



## **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**

#### **O.P. Vaish**

RLI mourns the death of Past R.I. Director O.P. Vaish of Delhi, India. O.P. was a truly outstanding leader both in Rotary and civic affairs. He was a member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board.

***RLI recognizes that Rotary spouses/partners, whether or not Rotarians, play an important role in our organization.***

#### **Mary Elena Dochterman**

We mourn the loss of Mary Elena Dochterman of California, USA, wife of Past R.I. President Clifford Dochterman. Mary Elena was well known and beloved by all those active in Rotary International and beyond.

#### **Gloria P. Marciano**

## **Join our New Discussion Group on the New Rotary.org.**

Rotary International's new web site contains quite a number of Discussion Groups. All Rotarians are invited to join our Discussion Group entitled, "ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE/RLI". Click on My Rotary, All Groups, locate the above group and click to JOIN. It is hoped that the new online Discussion Group will supply many suggestions and insights for the continued improvement of our organization.

### **Odds and Ends about RLI**

At RLI courses on the topic of membership retention, there is mention of the importance of club meeting programs in retaining the interest of members. It is a subject that deserves much more attention, because too many clubs do not put in the efforts needed to provide meeting programs that are of strong interest to business and professional leaders. While there are not yet any statistics available, boring or just irrelevant club programs obviously have a negative effect on the enthusiasm of the business and professional people who make up our membership. More on this topic in a future eBulletin.

### **RLI Curriculum Committee to meet in January**

The next meeting of the RLI Curriculum Committee will be held in Orlando, Florida, USA on January 23-26, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport. Although the current policy of RLI is to maintain the same general curriculum for three year periods, (with annual updates as needed separately), the committee usually meets annually. Some of the topics expected to be on the Agenda are the recommended graduate programs, discussion leader techniques and major changes in R.I. and The Rotary Foundation. The committee will also look at the 3 year revision that normally will take effect on July 1 of 2015. The 3 year policy enables those in non-English speaking countries to avoid many translation projects every year.

RLI welcomes the following newly created districts, most of which were formerly RLI member in their prior districts:

**9211 and 9212 Eastern Africa**

**9101 and 9102 West Africa**

**3281 and 3282 Bangladesh**

**2451 (Egypt) and 2452 - 9 countries of the original District 2450**

**3051, 3052 and 3053 Western India**

**3261 and 3262 Eastern India**

**4271 and 4281 by merger of 3 Colombia districts resulting in one new RLI district**

**4455 and 4465 by merger of 3 Peru districts**

**7355 by merger of two Long Island, New York, USA districts**

**9685 by a merger in Australia**

As noted above, the Colombia Division now has two member districts, one new to RLI. The Chair of the Division is Rafael Acosta Paez.

### **RLI Consolidates Three County Divisions**

The former District 2450 contained Rotary Clubs in 10 countries of the Middle East and Cyprus and had four RLI country divisions in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Cyprus, the only free standing country divisions in RLI. Through the efforts of PRID Orselik Balkan, RLI Regional Vice-Chair and PDG Samir Seikaly of Jordan, all countries in District 2452 are now part of the District 2452 Division. The effort received major support from now District Governor Jamil Mouawad of Lebanon. It is hoped that the new division with its nine countries will result in expanded RLI opportunities for all of them. We have appreciated the fine work of the former 3 divisions in District 2452 and know that their leaders will participate strongly in the new division. District 2451 now contains Egypt with its continued excellent RLI program.

An Early Bird Meeting took place at the Zones 15-16 Rotary Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia with speakers R.I. President-Elect Gary Huang and Convener, R.I. Director Ann-Britt Asebol of Sweden. Chairing the event was RLI Regional Vice-Chair Nils Ove Jensen of Denmark.

RLI International Vice-Chair Frank Wargo has received the coveted Yvette Palmer Award at the Annual Meeting of the Northeast America Division of RLI at the Hanover Marriott Hotel in New Jersey, USA. The award is given annually for exemplary service to that division.

A Breakout Session on RLI took place at the Zones 25-26 Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. Presenters were PDG Allan Davis, Chair of the Pacific Northwest Division and PDG Michael Merrill, Chair of the Far West Division. The Institute was convened by R.I. Director Steven Snyder.

Future RLI events will take place at Rotary Institutes in Monaco, Taipei, Taiwan, Canberra, Australia and other places. Those events will be reported in future eBulletins.

The annual Financial Report of the International RLI has been posted on the RLI web site at [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org).

## **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.”***