



## 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.**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS OF THE SEASON**

RLI extends its warmest wishes to all our members and friends for a very happy holiday and holyday season. Rotary is a very diverse group of outstanding members, but we all agree in our quest for World Peace and Understanding.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT NOMINEE  
GARY C.K. HUANG & THE NEW DIRECTORS  
NOMINEE**

RLI sends its warmest greetings to President Nominee Gary Huang of Taiwan who will serve as President of Rotary International during 2013-14. RIPN Gary is a long time member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board and was instrumental in the formation of the RLI Taiwan Division, an excellent division containing every district in Taiwan. We wish him the very best for what we know will be a very successful

**Others nominated to be R.I. Directors are:**

Julia Phelps of Massachusetts, USA  
Takanori Sugitani of Tamana, Kumamoto, Japan  
Giuseppe Viale of Genova, Italy  
Per Hoyen of Aarup, Denmark  
Robert L. Hall of Dunwoody, Georgia, USA

We look forward to having all our new directors as members of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board

## **Quotes of the Month**

*“Leadership is about doing what you think is right and then building a constituency behind it. It is not doing a poll and following from the back.....an awful lot of leaders follow the polls.”*

— Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City as reported in *Atlantic Magazine*.

*“With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently, he who moulds public sentiment, goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions.”*

—Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

## **Random Thoughts About Leadership**

It is interesting to find similar views of noted leaders a century and a half apart. While both are talking about governmental actions, the leadership approach is applicable to most any situations. Great leaders build support in advance of actions and the ability to argue convincingly, to “sell” a position and even to build coalitions are the basis for realizing the vision of a leader. In some Rotary Clubs, officers often announce decisions before building sentiment/support, etc. The results are often disappointing

countries. Rabasca is the RLI International Executive Director and Wargo is the RLI International Vice-Chair for Training.

RLI International Vice-Chair for Special Projects. Dr. Tamton Mustapha, will travel to Korea in December to conduct faculty orientations for new member districts of the RLI Korea Division. Coordinating the events is District 3640 RLI Chair, Jungho Cho, DGN and the Korea Division Chair is PRID Kwang Tae Kim of Seoul.

## **Around the RLI World**

A morning “coffee break meeting” was held at the Rotary Institute for Zones 32 and 24 at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The host/convener of the meeting was PRIVP Monty Audenart, RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Zone 24, Northwest USA and Russia. All seven divisions in the region were represented at the meeting. Some of the topics for discussion were faculty training and refresher training, especially for the new curriculum, evaluating effectiveness, helping to improve RI membership through RLI, etc. PDG Knut Johnsen represented the International RLI.

An article in the November edition of “Rotary Down Under”, the regional magazine for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, contains an article on RLI entitled, “Leadership Training delivers outstanding results.” It includes a photo of graduates of RLI courses in Districts 9500 and 9520, celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> RLI graduate at a course in Mildura, Victoria, Australia. PDG Cathy Roth is the Regional Vice-Chair for the ANZO Region.

PRIVP and Trustee Michael McGovern of Maine, USA, spoke at the Annual Meeting of the Heart of America Division at the Rotary Institute in Alabama, USA. Mike is also a past Chair of the RLI Northeast America Division, RLI's largest division with 28 member districts. PDG Jane Molloy is the Chair of the HOA Division that covers districts within Zones 30 and 31.

RLI International Regional Vice-Chair for Zones 15 & 16, PDG Nils Ove Jensen, visited District 1440 in Denmark, to discuss the RLI program. Four of the five Rotary districts in Denmark will be represented at the next course in District 1470.

The Northeast America Division now has 229 trained faculty members and is giving courses in 30 locations this Rotary year. Because of their training and experience, many of the faculty are also called on to lead discussion groups at various PETS programs, District Assemblies, etc. PDG Toni McAndrew, RRFC, is the Chair of the

*where Rotary has been, where it is now and a vision of what Rotary can be.”*