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Rotary Florida Presidents Elect Training Seminar

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Message from the PETS Training Staff

Congratulations on being elected President of your Rotary club for Rotary year 2017-18. It will be rewarding and exciting. The success of your club, next year, depends on strong and effective leadership, which requires advance preparation.

Your Rotary Florida Presidents-Elect Training Seminar will be held on March 2-4 at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace Hotel Disney Springs. You will enjoy a spectacular lineup of high profile Rotary International keynote speakers at the general meal sessions. During PETS, there will be four Group Breakout discussion sessions with Club Presidents-Elect from similar sized clubs as yours, and three sessions with your District Governor-Elect.

On Thursday, there will be hands-on, short, intensive sessions on Rotary Club Central, the online tool to help your club set and track your goals and achievements. Your input of key information about your club will help your District Governor Elect and RI support your efforts in making your club great! You can sign up at the same location as Registration for a 20 minute hands-on session on Thursday, March 2. Note: you must bring your rotary.org login and password, in order to participate in this online session.

This is the first in a series of four Self-Study Projects designed to help prepare you not only for the upcoming PETS but also for your year as Club President, universally recognized as the most important position in all of Rotary. These projects will be sent to you every other week in order to give you plenty of time to work on them. While they are not necessarily time consuming, they do outline important aspects of your upcoming club presidency that you will want to prepare for. To get the maximum benefit out of your Florida PETS experience, you will need to take these self-study projects seriously as well as any tasks your District Governor-Elect gave you at Pre-PETS in your District. Please share these projects with your AGs. They will also be receiving copies and it will benefit you both to share the information you will provide in your answers.

Arrive at Florida PETS prepared with the basic fundamentals. Devote your time at PETS to focusing on the best practices for being effective Club Presidents and strong Rotary leaders.

Each one of these projects relates directly to the general breakout sessions at PETS. The entire Rotary Florida PETS 2017 Training Team is committed to making this Rotary Florida PETS a rewarding experience, an educational experience, and an interpersonal Rotary experience. Remember the First Object of Rotary: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity to serve.

PETS will provide you with the training needed to fill your President-elect educational needs.

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Self-Study Project #1

Resources: Club President's Manual

Calendar of Events

Develop a preliminary "working" calendar of events for your Rotary club for the 2017-18 year. It does not have to be precise or official as it is a fluid work in progress. Many dates and events are typically subject to change.

This exercise will acquaint you with the scale of events of a Rotary club calendar and the advance planning it requires. If you create your calendar electronically (highly recommended for easy maintenance), you will want to print it out to have as a ready reference. Your calendar should include, but not be limited to:

- Club meetings
- Board meetings
- Club Assemblies
- Club socials
- Community service projects
- International projects
- Club fundraising
- Key committee meetings
- District Seminars and key events
- Any other Club event you deem appropriate



When you have completed the above project you will have reached the first plateau – congratulations! Only three to go.....and remember, have some fun with this. Enjoy the process! Remember to include District events provided by your Governor, and Contact the Assistant Governor for your area / group. Record name, phone number, and e-mail address, for future contact. Then, meet with them at PETS.