

**All Things PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)**

**Dear Presidents Elect and Satellite Chairs Elect:**

Being named the leader of your club is an incredible honor. But Leadership with a comprehensive support system **ROCKS!** Over the past six months I have had a chance to meet most of you at your club meetings and at CLA and am thrilled with the journey that we will take together in our next Rotary year.

This is your day to make a real impact on your club and in your community……and literally dozens of experienced leaders in Rotary are here to help you with ideas and resources and a personal development program that will put you in a position to succeed in the next Rotary year and beyond.

**So what should you be doing right now?**

* + 1. **Meet with your Assistant Governor:** Schedule a time to sit down with your Assistant Governor to talk about the year ahead — challenges, opportunities, your leadership team, your preliminary goals and of course the support that your Assistant Governor and other volunteers in the District can give you to make this a great year for you and for your club. Our Assistant Governors are Past Presidents who have a wealth of experience and access to additional resources to support you. Don’t know who your Assistant Governor is? You will find a list of our Assistant Governors along with the clubs they serve in the attachment.
    2. **Visit other Rotary Clubs:** Visit three to five (3-5) other Rotary clubs of various sizes in our District over the next several weeks. When you experience Rotary as a guest, you get ideas about how to make your club the best it can be. Learn about what makes (or doesn’t) make a good meeting. Learn about fundraisers, projects and how the clubs enrich the club experience for their members. Need suggestions about other clubs to visit? Ask your Assistant Governor for some ideas.
    3. **Mark your calendars for PETS and CLA**:

**Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS)** will be held on March 1 & 2 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in north Phoenix.

**Club Leadership Academy** will be held on April 27 at the Black Canyon Conference Center

**What else is planned to help you make the most of your year as President?**

The next part of your preparation and support comes in the form of a three-part President Elect education program, which includes:

* + - **Pre-PETS**……a self-study program that will help you assess your strengths and weaknesses as well as to identify Rotary tools and resources that will support you. Each Monday beginning the first full week of January you will receive (via e-mail) an easy-to-accomplish exercise. Be sure to complete every exercise as you will find the assessment and resources invaluable during your leadership journey.

**Grand Canyon**

**PRESIDENT ELECT**

**Training Seminar**

**New approach + Top Notch facilitators + Great speakers =**

**INCREDIBLE opportunity for you to grow as a leader.**

* + - **Presidents Elect Training Seminar.** Over the last two years we have completely redesigned PETS to emphasize **your** **personal development** in the area of leadership. PETS, to be held on Friday and Saturday March 1 & 2 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, will inspire you, help you build a framework to draw on your strengths, develop a plan for recruiting your team and learn how to access the extensive leadership support system within Rotary.
    - **Mark your calendars now for PETS on March 1 & 2**.
    - **Club Leadership Academy.** We have cut PETS back to just a day-and-half so that you can complete your President Elect education at the dynamic **Club Leadership Academy.** CLA will be held on April 27 at the Black Canyon Conference Center in north Phoenix. Think of CLA as the second half of PETS. To clarify, **both** PETS and CLA are required to satisfy your in-classroom education to become President of your club.
    - At CLA you will choose from a wide variety of electives that will allow you to design the unique education program that will best serve you during your year.
    - CLA will also be your first opportunity to exercise leadership of your club. CLA will offer **over 35 different classes** that your fellow club members can choose from to be inspired and prepared for their role in your club. We are thrilled that **District 5495’s Club Leadership Academy** is viewed as one of the most innovative Rotary leadership programs in the western US.
    - **Mark your calendars now for CLA on Saturday, April 27**.

PETS and CLA registrations and the PETS hotel reservation options will open soon. Watch for that information in the next couple weeks.

The entire volunteer Rotary team of northern and central Arizona (a/k/a Rotary District 5495) is excited about the year ahead and is eager to support you as your club’s leader. We look forward to taking this journey with you.

With warm regards and deep appreciation for your commitment to making a difference,

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