



## 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.

**September, 2012**

### **Quotes of the Month**

*A selection of some quotes from the past from famous American humorist Will Rogers (not including those not printable):*

*“Never miss a good chance to shut up.”*

*“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.”*

*“If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.”*

*“Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it is called golf.”*

**Random Thoughts about Leadership**

## **Odds and Ends About RLI**

RLI has always been and still is a program of leadership development for potential Rotary CLUB leaders. Some RI leaders have pointed out that RLI is also one of the best membership retention programs in Rotary. The reason is that Rotarians attending RLI courses become enthusiastic about Rotary and enthusiastic Rotarians do not leave Rotary (barring job changes, etc.). The international RLI officers are considering ways to add an emphasis on retention in the RLI program. More about this in future eBulletins. Suggestions are always welcome. (Write Chair David Linett at [ginlin@aol.com](mailto:ginlin@aol.com))

## **RLI Early Bird Meeting at Sundsvall, Sweden**

The Zones 15 & 16 Rotary Institute at Sundsvall, Sweden was the site of an RLI Early Bird meeting led by RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair, Nils Ove Jensen, PDG. 36 Country leaders attending were from Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland. Speaking at the meeting were R.I. President-Elect Ron Burton and R.I. Director Ann-Britt Asebol, the Institute Convener. RLI thanks Director Ann-Britt for her support for the meeting and for further development of RLI in the two zones.

## **RLI Leaders Inaugurate New Russia Division**

Rotary leaders from both districts of the new RLI Russia Division met at Moscow, Russia during the weekend of September 20 to inaugurate the division. RLI International Chair David Linett and International Executive Director Michael Rabasca participated in meetings on September 20 and 22 and conducted a new faculty orientation program on September 21. The organizer of the weekend events and Chair of the Division is Stephanie Tsomakaeva of St. Petersburg. District Governor Alexander Makarov (D2220) and District Governor Andrey Konyushok (D2225) attended most of the events. The new division is by far the largest in area of all the 76 RLI divisions.

## **Upcoming RLI Events**

Divisions. Other RLI International Officers participating will be Intl. Vice-Presidents Knut Johnsen and Tamton Mustapha. We thank RI Director Bryn Styles and PDG Chris Offer for their cooperation in the arrangements for the meeting.

Breakfasts, Exhibits, etc. will take place at the Australia Rotary Institute, the Zone 21A Institute in Bogota, Colombia and other locations. More about these events in future eBulletins.

## **Personnel Changes**

Kathryn Atkins is the new Chair of the Atlantic/Atlantique Division of RLI, succeeding Kim Pearson, who was a member of the 2012 RLI Curriculum Committee. The Division covers the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island, commonly referred to as the Maritime Provinces

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## **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.”*