



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.

Odds and Ends About RLI

Every organization, profession, group activity, etc. uses “lingo”. Some may call that an affectation or an attempt to distance themselves from other groups, but in a way, common usage can be a unifying factor. RLI has its own lingo, too, but many expressions differ around the world. In the next few ebulletins we will comment on some RLI lingo: **PART** as in Part I, Part II and Part III, one of three full day sessions of the basic curriculum, not level, not section, **DIVISION** is the basic organizational unit of RLI, one or more districts conducting RLI courses and other events -not chapter. **TRAINER**, a Rotarian who trains faculty members (discussion leaders) and not the faculty members or discussion leaders. More later. (By the way, the world will not come to an end if different words are used).

Editor's Note for this SPECIAL ISSUE

2013 has already been a very busy time for RLI as we pursue new initiatives and programs to benefit Rotary Clubs and prepare for expanded Convention activities. Much of the following eBulletin may have an impact on your Rotary Club and

The Annual RLI Convention Breakfast

Always a festive event, the RLI Convention Breakfast will be held on Wednesday morning, June 2013 promptly at 07:00-(7:00 a.m), at the International Fair Congress Center (Convention Center) in the Pavilion 3, Built Room 3007. A full breakfast buffet will be served (more choices than ever for whatever diet). The Principal Speaker will be Past R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe. The event will be adjourned by 8:45 a.m. so that everyone can attend the plenary session that morning. Tickets at US\$ 27.00 may be obtained by following the instructions on the Home Page of www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. Seating is limited.

The RLI Breakout Session, one of the official R.I. Breakout Sessions

The first application by RLI for a Convention Breakout Session has been accepted by the Convention Committee and will be held on Wednesday afternoon, June 26 from 1:00 p.m to 2:00 p.m -13:00 to 14:00. The meeting room at the Convention Center is FIL, Pavilion 3, Room 8.

The topic of the discussion will be Strengthening Rotary Clubs Through RLI. Almost 55 minutes of the allotted sixty minutes will be roundtable discussion groups with table leaders from many countries. A number of discussion topics have been developed, but will be flexible in accordance with the interest of the participants. Both RLI members and non-members are welcome to attend and participate.

RLI Division leaders from non-English speaking countries should contact RLI Intl. Vice-Chair, Dr. Tam Mustapha, Mustapha@berk.com, to arrange for one or more language tables (tables will hold eight persons). We expect to have tables in about 7 or more languages to facilitate discussion by non-English speakers.

Using the discussion method led by experienced international RLI leaders will help RLI continually improve the RLI experience. Everyone present will have an opportunity to express their opinions to their table members. Recorders at each table will take notes and a report will be published during July/August.

The RLI Exhibit Booth in the House of Friendship

As in previous years, Senior RLI Officers will meet with small groups interested in considering membership or wishing to discuss any problems, etc. Meetings will be held on Monday afternoon beginning at 13:00 at the Convention Center. Those wishing to schedule a meeting should contact RLI Intl. Executive Director, Michael Rabasca, m.rabasca@comcast.net, to arrange a convenient time.

RLI On the Move

Several new initiatives are in process to improve RLI's effectiveness to Rotary Clubs.

The each new member attending RLI during the first year of membership initiative

More and more attention has been shown in recent years to the problem of membership retention in many parts of the Rotary World. While Rotary is arguably the greatest worldwide organization of business, professional and community leaders, most Rotarians who are not district governors or other international officers know very little about the great world of Rotary outside their own clubs. Hoping to help solve this problem, RLI has undertaken a worldwide project to urge Rotary CLUBS to send all their new members to an RLI course within their first year of membership. Statistics have shown that if a new member is not enthusiastic or engaged in Rotary by a year, the chances of membership loss are greatly increased. It has been clearly shown that RLI creates enthusiasm for Rotary in those attending the courses. More about this as the Rotary year progresses.

The Internet Courses Study Committee

RLI has always sought to provide its courses to as many Rotarians as possible. One problem has been the inability of some club members to attend the regular RLI courses because of long distances from course sites. To provide greater access to the RLI educational program, RLI International Chair David Linett has appointed an international Internet Courses Committee to explore providing Internet based courses in those situations. Chaired by PDG Chris Offer of British Columbia, Canada,

Spearheaded by PRIVP Eric Adamson, RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Eastern USA and various members of the 2012 RLI Curriculum Committee meeting in Orlando, Florida, the Resolution known as Proposal 13-168 seeks to ask the R.I. Board to establish a relationship with RLI. If the Resolution passes, the RLI senior officers will discuss possibilities with the General Secretary and Board members. WE URGE ALL RLI MEMBERS TO URGE THEIR DISTRICT COL DELEGATES TO THE COL TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION 168. RLI leaders are NOT seeking any financial support from Rotary International. The Resolution will be presented to the COL by PRIVP Serge Gouteyron of France, who serves RLI as Regional Vice-Chair for Western Europe.

Welcome New Members of Sr. Leaders Advisory Board

We are pleased to welcome R.I. Director Jose Antonio F. Antiorio of Sao Paulo, Brazil, as a member of the RLI Intl. Senior Leaders Advisory Board. Director Jose Antonio is serving his second year on the R.I. Board of Directors.

We are also pleased to welcome RIDN Robert L. Hall of Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Robert was nominated last fall and will be elected at the Lisbon Convention to serve a two year term on the Board during 2014-16.

These new members bring the membership of our Advisory Board to 119 of whom 14 are current, incoming and past R.I. Presidents. We greatly value their support.

Welcome New Division

RLI extends a hearty welcome to the new Croatia Division. The Eastern European Country of Croatia is entirely within District 1913 that was split off from a larger district about a year and a half ago. The Agreement of Membership was signed by District Governor Dr. Sc. Dusko Corak and the Chair of the Division is Jerko Rosin. Faculty orientation will be scheduled shortly, likely in the Capital City of Zagreb.

Personnel News

<http://zone34retentioncentral.blogspot.com>. It is a totally accurate review of the retention status with incisive proposed solutions. Jim, of Sarasota, Florida, USA, served both as a Zone Membership Coordinator and Rotary Coordinator and as a member of the R.I. North America Regional Membership Development & Retention Committee. He was the founding Chair of the RLI Sunshine Division, one of RLI's best divisions and a member of the RLI Intl. Curriculum Committee.

Chinese Translations of Part I Materials now on Web site

Through the efforts of Taiwan Division Chair, PDG Dens Shao and his team, the Chinese Translations of Part I of the 2012-15 curriculum is now on the RLI materials web site. We expect other translations to be completed soon.

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.”