

Summary Report

Pre-PETS Discussion Group, PETS Alliance, July 18, 2009

Purpose of Pre-PETS:

- Promote PETS
- Start networking process among PEs and with AGs and DGE
- Impart a body of knowledge agreed to beforehand by the DGEs involved in each MDP

Pre-PETS Topics:

- PETS committees prescribe what DGEs will cover in their own Pre-PETS sessions, or DGEs themselves agree to cover certain topics
- PETS Committees can work with District Trainers to make sure a certain core of knowledge is covered at all Pre-PETS

Pre-PETS Timing:

- Districts hold Pre-PETS in various areas to decrease travel time for participants
- All held Pre-PETS in Jan./Feb. time frame, but one district holds them in October/November. [The question arose of how to know who PEs are that far in advance (Oct.). Response was that it takes a lot of phone calls: "constant nagging."] Many clubs lack succession planning. Someone suggested that a session be held at District Assembly on succession planning (and following the clubs' constitutions).

Presentation Methods:

- Some have Pre-PETS conducted by AGs to build the relationship.
- Some hand out flash drive of all materials--others planning to do so in the future.

These topics were discussed after we strayed from Pre-PETS, but all are related to it

Training Sequence was reinforced by nearly all:

- Spring Pre-PETS, PETS, District Assembly, District Conference (one district had Fall Dist. Conf.)
- RIPE Ray interested in reducing number of meetings
- Consensus among group that PEs need to go to everything

Survey results from some PETS regarding training needs:

- Running meetings--both Board and general meetings
- Creating a strategic plan, then putting it into practice
- Session for PEs with less than 2 years in Rotary
- Rotary 101 (several PETS have this as an elective)
- Focus on Rotary info/education, since many Rotarians have had leadership training in their businesses
- ABC's of Rotary
- Public speaking

District Assembly:

- Should focus on making weak clubs more effective
- Is for training club officers
- Can be held the day before Dist. Conference

District Conference timing:

- One Florida district has fall conference—will be in December in 2009-10
- Should be a celebration—awards could be more accurately determined in October

RLI & Leadership Seminar

- Leadership Seminar could be just before Dist. Conference
- RLI is for learning about Rotary & getting info on what's available to those interested in district-level leadership positions

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