

Florida PETS Newsletter

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Reminder to bring supplies to assist with our service project!



**A Gift for
Teaching**

of Osceola County

When good people get together, good things happen. Please help us make good things happen at Florida PETS. We have the opportunity, while attending PETS, to help a local cause in Orlando.

A Gift For Teaching is an Orlando-based 501(c)(3) that focuses on serving as Central Florida's primary provider of free school supplies to teachers for their students who need them most.

Teachers know first-hand how the lack of supplies can impact students achievement, self-esteem, and interest in learning. A Gift for Teaching believes in providing students with the supplies they need to be successful in school. We care for teachers and students so that learning can occur for all.

They Need:

Packs of 12 count #2 pencils
Packs of 12 count colored pencils
Packs of 24 count crayons
Packs of 10 count of ink pens
Loose-leaf paper (wide or college-ruled)
Composition notebooks
Spiral notebooks
Block Erasers
Packs of 8 or 10 count washable markers

Please gather as many of these items as you can carry and bring them with you!

There will be a table at Registration where you can leave your items for the Partner Experience participants to process and donate.

It's Time for Florida PETS!



By PDG Darryl Keys, Chair, PETS 2024

So, here we go!

Although we have some optional activities from late Thursday afternoon, Florida PETS officially starts this Friday! The excitement has been building as the work to get everything ready intensifies. All preparations are in place, and we are enthusiastically awaiting your arrival!

As you are making your own last-minute preparations, **here are some things to keep in mind:**

Please remember to bring school supplies to registration for our service project, A Gift For Teaching.

You will register in the conference center foyer immediately outside our House of Friendship (HOF), from 2:30 PM on Thursday. Be sure to visit our HOF and buy your Rotary club supplies and learn about some exciting district and club initiatives as food for thought!

On Friday, we have our **District vs District Family Feud preliminary round contest** in the Majestic Ballroom from 10am to 11am, just before the official opening of PETS. Come along and give your district team enthusiastic support!

PETS opens on Friday, March 1, promptly at 11:30 AM Plan your arrival time accordingly for our buffet lunch, opening ceremony and first keynote speaker!

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Tips For a Great PETS Experience!

**By PDG Marcy Ullom
2024 PETS Training Chair**

Amazing that in less than a week we'll be meeting at PETS. Here are a few tips to take advantage of the great experience you're going to have:



TIP #1: Try something new. Are you arriving on Thursday and don't have anything to do? Want to get a jump start on meeting new folks, challenging yourself and having fun? Join us in the Courtyard (between the Tower and Conference Center) at 5 pm to test your problem-solving skills. This is a different approach to get those critical thinking skills going. Come prepared to try something different.

TIP #2: Be present. There are a dozen other places you could be. Some of you might be missing a child's sports event. Others will be leaving their partners who aren't able to come. There's always grass to mow, houses to clean, errands to run. But this is time for you to become as prepared as possible for your year as President. You've shown up so be present.

TIP #3: Learn from each other. Everyone at PETS has some experience, and you can learn LOTS by listening/asking in classes, talking in the hallway, sharing stories at meals, and war stories in hospitality suites.

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