

Frequently Asked Questions About PETS

Who should attend Lone Star PETS?

Lone Star PETS is designed specifically for Rotary **Presidents-Elect, President-Nominees,** and **Assistant Governors**.

For Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee it provides the essential preparation, tools, and network you'll need to lead your club successfully during your year as president. For Assistant Governors, it can help you strengthen your leadership skills, understand your district's vision, and build strong relationships with the presidents you will support.

Why should I attend PETS?

PETS is an important part of your Club President journey! It's where you'll gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make your year as president both impactful and rewarding. You'll connect with peers from across multiple districts, learn proven leadership practices, and leave with a clear vision and action plan for guiding your club.

Finally, you'll fulfill Rotary International's requirement for all incoming club presidents to attend a district-sponsored presidents-elect training/learning seminar (2022 RI Manual of Procedure: Club Constitution, Article 11, Section 5c).

How do I get the most out of PETS?

Come prepared to participate fully — attend every session, engage with your small group discussions, and network with fellow Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominees, and Assistant Governors. Complete the pre-event learning materials in advance, ask questions,

and take notes you can bring back to your club. The more energy and openness you bring, the more value you'll take home.

Registration & Payment

What is included in PETS registration

Price includes your event registration, meals throughout the weekend (Friday lunch through Sunday Breakfast (6 total), Thursday welcome reception, and Thursday night classes, and free hotel parking for hotel guests

Who pays for my registration?

Rotary clubs typically include PETS registration fees in its budget. Please consult with your club board to determine if they will pay at time of registration, or if you should pay and seek reimbursement.

Do I have to pay at the time of registration?

Yes, payment at registration is preferred and usually made by credit card. Most clubs reimburse at least the basic registration fee for Presidents-Elect. The registration link is found on the Lone Star PETS website. (**https://www.lonestarpets.org**)

You will make your hotel reservation on the Lone Star PETS website.

Lodging & Accommodations

May I bring my spouse or partner?

Yes! We encourage our attendees to bring their spouse/ partner. We have a special reception for them on Thursday night, and a full day of learning opportunities to share the Rotary journey with their Rotarian. PETS is business sessions for Presidents-Elect Presidents-Nominees, and Assistant Governors only, and we cannot accommodate partners.

May I stay at another hotel or other nearby accommodation?

Yes. Most PETS participants stay at the event hotel, the Hyatt Regency Airport at DFW. Staying onsite ensures you can fully participate in the program, as the schedule is very full and does not allow extra time for commuting.

Can I book a hotel room to arrive before Friday or stay after Sunday?

Yes. Early arrival on **Wednesday or Thursday** is available for an additional cost, which you can select during registration.

Arrival & Check-In

Is parking available?

Yes. It is best to arrive early or carpool. Rotarians staying at the hotel will get a voucher when they check out for parking. Parking is free with hotel validation.

Where do I check-in upon arrival?

When you arrive, please check in first at the hotel front desk. The hotel staff will coordinate your room and assign keys. You'll receive your room key when you check into the hotel. during your District meeting on Friday afternoon, and there will be time afterwards to settle into your guest room before the evening sessions begin. at the PETS registration desk

Where should I keep my luggage before I get my room key?

You can take your luggage to your room when you check in to the hotel and get a room key. You can also check your baggage at the hotel Bell Stand. They will tag them and keep them at the Bell stand until you are ready to take it to your room

Event Schedule & Activities

What kind of workshops and learning sessions will I attend?

Over the course of the weekend, you will experience inspirational plenary sessions, dive deep into learning breakouts, and interact and learn from your District, Zone, and Rotary International leadership teams. PETS is an action-packed weekend with a lot of variety of sessions to help keep the momentum and learning going.

How are breakout groups assigned?

There are three types of breakouts you will participate in throughout the weekend:

1. **Core learning -Specific Facilitated Discussions** are held on Saturday and assigned based on your role: President-Elect, President-Nominee, Encore President, or Assistant Governor.
2. **District Learning Sessions** are held on Friday
3. **Subject-specific Optional Classes** are selected at time of registration (or will be randomly assigned if the registrant does not select a subject). Each PE and AG can select up to two sessions. These are offered on Thursday night from 7:00-8:00 PM and from 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Special Features & Extras

What's the House of Friendship?

The House of Friendship, where you can connect with organizations to explore potential local and global project ideas your club may want to pursue during your term as Club President.

Rotary merchandise vendors all also on site on the House of Friendship. Multiple vendors will be on-site with apparel, pins, jewelry, awards, and much more.

The House of Friendship is open from 5:00-9:00 PM on Thursday from 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Friday, and Saturday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Check the event schedule for full hours.

There is a reception for all attendees with a cash bar on Thursday from 6:00 – 7:00 PM

What are Hospitality Suites?

Please check with you District Governor Elect to verify if they are hosting a suite to allow Rotarians to mingle and network each evening of PETS.

The District Governors are hosting a Hospitality event with a cash bar for **all attendees** after the Saturday night dinner from 8:30 - 11:30 PM in Enterprise I and 2 rooms.

Will there be a photographer at PETS?

Yes. A professional photographer will be on site to take District pictures after lunch on Friday. Our feature speaker will be Rotary International President Larry Lunsford and we encourage you to wear **business attire** for the lunch.

In addition, an event photographer will capture candid moments throughout the weekend. General event photos will be shared on the Event App during PETS and on the Lone Star PETS website after the event.

Dress Code

What should I wear at PETS?

Daytime sessions call for casual chic or business casual attire, while evening dinner events are more formal with business or cocktail attire. Since hotel ballrooms can be cool, we suggest bringing layers to stay comfortable throughout the day.

Misc. Questions

Do I receive a certificate of completion?

Yes. Certificates are typically distributed at the final district session or are emailed after the event. This may be submitted to your club for reimbursement (if needed).

How do I provide feedback about my PETS experience?

Your feedback is essential to helping us make PETS better each year. After each session—and again at the conclusion of the event—you'll receive short digital surveys to evaluate speakers, sessions, and your overall experience. Taking a few minutes to complete these surveys ensures that your voice is heard and directly shapes future PETS programs.

Still Have Questions?

If your question was not answered on this page, please contact your **District Governor Elect** or the PETS Registrar.