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Rotary Land of Lincoln President Elect Training

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- Vice Chair - PDG Mike Nowobilski D6510
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- D6490 - Arlene Pennie
- D6510 - Janice Alka
- D6560 - Dale Basham
- D6580 - Sue Wright

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- D6490 - Julie Dobski
- D6510 - Gary Hamm
- D6560 - Charles Shumate
- D6580 - Santhana Naidu

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OUR GOAL IS TO TRAIN, MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE ROTARY LEADERS.

Dear PETS Participants,

Greetings Rotary Club President-Elects, President-Nominees and Assistant Governors. This is the third publication that will be sent out to give you all the information you will need to get the most out of your PETS experience. This is where you start your Rotary training to be the inspiration to your club, your board, and to your community.

Dates: March 17-18, 2018

WHERE: EFFINGHAM ILLINOIS

Here is a breakdown by District on how many President-Elects and President Nominees have registered so far:

*President Elects by District:

- 6490: 17
- 6510: 18
- 6560: 19
- 6580: 15

*President Nominees by District

- 6490: 3
- 6510: 4
- 6560: 1
- 6580: 9

The countdown continues. Thank you to everyone that has signed up so far....We still have a lot of work to do before March 17th. All of you, Rotarians, are extremely busy people with family, work and community commitments. These things are very important parts of our lives however, it is imperative you block out this weekend from your busy schedules to attend the important and vital training that is needed to be a successful Club President.

As a reminder, you are responsible for your own PETS Registration and Hotel Reservation. They are separate registrations. Please get signed up today and call for you hotel reservations immediately. If you have not registered for LOLPETS yet.....go to <http://www.lolpets.org>. Hit the register now tab. That will take you through the registration process.

See you in Effingham!!

PDG Laura Carie, Chair LOLPETS 2018

Kevin Yonce - A/G
Trainer

PDG Jeff Thornton - PN
Trainer PDG
Ron Shettler - PN Trainer

District Governors

Larry Howell - D6490
Jill Pietrusinski - D6510
Bryce Adam - D6560
Judy Bush - D6580

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KEY NOTE SPEAKER -PAUL CHAPPELL



Paul is an international peace educator and serves as the Peace Leadership Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He graduated from West Point, was deployed to Iraq, and left active duty as a Captain. He is the author of the seven-book Road to Peace series about ending war, waging peace, the art of living, and our shared humanity. Paul also teaches courses and workshops on peace leadership and peace literacy. His topic will be "**Peace is Possible**".

KEY NOTE SPEAKER - RI DIRECTOR GREG YANK CLOSING SESSION



Kendall Abbey is the Annual Giving Officer for Zone 30-31. She is focused on increasing Annual Fund giving to The Rotary Foundation. She support district and regional leaders through targeted communications, presentations, and webinars. She has been with Rotary since 2013. Kendall's topic will be "**The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good**".

PRESIDENT NOMINEES: THE IMPORTANCE OF PN TRAINING

Several years ago the Land of Lincoln PETS developed a program designed at training President Elect Nominees. Over the years I have had Rotarians ask me why do I need to attend this event since I have been a past president of my Club I know everything! Here is the answer I give. When you drive a car you need a driver's license. Sometimes the rules of the road change and every 4 years you have to either retake the test or take a vision test to make sure you qualify. The same is true with Rotary. The rules and technology are always changing. For example if you were a president like I was in 1999-2000 and 2003-2004 Rotary years we did not have Rotary Central. Goals were done by hand and if you did not have good records in your club you would have to "estimate" your goals. Now you can use the tools provided on Rotary Central to see statistics of your club and make goals that are realistic. Maybe you see a flat line trend in your membership or foundation giving which is a good indicator that improvement could be made. Technology is a good tool we can use to build your club. Going to training events are very important. Another good point I always make is that time is very important to me as it is to you we promise to not waste your time and the time spent to go to President Elect Nominee classes will pay big dividends for you and your Club.

