



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.

NOTE: This monthly eBulletin primarily features RLI activities at the Bangkok Convention. As is our custom, there will be no issue for July. The August issue will be distributed at the end of that month.

NOTE that the RLI Annual Report was distributed to all those attending the RLI Breakfast and is now posted on the Home Page of www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org .

In Memoriam

RLI mourns the passing of PDG Dr. Charles "Chuck" Farrar of Illinois, USA. Chuck previously served as Executive Director of the RLI Heart of America Division. He was one of those instrumental in the formation and growth of that division that serves the districts within Zones 30 & 31. He will be greatly missed.

SPECIAL CONVENTION REPORT **RLI Breakfast on May 9 is Overwhelming Success**

HIGHLIGHTS -----

Past R.I. Presidents Giay and King Presented with the RLI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

PDGs Fong and Shao Presented with the RLI Outstanding Achievement Awards

District 3000 of Southern India Recognized as the 300th Member District of RLI. That District brought the number of RLI member districts in India to 30 of the 31 districts in that country.

At the Foyer to the Royal Jubilee Ballroom at Impact Center in Bangkok, a venue that is as beautiful and as large as most other full ballrooms, Rotarians and guests enjoyed the Thai music presented by student musicians at Pranakorn Rajabhat University in Bangkok and heard a program of outstanding speakers and presentation of annual RLI international awards.

Despite that other Rotary events were being held at the same time, 35 R.I. Senior Leaders and spouses attended the RLI Breakfast. The group included 5 current Directors, 4 past R.I. Presidents, 4 current and incoming Trustees, 2 Directors-Elect, 2 Directors Nominee and 7 Past Directors (not including the Trustees who are also past directors), many accompanied by spouses. A large number of other RLI officers, faculty members and supporters were also in attendance.

RLI International Chair, PRID David Linett, announced at the Breakfast that RLI now consists of 314 member districts that cover 174 countries and geographical areas in every Continent. The expansion goal for the next Rotary year is to reach 350 member districts.

MORE DETAILS ON THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM IN THE JUNE ISSUE.

RLI Exhibit Booth Attracts Thousands of Rotarians

Thousands of Rotarians visited the Exhibit Booth of the International RLI in the House of Friendship. Materials describing RLI were available to convention goers in nine languages and RLI

continued to serve as a faculty trainer and was instrumental in establishing several divisions during the past years.

Welcome New Division/Districts

Agreements of Membership were received at the Bangkok Convention for the following:

-----to form a new Russia Division of RLI with the initial District 2225.

-----to join the Lone Star Division, District 5840

-----to join the Pacific Northwest Division, District 5010

-----to join the Canadian Prairie Division, District 5550

-----to join the Korea Division, District 3740

RLI is pleased to welcome the new Russia Division and four districts that joined existing divisions. The establishment of the Russia Division adds the 174th country and geographical area to RLI. District 2225 is a new Rotary district effective on July 1, 2012 and contains Eastern Russia and Siberia. The incoming and first Governor of the new district is Andrey A. Konyushok. It is hoped that the other Russia District 2220 will also join that division in the near future.

District 5010 has joined the Pacific Northwest Division. The district covers the U.S. State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory of Canada. The Agreement of Membership was signed by incoming Governor Peggy Pollen and the current Governor is Ted Trueblood. PDG Chris Offer is Chair of that Division.

District 5550 has joined the Canadian Prairie Division. That district covers the Province of Manitoba and parts of the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Ontario. The Agreement of Membership was signed by incoming Governor Rick Hubbs. The Chair of that Division is PDG Al Bergsma.

We thank PRIVP Monty Audenart, RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for

District 3740 has joined the Korea Division. The Agreement of Membership was signed by incoming Governor Kyung-Bin Roh and the Chair of the Korea Division is PRID Kwang Tae Kim.

RLI PHILOSOPHY

"Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now and a vision of what Rotary can be."