presidents
From: DGE Bill Emslie

Dear President-elect:

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

Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) will be held February 24 to 26, 2017 in Denver, Colorado at the Renaissance Hotel. The registration deadline is February 3, 2017. You will need to arrive at the Renaissance on February 28th no later than 5:00pm in order to participate in the social and dinner. Followed by dinner we will hold our first breakout session which is an introduction breakout so it will be short, followed by a hospitality social. However, if you sign up for Rotary 101 on Friday, February 24th, it begins at 1:30 PM. Register at www.highcountrypets.org by selecting the appropriate D5440 menu option under the dropdown menu of the Registration Links for 2017 PETS on the top toolbar.

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. The PETS block rooms include in-room internet and parking.

Your PEN (president-elect nominee, who will serve as president in 2018-2019) is 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.

The following is a quote from one of our PEN attendees at a previous PETS...

"I attended PETS as a President Elect Nominee thinking that I knew quite a bit about Rotary. Through the course of the training programs and the fellowship with many Rotarian leaders that weekend, I found that I had much to continue learning and that this training and networking was invaluable and inspiring".

Please check your club's information on the district website to see if your PEN has been entered there. In order for us to communicate with your PEN, he/she must be listed, with email address, as PEN of your club on the district website. PENs entered into our site have been copied on this email.

To help you prepare for your presidential year and for PETS, you will receive a total of seven e-mail messages (including this one) with study information taken from the Club President's Manual. For maximum benefit, please take time to review the materials and find the key points (listed below) that will be outlined for each chapter. All the chapters of the President's Manual are available under PETS Download Files at www.highcountrypets.org.

Goal Setting Questions:

- Why is it important to set goals at the club and district level?
- What are some ways to ensure that a goal is realistic?
- What are some strategies that your club can use to ensure that a goal can be achieved?

If you have any questions on the materials or need assistance, please contact either our District Registrar, [Kellie Tovar](#), or me at emslie.bill@gmail.com, 970-217-6340

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