



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.

In Memoriam

RLI mourns the loss of R.I. Director/Treasurer Betsy Demaray of Michigan, USA. Despite a long battle with cancer, she carried on valiantly for Rotary, her family and friends. All we can say is that she was a Great Lady and will be sorely missed.

Quote of the Month

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King

Odds and Ends About RLI

Welcome New Division/District

RLI is pleased to welcome the new Mato Grosso Division of Brazil. The Division and District 4440 cover the State of Mato Grosso (pronounced matu grosu in Portuguese), the third largest State in area in Brazil. It is located in the western part of that country. Chair of the new Division is PDG Emerson Morbeck Mattos of Santa Rosa Cuiaba MT. The Agreement of Membership was signed by District 4440 Governor Antonio Jose Zago. A faculty orientation session was conducted by PDG Fernando Dias Sobrinho, Assistant RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Brazil. PRID and Trustee Antonio Hallage is the RVC for South America.

Poland and Korea sites of Recent RLI Faculty Orientations

Mike Rabasca reports: Under the chairmanship of Marek Lipinski, MD/MBA, International RLI Executive Director PDG Mike Rabasca and International RLI Vice-Chair for Training Frank Wargo conducted the new faculty orientation program for eighteen future Discussion Leaders for the RLI District 2230 Division. The training took place in Lotz, Poland, the second largest city in Poland, on October 26-28, 2012. Both training leaders were very pleased with the session declaring that the participants participated in a most meaningful manner during the activity. District Governor Leslaw Morawski attended most of the training and expressed support for the program. We were very pleased to learn that one of the trained facilitators, Barbara Pawlisz has recently been nominated for DG 2015-2016. Many thanks are in order to Marek Lipinski for organizing a fine team to start the new Division. RLI is starting first in Poland and will be extended to the other two countries in District 2230 - Ukraine and Belarus.

Tam Mustapha Reports: As an International Vice Chair, I conducted a faculty orientation at Seoul, Korea on Dec 14th and 15th. As of that date 6 districts (3600, 3620, 3640, 3680, 3730 & 3740) in Korea are part of RLI world out of 17 in Korea. Three of the districts were new and signed up at the time of my visit and all of the districts sent members to be trained as faculty. Korea Division Chair, Kwang Tae Kim was present the whole time. He has appointed DGN Jung Ho Choi as the vice chair for the Korea Division. Present were 20 faculty members and 10 leaders as observers. They are planning to hold courses this spring.

Offer to Chair New Internet Courses Committee

RLI Chair David Linett has announced the appointment of PDG Chris Offer of Delta, British Columbia, Canada as Chair of the newly created Internet Courses Committee of RLI. The other committee members will be announced shortly. The creation of the committee is an effort to extend RLI courses to clubs that are remote from other clubs and cannot easily send their members to the regular RLI courses because of great distances. The committee will explore methods of communication, course presentation, logistics, etc. as well as proposed standards for holding Internet sessions.

PDG Chris has an outstanding background in Rotary service, having served as R.I. Membership Committee Chair, RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Zone 24 and Northwest USA, Chair of the Pacific Northwest Division of RLI and many other Rotary International and RLI positions. He is also an international trainer for RLI.

Suggestions for the Committee to consider should be sent to Chris at chrisoffer@live.ca .

Saraf to Edit Annual Report

PDG Subhash Saraf of Pune, India has been appointed as Editor of the RLI Annual Report, He replaces PDG Doris Obremski of Goshen, New York, who resigned from that position. PDG Subhash serves as Secretary and Extention Chair for the India RLI Organization and has been an outstanding RLI leader in India and other parts of South Asia. Division officers are invited to send him photos via the Internet that can be used in the next Annual Report that will be published at the end of May, 2013 and distributed at the Annual Convention Breakfast in Lisbon. Subhashsaraf@gmail.com.

RLI extends it sincere thanks to PDG Doris Obremski for her outstanding work in compiling and editing the past several annual reports. The reports created by PDG Doris were informative and very attractive. We look forward to her continued participation in RLI.

Web Site Updated

17 new faculty members took part in an orientation program at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah State in East Malaysia, District 3310. One participant came from Brunei. An excellent report of the sessions appeared in the Borneo Bulletin, a local newspaper and the Daily Express. Trainers were PDG Hoe-Beng Fong (RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Southeast Asia), DGN Andre Suharto and PP John Chan, all of Singapore.

A Part I course in Denmark in January attracted Rotarians from four of the five districts in Denmark and one district in Sweden. RLI is growing in Scandinavia with the leadership of Regional Vice-Chair, Nils Ove Jensen.

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“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.”