

Dear Presidents-Elect –

We are pleased to provide you with the preliminary schedule for your training at Pacific Northwest PETS. Your Governor-Elect has enabled us to continue with the improvements to our curriculum and delivery methods. This year, for the first time, we will have **three** core training sessions – Foundation, Membership and Public Image, presented in a format that is totally new. Of course we will have the optional pre-session electives again, but this year they will only be available on Friday morning. Make sure you look through the offerings and select a couple of sessions. Due to space restrictions, we can not guarantee every offering will proceed – if registration interest is too low, we will cancel it.

Founded 30 years ago and one of the largest multi-district PETS in the Rotary world, Pacific Northwest PETS serves 9 districts in two Zones in Canada and the USA. We take our mission – ***‘To offer the finest in Club Leadership Training’*** very seriously. Together with your Governor-Elect, we have assembled a program consisting of outstanding motivational and informational speakers, top-notch instructors, access to Rotary resources and personnel plus time for fellowship and interaction.

Rotary-licensed vendors will be on-site to provide you opportunities to view and purchase items from a wide range of merchandise – clothing, jewellery, speaker gifts and assorted training resources.

Above all, you, as an incoming club President are here to train for the good of your Club, not just for yourself. There will be almost 550 Presidents-Elect just like you attending Pacific Northwest PETS this year. I urge you to make the most of this opportunity.

Optional pre-session classes start Friday morning at 8:00 am sharp. Offerings include Rotary 101-Rotary Basics (for newer Rotarians), Second-Time Presidents, Revitalizing your Club, Fundraising that Works, Leading and Motivating Volunteers, Effective Service Projects, Club Operations and Administration, Effective Club Meetings, Planning and Goal Setting and New Generations (a new class this year for our new 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue of service). We have also added a session especially for Rotaract Presidents-Elect. Since 2009, PNW PETS has invited Rotaract Presidents-Elect to this training seminar and we are pleased to provide time for them to gather for their own special needs. Plenary Session 1 is the official start to PETS and that is the luncheon session on Friday at noon. Dress code at PNW PETS is business casual during the day in all sessions and business attire for Friday and Saturday dinner sessions.

On behalf of the nine Governors-Elect who form our Board of Directors, allow me to extend our congratulations on being a club President-Elect and welcome you to Pacific Northwest PETS. We look forward to seeing you at PETS on Friday, March 9 through Sunday, March 11 at the Doubletree Hotel at SeaTac, Washington. District 5010 will be arriving earlier for their Pre-PETS.

Do not hesitate to contact any member of the Operating Committee with any question regarding this critically-important training event. Your and your club’s future Rotary year depends on you.

Yours in Rotary service

Allan Davis, Chair, Pacific Northwest PETS

