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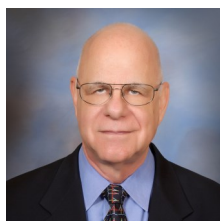
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Special Message from Rotary Southwest PETS Chair Bob Duistermars



Hello Incoming Presidents!

I hope your PETS PreWork is going smoothly and you are developing a relationship with your incoming Governor and your current Club President. Building a solid relationship with these two individuals will serve you well in the coming months and during the year you serve as your Club's President. If you are having any problems at all please let your District Governor Elect know immediately so we can get those problems solved!

As we move closer to "Show Time" things are warming up here at the PETS Committee. We have nearly all of our General Session speakers lined up and I can tell you, you are going to have an absolutely amazing General Session experience. We also have a great line up of Friday morning Elective Classes for you to choose from; so get to the Marriott as quickly as you can so you don't miss a thing. Both you and your Club really can benefit from every piece of information being offered over this amazing weekend.

You are an important part of the Rotary Leadership Team and we are here to assist you in any way possible. We want you to be successful and we are working toward that very goal.

PDG Bob Duistermars (D 5330)
Rotary Club of Hemet Sunrise

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Rotary *PETS* Speakers

Donald Clinebell—Service Driven Institute



In this and coming issues of *PETS Connections*, we are pleased to preview a stunning lineup of keynote speakers, one at each *PETS* general session.

Friday night will feature one of the most renowned club program and *PETS* faculty speakers in the world of Rotary. He is author, lay minister, leadership coach, and attorney Donald Clinebell, whose three widely read books are collectively known as "The Trilogy of Service."

Clinebell says his own life of service began reading aloud and telling stories every evening at the bedside

of his slowly dying father. The final night, Clinebell writes, "my father listened attentively, nodding gently, but did not speak. As we finished supper, we sat together in the quiet...As I turned to go, Dad stirred and waived to me to return. 'You must write that book,'" his father told him. "That night was the beginning of my journey not just to write a book, but to dedicate my life to inspiring others to live a life that matters, a life of service."

Quoting a wide range of historical figures, including Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Edison, Gandhi, Albert Einstein, and Mother Teresa, among others, Clinebell's

examples of simple service to family, friends, neighbors, communities, and nations constitute a compelling explanation of why each of these historic figures identified the inevitable principal beneficiary of service as the one who gives it.

As an illustration, he relates the story of a Rotarian surgeon and ophthalmologist, who some years ago participated in a Rotary National Immunization Day (NID) in India, before that country was declared polio-free. The surgeon told Clinebell that he had administered polio drops to an infant held in the arms of the baby's blind mother. As the surgeon studied her face, he was sure he could help her. On returning to the U.S., the doctor put together a surgical team, which flew back to India with him. After eye surgery lasting 10 hours, the mother was bandaged for a period of recovery. On removing her dressing, the mother looked up and burst into tears. For the first time in her life, she was able to see her husband and children. "I cried, too," the surgeon told Clinebell. "I discovered that however much we had changed the life at that young woman, my life had been changed even more." "This," Clinebell, told his Rotary audience "is what *Service Above Self* really means. In serving others, we serve ourselves."

Our *PETS* speaker is a graduate of Pomona College (*Phi Beta Kappa*) and UCLA School of Law. He also holds certifications in public speaking and lay preaching from the United Methodist Church. Do not miss this inspiring program.

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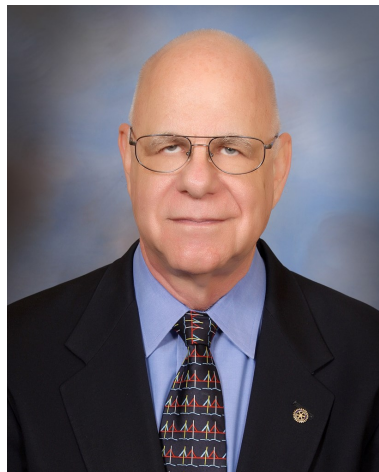
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Come to *PETS* and Test your Skill at Wining and Dining
The Competition Will Be Fierce!



Tips from PDG Nick Frankle



Getting the Most Out of General Sessions

Tips from PDG Nick

1. Sit at a table with people you don't know and who may not be from your district. *PETS* is a great opportunity to make new friends and get new ideas from other Presidents-Elect and to offer ideas in return.
2. Come prepared. The Rotary SWPETS Education Committee has based your core classes on the assumption that the pre-work has been completed. You will get more out of the program if you start with a strong foundation.

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