

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA P E T S



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CLUB PRESIDENT-ELECTS TRAINING SEMINARS

PETS

February 29 - March 2, 2008

LAX Hilton Hotel

On behalf of the 2008 Southern California/Nevada Multi-District PETS Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to an experience you will thoroughly enjoy. As we were the first multi-district President- Elect Training Seminar in the Rotary world, celebrating 30 years in 2007, you become of part of Rotary history with your participation in our 31st year.

This communication is being sent to brief you on some of the logistics to ensure a smooth arrival and check out and experience in between.

DATES AND TIMES

Thursday evening February 28 is optional. There is only one activity – a fellowship dinner without a speaker or formal program - that you may want to include in your registration. Particularly of interest to those who travel long distances, you can add Thursday dinner and Thursday evening to your default package on the registration website. The Friday breakfast is also optional.

2008 PETS begins with an Opening General Session on Friday morning, February 29 at 9:00am and ends by 12 noon on Sunday, March 2.

LOCATION

Hilton Hotel - Los Angeles International Airport
5711 West Century Blvd. , Los Angeles 90045
310-410-4000

DIRECTIONS

If you arrive by air, take the LAX Hilton airport shuttle.

Arriving by car? mapquest the above address or go to www.hilton.com

PARKING

The LAX Hilton has two entrances on the right- hand side of westbound Century Boulevard.

The first or East entrance is for Valet Parking only at a special Rotary rate of \$12.00 per day. Should you bring a vehicle with a height of 5'10" or more, you will have to enter here and Valet Park.

The second or West entrance is for underground Self Parking, which is free for PETS attendees who have registered. Parking validation will be given out at the final session with the DGEs on Sunday, March 2. There are no "in and out" privileges. If your vehicle is lower than 5'10", you are encouraged to park here.

ARRIVAL

If you made your reservations for Thursday, February 28, you can check into the hotel after 3:00pm. Although your room is fully paid through PETS registration, the hotel may request a credit card to cover any incidentals.

Your badge will be available for pick-up at the PETS Registration Desk on the second floor between 4:00 and 9:00pm on Thursday. If you are attending the fellowship dinner, you will need to have your badge on for entry to the room. All your meals are indicated on your badge, so you will need to have it on at all times for entry into meals rooms or training rooms.

Should you arrive Friday morning, leave your luggage in the car, or check it with a bellman for storage and later pick-up. Hotel check-in time is 3:00pm.

If you paid for Friday breakfast, again, you will need your badge to enter. Pick it up at the PETS Registration desk on the second floor. The desk will be open from 6:30am-8:45am. After this time, all badges will be transported to the individual training rooms, and the DGEs will have your badges available just outside your room.

You do not need a badge to attend the Opening Session at 9 am. on Friday.

TRAINING MATERIALS

All registrants that registered for the full (default) package will receive a binder of training materials that includes the new Manual of Procedures and the ABCs of Rotary, along with a briefcase.

These will be distributed in your first Friday morning session with your DGE at 10:15 am.

TRAINING ROOM

You are in the same training room for all seven (mandatory) sessions, with the instructors moving from room to room. There is one 'free' period (an hour) for each District on the schedule throughout the weekend. Use this time for walking around, stepping outside for some fresh air, visiting the vendors' areas on two floors, making calls. There are short breaks throughout the day as well.

HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

There is a multi-District hospitality event on Friday evening that is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet Rotarians from other Districts. Seating at all meal functions is open. You are encouraged to NOT sit with friends from your own District, but rather with 'strangers' from other Districts. This will enhance your experience as you get the opportunity to hear their plans and ideas FROM ALL OVER southern California and southern Nevada; we encourage using the good ideas of others! You will be surprised at how different we each operate.

Saturday night fellowship is being planned and 'hosted' by each District Governor Elect for their club presidents and others. See your DGE for his/her plans.

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

The Opening Session of the 2008 PETS begins at 9:00am sharp for one hour in the International Ballroom. The keynote speaker is RI Director Paul Netzel, the Rotarian who 'represents us' on the Rotary International Board of Directors. You'll not want to miss this start of the weekend, so plan to arrive in plenty of time. Seating begins at 8:45 am. You do not need your badge to enter and find seating at this session.

AGENDA

The schedule of events has been published on the PETS website at www.SoCalNevadaPETS.org. Another copy will be provided in your training materials binder.

PARTNERS PROGRAM

There is a special Rotary Partners program included this year. See the schedule for the day and time set aside for your District's partners to meet.

VENDORS

Bring your credit cards or Rotary Club check-book. We will have 10 vendors available on two floors with products for sale. Think speaker and club leader recognitions! As well, we will have display booths for the Rotary Foundation, Reading by Nine/Rotary Wide World of Books commemorative project and the LA 2008 International Convention. We also encourage you to purchase the official PETS DVD of all Speakers or of Speakers/Trainers – a great item to share with your Rotary Club when you return.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Please make sure to visit the Official Photographer in the San Lorenzo Room. This is part of your registration fee. These are passed on to your District for use in the District Directory.

DRESS CODE

Dress for the weekend is business casual – what you might wear to work or your Rotary Club meeting. Many Districts request the wearing of (their) Rotary shirt on Saturday. The only 'dress up' night is Saturday evening, where as an honor to the incoming Rotary International President D K Lee, we would like to 'take it up a notch'. Formal wear is not required, but dresses or pants suits for women; ties and jackets for gentlemen would be appreciated.

EVENT EVALUATIONS

The PETS Committee has been planning the event for more than a year – with you the customer in mind.

At the end of each session you will be asked to complete a short evaluation form. These will be picked up by the Sergeant at Arms after each training session. An overall PETS event evaluation will be at your place to be completed before you leave the Breakfast/Closing Session on Sunday morning. Please do so, so that we might pass your comments on to next year's Committee to improve even further.

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/PARKING VALIDATION

Parking validation will be passed out to each attendee in the last session by the DGEs on Sunday. This helps to ensure attendance at this last very important time for matters critical to your preparation and training. Hotel check-out time is 12 noon. Most DGEs will be releasing you prior to that time – closer to 11:30 – 11:45am. However, you may wish to pack and load your car before breakfast or the Ecumenical Service, for ease of check-out once you are ready to go, and avoid the crowd at check-out.

It has been my very real pleasure to serve in the capacity of Chair of the 2008 Southern California/Nevada PETS Committee. I am looking forward to a wonderful, successful event that sparks your excitement about the adventure before you.

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