President Elect Nominee Training is even more important to those members who will be President for the first time. Sometimes Clubs elect Members with less than two years in Rotary and sometimes people who are in rotary less than six months to be there President Nominee. This could be a recipe for disaster especially for Clubs who never send anyone to PETS. Luckily, our training provides those people in these situations a 16 month plan to help them prepare and also additional materials to study before they take over the wheel of your Club. One of our class participants last year was in Rotary less than two years and was elected to be her Club's President Elect Nominee. She attended our Class and one of the things we emphasize during our class is that you cannot control what happens. People have jobs that they can transfer or they may become ill which leads to not fulfilling their year as President. Suddenly as President Elect you become the President! Last July this Rotarian called me and told me her President was going to be out of town and the Governor was visiting her Club and she was in charge of her first meeting. We spoke and discussed the situation and she did a great job of handling the meeting. In December she called me and told me her President was transferred and she is now the President. For her sake she is prepared to take over the job! She took the 16 month game plan and ran with it! My question to you is your President Elect Nominee ready to take over the wheel? If the answer is no please send them to our Class! We will prepare them for the unexpected.

The last thought that I would like to share is my selfish interest. Each year as a trainer I want to learn as much as I can from the people in our class. I take some of the information that is shared back to my club. Learning is a two way street we can teach and facilitate but the facilitation from class participation brings new information that can be used. It is like a pitching coach in baseball. Every pitcher can throw a fastball or curveball but if the pitcher grips the ball a little different or the coach adjust the delivery of the throw it could increase the velocity of the

pitcher and make the pitcher more effective in game situations. As a President Elect Nominee our training may change the way you think about Rotary. It may also teach you about tools that are available to you that you did not even know existed. President Elect Nominee training is not the same as President Elect training. We deal with different subjects and concentrate on building your team so that when you need assistance during your year as President you will have the people in place to make your year as President the best! If you are on the fence post about going to President Elect Nominee training feel free to call me at 618-530-4447. I hope to meet a few of you in Effingham on Saturday, March 17th!

By: PDG Jeff Thornton

Assistant Governor Training

We have not forgotten your training during LOLPETS. Your training begins Friday 10:00 am Central Time. You are the eyes and ears of your District Governor. Our team will give you the tools to help your Presidents be more successful and to help your District Governor during their year. This will also give you the opportunity to network with your Presidents and fellow Assistant Governors.

Here is the breakdown by District on how many Assistant Governors have registered up so far: No new registration on assistant governors.

-6490: 3
-6510: 4
-6560: 3
-6580: 0

Here is how you register: go to DACDB, log in then click on calendar tab, now scan down to March 16th. Go to the A/G event and click on "register now" and follow questions. That will register you for Friday training. Register for lolpets separately by going to <http://www.lolpets.org>. Hit the register now tab. That will take you through the registration process. That is for Saturday and Sunday training and breakouts.

Self-Study Project #2

Resources: Club President's Manual: Lead Your Club)
Chapter 2: Club Management

Part One - Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Create a comprehensive agenda template for YOUR monthly Board of Directors meeting. This is it, Short and sweet but extremely beneficial to you during your presidential year. Once you get started, you may find it is more involved than you originally thought. You should be structuring the agenda how YOU think it should be, not necessarily what your club has used in the past. Remember, the scariest phrase in Rotary is "that's the way we have always done it."

A common best practice for a board meeting agenda is to include:

- **Secretary's Report: Review and approval of the minutes of the previous board meeting.
- **Report on Terminated Members/New Member Proposals
- **Treasurer's Report: Review and approval of the club's financial reports
- **Club committee Reports: Membership, Rotary Foundation, Club Administration, Youth Services, Public Image, Service Projects, Club Fundraising, etc.
- **New Business/Old Business

Many of your clubs already have an agenda for Board Meeting. This is your opportunity to tweak the agenda to make it your own. Keep your Board Meetings to one hour!

How Do You Prepare for LOLPETS

- DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER AND GET YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS.
- Make sure you have a My Rotary Account and able to log in
- Make sure you are able to log in on DACDB
- Go to the lolpets website and download the Club Presidents Manual
- Go through the manuals available to you on the lolpets website.
- Be prepared for your prepets training with your District Governor Elect.
- **WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?** Attire for this weekend is "Rotary" casual to business attire. Whatever you are most comfortable in. Please remember this is a business weekend.
- **NETWORKING AND FELLOWSHIP.** There will be plenty of opportunity for you to network with fellow Rotarians from four districts. Talk about what works for other communities. There will also be an opportunity to purchase Rotary items from at least two licensed vendors.