

## **PELS FAQs 2025 – District 7475**

### **Who attends PELS?**

President Elect and returning Presidents who will be President in the coming Rotary year starting July 1, 2025 are required to attend PELS. There are separate curriculums for first-time and returning Presidents, and for Assistant Governors.

If you are a returning President or Assistant Governor, please make sure to indicate that on your registration form.

### **What should I expect from PELS?**

Our District participates in the Mid-Northeast Multi District PELS. The six participating Districts represent over 300 Rotary Clubs. Including staff there will be around 350 Rotarians at our PELS event.

PELS is a fun, active and informative event. You will be very busy and engaged for the two days.

There will be classroom time, where you will join small groups of your classmates for interactive learning sessions, facilitated by experienced Rotarians.

There will be group sessions (called plenary sessions) and meals where you will hear from senior Rotarians, subject experts and leaders of groups associated with Rotary. At the opening dinner on Thursday evening there will be a presentation from Sangkoo Yun, who will be Rotary International President July 1, 2026.

In the evenings there will be party time so you can socialize with your fellow Rotarians in the District hospitality suites.

There is also the House of Friendship where you can meet Rotary vendors and partners such as ClubRunner and buy Rotary swag from Russell Hampton and others.

### **Where can I find all the PELS information I need?**

All information required by President Elects for PELS and as they prepare for their time as President will be available on the [President Elect Resources 2025](#) page on the district website. You can click on the link, or you can go to the District Homepage at [www.njrotary.org](http://www.njrotary.org), click on Resources in the Menu Bar, then on President Elect Resources 2025.

### **How much does PELS cost?**

The cost of PELS is \$450. \$100 is paid by our district. \$350 is paid by your Club as part of your District dues. The \$450 covers all activities and food. You are responsible for your hotel room, which this year is \$155 per night.

Because many in our District live close to the hotel, some do not spend the night. But you miss a lot of fun if you leave early. And drinking and driving is never recommended!

### **What are the PELS dates and location?**

PELS will start Thursday evening, March 20 and end Saturday afternoon, March 22. It will be held at the Hanover Marriott, 1401 NJ-10 East, Whippany NJ 07981. Registration opens Thursday afternoon. The exact time will be provided. There is also registration early Friday morning.

### **How do I register for PELS?**

The link to register and reserve your hotel is on the President Elect Resources 2025 webpage on the District website. Or you can go to <https://mnepels.org> which is the Mid Northeast PELS home page. There is no charge to register for PELS on the website. You will need a credit card to reserve a hotel room. The deadline to register is February 15. The last day to book a hotel room is March 6.

### **Is it required that President Elects attend PELS?**

Rotary International requires that all Club Presidents attend PELS before their term in office. Our District requires that the Club President attend PELS for the club to be eligible for District Grants. So yes, you are “required” to attend, but the training will make the job easier, and it will make you a better President. And it’s a fun experience.

You must attend all Friday and Saturday sessions and the District meeting on Saturday afternoon to receive your Participation Certificate. Thursday night and Friday night dinners are optional, but you really do not want to miss the dinners and presentations. It’s motivating and the fellowship with over 300 other Rotarians is special. And you’ve paid for them in your fee!

If you are unable to attend PELS, please contact DGE Bob at [bob.law.7475@gmail.com](mailto:bob.law.7475@gmail.com).

### **Our Club has Co-Presidents. Should both attend PELS?**

If your club has multiple people sharing the President’s role, we may be able to accommodate two members at PELS. Your Club would need to pay a second \$350 fee. If you want to send an additional member email DGE Bob at [bob.law.7475@gmail.com](mailto:bob.law.7475@gmail.com)

### **What should I do to prepare for PELS?**

If you participate in our District PELS Preparation Seminars and take advantage of the Rotary Learning Center courses, you will be well prepared for PELS. Details on both programs can be found on the [President Elect Resources 2025](#) page.

### **What to Bring to PELS?**

Besides your luggage, there's not a lot you need to bring. You will want to bring a workbook to take personal notes from classes, plus bring a lot of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Phones, iPads and tablets are also OK for taking note. Also, a smartphone is necessary to use the Sched app, which will have the event schedule and participants information in a convenient format.

### **What to Wear at PELS?**

Rotary-themed attire is strongly encouraged (you can buy some at PELS). Business casual attire is appropriate for all sessions and meetings, as well as all meals and other activities.