

Your President-Elect Journey Begins Here

Starting a Movement

Congratulations on being selected to serve as President of your Rotary club for **2027–2028!**

Part of your journey toward becoming Club President is the **Pre-PELS experience** offered by Southwest PELS. From September through January, Zoom sessions will introduce Rotary resources, practical tools, and foundational knowledge to help you prepare for PELS and the year ahead.

These sessions are here when you need them. Join live when you can, invite members of your incoming leadership team when helpful, or watch the recordings if you miss a session.

Pre-PELS is the beginning of the journey — building knowledge, connections, and momentum as you prepare to lead.

QUICK LINKS

Southwest PELS website (recordings & resources): www.southwestpels.org

Rotary Learning Center (log in required): rotary.org/learn

Join Zoom Meeting (monthly sessions): us06web.zoom.us/j/81922136017

Add all sessions to your calendar (.ics): [Download calendar invite](#)

Meeting ID: 819 2213 6017 | Every 4th Wednesday, 5:30–6:30 PM (Pacific)

SEPTEMBER • SESSION 1

SPARK: Discover Your Rotary

Before you can lead a movement, understand what you are a part of.

September 23, Wednesday, 5:30 PM (PDT) on Zoom

- Rotary 101: Overview of Rotary structure and programs
- Tour of rotary.org, the Learning Center, Rotary Club Central, and online resources
- What is the Action Plan?
- What is World Polio Day — October 24

OCTOBER • SESSION 2

LEAD: Step Into Leadership

Leadership creates momentum — when you know where you're going, you can inspire others to move with you.

October 28, Wednesday, 5:30 PM (PDT) on Zoom

- Getting started with the RI Learning Center
- President Essentials 1 — Get Ready: Club President
- What is the role of the President and Board? What do I need to start reviewing?
- What is the role of the Committees?
- Your job is now easier: Archie AI
- What governance documents should I review?
- Managing risk
- Managing club business

NOVEMBER • SESSION 3

BUILD: Turn Ideas Into Impact

A movement is built through action — and The Rotary Foundation helps turn our passion and ideas into impact that changes communities.

November 18, Wednesday, 5:30 PM (PDT) on Zoom

- Rotary Foundation basics
- What is TRF and how does it work?
- How to find TRF reports
- Working with other club leaders

DECEMBER • SESSION 4

AMPLIFY: Tell the Rotary Story

Movements grow when people see, understand, and want to be part of the impact.

December 16, Wednesday, 5:30 PM (PDT) on Zoom

- Club Public Image Committee essentials
- Public image essentials, logos, the Brand Center
- How does the club work? Operations, running a meeting, assemblies
- Club goals — Rotary Club Central

JANUARY • SESSION 5

IGNITE: Create a Club People Want to Join & Stay

Movements grow when people feel connected to something that matters. Create a club experience where members feel valued, engaged, and inspired to invite others in.

January 27, Wednesday, 5:30 PM (PDT) on Zoom

- Club experience
- Action Plan and you
- Managing prospective member inquiries

- How healthy is the club?
- What is club culture?
- Membership types, club types
- What is the value proposition?

See You on Zoom.

Building Knowledge, Connections, and Momentum — One Session at a Time.