



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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

RLI LISBON CONVENTION BREAKFAST START TIME MOVED TO 08:00

Because the Rotary Convention Committee has scheduled the Wednesday morning Plenary Session to begin at 10:00, RLI has arranged to start its Annual Convention Breakfast at the Lisbon Convention Center at 8:00 a.m. (08:00) (doors open at 7:45 a.m. (07:45)). The Breakfast had been previously scheduled for 7:00 a.m. The Breakfast will end in plenty of time for the participants to walk over to the Plenary Session and find good seats. We hope this new time will be more convenient for all those planning to attend the RLI Breakfast.

Quote of the Month

district grassroots leadership development educational program. The Resolution was presented to the COL by PDG Joseph M. Scandariato, Sr. of District 7510 where RLI was founded in 1992. As of this writing, RLI has 327 member districts that cover all or parts of 184 countries and geographical areas in every continent except Antarctica.

RLI CONVENTION EVENTS

ANNUAL CONVENTION BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 26 at 08:00 (doors open 07:45) at the International Fair Congress Center (Convention Center), Pavilion 3, Built Room 3007. A full buffet will be served. The principal speaker will be Past R.I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe and other speakers will include RID Anne Matthews (USA), RID Shekhar Mehta (India) and RID Jacques di Costanzo (France). RLI Breakfasts have been considered one of the highlights of past conventions and are always festive events where RLI leaders and friends meet on a social occasion. Non-RLI members are always welcome. See the home page of www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org for registration information.

RLI BREAKOUT SESSION

Wednesday, June 26 at 13:00 -14:00 in Convention Center, Pavilion 3, Room 8 with general topic of "Strengthening Rotary Clubs through RLI". This will be one of the R.I. Breakout sessions for the day. Unlike most of the breakout sessions, the RLI Breakout will be 55 minutes of roundtable (rectangle) discussions (tables of eight) on a variety of important topics. The format is consistent with the interactive methods used by RLI worldwide. The table leaders will be RLI leaders from many countries and each table will also have a Recorder whose notes will be part of a summary that will be distributed to all attendees, probably during August, 2013. If numbers permit, discussions will be held in different languages. Each table will choose from suggested discussion topics or even topics of their own choice. **ALL ROTARIANS ARE WELCOME AT THE SESSION, for which there is NO CHARGE.**

RLI EXHIBIT BOOTH

Those interested in scheduling a small informal meeting with RLI Officers should contact RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca at m.rabasca@comcast.net. Meetings with district leaders interested in the RLI program or existing members who wish to discuss a problem, etc., will be held on Monday, June 24 from 13:00 to 16:30 (1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Tivoli Oriente Hotel near the Convention Center. Advance reservations are necessary. Last minute inquiries can be made at the RLI Exhibit Booth #1326 during the Convention to see if times are still available.

WELCOME NEW DIVISION/DISTRICT

RLI is pleased to welcome the Sweden Division with the initial District 2390. That district includes the City of Malmö, part of the site of the 2006 Rotary International Convention. The Division Chair and Current District Governor is Larry Servin of Limhamn, Sweden. We thank PDG Nils Ove Jensen, RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for Zones 15-16 for his efforts in establishing the new division. We also thank R.I. Director Ann-Britt Asebol for her support for RLI in Scandinavia.

Internet Courses Committee is Circulating Survey

A survey prepared by the RLI Internet Courses Committee, chaired by PDG Chris Offer is being distributed to the RLI email list of approximately 3400 Rotarians. The survey is intended to seek the views of Rotarians as to the need, viability and approach for possible Internet courses. Your participation will be most appreciated so RLI has the widest view of opinions of Rotarians in determining future action.

Another look at RLI lingo

For consistency and clarity, RLI uses the word "training" to mean training discussion leaders who lead course sessions. Other than new faculty, RLI does not "train" Rotarians for specific positions or duties, but conducts educational programs. (R.I. does the training for specific positions.)

We prefer the term, "faculty orientation" for faculty training sessions. Research has found that adults do not react well to being "trained". but being oriented. prepared.

Alain Madeira and French Division Chair is R.I. Director Jacques di Costanzo. The French Division contains member districts in various French speaking countries and consideration is being given to organizing some divisions by common language rather than just by countries.

RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for Sub-Saharan Africa, PDG Tunji Funsho of Nigeria recently addressed the Conference of District 9200 in Diani, Kenya and let a breakout session on RLI. The Conference attracted an attendance of 2000 Rotarians and guests from the district and included Rotarians from 10 other countries. District 9200 will be divided into two new districts on July 1.

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.”