



RLI International Newsletter

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The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions throughout the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the POTENTIAL for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organizations.

January, 2012

Celebrating 20 years of service to Rotary CLUBS

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Quote of the Month

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"Attitude is more important than facts." Chinese proverb

Odds and Ends about RLI

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What is the International RLI? It is the umbrella organization that coordinates the activities of RLI worldwide. It is NOT a division, but provides resources and support to all divisions. All divisions are created by agreement with International RLI and the divisions are subject to the general policies of International RLI. Until about 2001, both the Home Division activities (now the Northeast America Division) and national and international matters were handled by the Home Division, but at that time the functions were divided and the International RLI was created as a separate entity.

The International Curriculum Committee Holds Meeting in

Past R.I. President and twice TRF Chair Luis Giay addressed the opening session of the meeting. Curriculum changes were discussed to deal with changes in R.I. and The Foundation, especially that part of the Future Vision Plan. Attention was also given, among other subjects, to new approaches to Rotary membership.

The final publication of the recommended curriculum will occur on or before June 1 and will become available to the voluntary translators as soon as possible before that date. All curriculum outlines, etc. are posted on the RLI materials website. RLI has conducted courses in at least twenty languages and more languages will be needed.

Chair of the Curriculum Committee is PDG Gary Israel who is the Chair of the host division, the Sunshine Division. Secretary and Editor of the Committee is PDG Bevin Wall, former Chair and now Executive Director of the Zone 33 Division. Members of the Organizing Committee, in addition to PDG Israel, were Brenda Wendt, Debbie Maymon, and PDG Douglas Maymon. RLI Intl. Executive Director Michael Rabasca and Intl. Chair David Linett coordinated the work of the committee for the Intl. RLI.

RLI to Exhibit at the Bangkok Convention

R.I. has granted RLI an exhibit booth for the Bangkok Convention. RLI urges all members and prospective members to visit BOOTH #100 to discuss RLI with International and Division leaders. Materials will be available at the booth in a number of languages. Chair of the Exhibit Booth Committee for RLI is Intl. Executive Director Michael Rabasca.

RLI Bangkok Breakfast Tickets Now Available

The Annual RLI Convention Breakfast meeting tickets may be ordered now. The Breakfast flyer has been posted on the RLI Website at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org and contains instructions for ticket purchases at US\$ 25.00 per person through an online credit card transaction or by mailing a check drawn on a USA bank.

Four newly nominated R.I. Directors have joined our International Senior Leaders Advisory Board. They are:

Celia Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina, who is the Chair of the RLI Buenos Aires Division and a member of the RLI Curriculum Committee;

Seiji Kita of Saitama, Japan, who is the Executive Director of the RLI Japan Division and Vice-Chair of the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan.

Holger Knaack of Ratzeburg, Germany;

Steven A. Snyder of Lincoln, California, USA.

We welcome them to our Senior Leaders Advisory Board and appreciate their support and advice for RLI.

Welcome New Divisions/Districts

RLI is pleased to welcome District 3000 to the Southern India and Sri Lanka Division. The Agreement was signed by District Governor Rajendran S. of Kanur, Tamil Nadu, India. Chair of the Division is PDG Sankara Pillai. The admission of District 3000 brings the number of member districts in India to 30 of the 31 Rotary districts in that country. Of all the 36 Rotary districts in South Asia, including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, 35 are members of RLI.

RLI is also pleased to welcome District 2110 as a member of the Italian Division. The Division includes 90 districts in the southern part of Italy and the three Rotary Clubs in Malta. The Agreement was signed by District Governor Concetto Lombardo of Augusta, Italy. Chair of the Italian Division is PDG Vito Casarano. There are now five member districts in Italy.

Because of the addition of District 2430 to the Turkey Division, the name of the Division has been changed to the Turkey and Central Asia Division. As reported last month, District 2430 includes four Central Asia countries.

Personnel News

PDG Greg Podd, RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for America West, conducted a faculty orientation in Austin, Texas, USA at the Frank Fickett Scout Training and Service Center last December. The orientation was to welcome District 5870 as a member of the Lone Star Division. 24 Rotarians attended the session, including PRID Mike Pinson of that district and District Governor Suresh Pahwa. PDG Edward J. Mullen is the district chair. PDG Greg is the Acting Chair of the Division that just initiated its first website at www.lsrli.org.

PDG Frank Wargo, RLI International Vice-Chair for Training is visiting India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh for faculty orientations and course assistance from February 10 to March 5. Activities for his visit are being coordinated by South Asia Regional Vice-Chair Binod Khaitan of Kolkata, India and India Organization Secretary Subhash Saraf of Pune, India.

Kampala, Uganda is the site of a faculty orientation program for District 9200 on February 16 and 17. The event will be held at the Lake Victoria Serena Resort. Members of the RLI International Training Team, Dr. Tunji Funsho, RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Sub-Saharan Africa and Dr. Tam Mustapha, Intl. Vice-Chair for Special Projects, will conduct the sessions. Chair of the Eastern Africa Division is PDG Dr. Francis Tsubira. The District Governor of District 9200 is Eric Kimani of Nairobi, Kenya. There are five countries within that district, but the R.I. Board has divided 9200 into two districts effective July 1. PDG Tam will assist in RLI courses in Nigeria after the Kampala sessions.

The Turkey and Central Asia Division will hold a faculty orientation session on February 25 in Istanbul. Trainers will be PRIVP Eric Adamson and PRID David Linett, Intl. RLI Chair. Chair of the Division is PDG H. Tahsin Tugrul and PRID Orscelik Balkan is the Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for the region.

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Add your comments, photos, videos, information, etc. to the RLI INTERNATIONAL PAGE ON FACEBOOK.

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