



## **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.**

**HELP ROTARY IMPROVE RETENTION RATES - SEND ALL NEW ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS TO A RLI COURSE DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP.**

### **In Memoriam**

RLI mourns the death of Gail Hamm, wife of Rotary Coordinator Alan Hurst, PDG of Connecticut, USA. Gail was a State Representative for a number of years and had a wonderful record of service to the people of Connecticut. Alan is an active faculty member of RLI and has been a constructive force in the RLI program for many years.

### **Congratulations**

The R.I. Board of Directors has confirmed the appointment of PRID Sushil Gupta to be a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Sushil is the Chair of the South Asia RLI Organization that contains five divisions in India, the Nepal Division and districts also in Sri Lanka, Bhutan and Maldives. Only one district in the region is not a member of RLI.

Because both positions involve educational activities, some districts appoint the same Rotarian for both positions. However, because a district trainer must spend most of his/her time on the R.I. Training Programs that are "job specific", that is they train Rotarians for specific positions such as PETS, District Training Assembly, Team Training Seminar, etc., it is usually preferable for an RLI District Chair to be a separate person. RLI is a general education program and the techniques of training are often quite different from job specific programs. Also, both positions require considerable time and efforts to be successful and it is usually more effective to each have a different Rotarian leader.

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

Rotary International's new web site, [rotary.org](http://rotary.org), 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.

### **Curriculum Committee to Meet in January**

As previously announced, the RLI Intl. Curriculum Committee will meet on January 24-26 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Orlando, FL USA. The meeting flyer has been posted on the RLI Intl. web site at [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org) and contains all information together with a web site address in order to register for the event. Each RLI Division may send a representative to the meeting.

### **Spanish Translations of Parts I and II Now Posted**

The Spanish translations of the 2012-15 faculty and participant outlines have been posted on the RLI materials web site. Translations were prepared by MA Esther Rodriguez Macias of the Mexico RLI Division and coordinated by Assistant Regional Vice-Chair for Spanish speaking divisions in Zones 22 and 23, Juan Pedro Torroba.

### **Welcome New Member Districts**

Chair of the Korea Division in conducting 4 faculty orientations in various parts of that country. Division Chair is PRID Kwang Tae Kim. More on Tam's return.

Rotary Club leaders in Singapore and Johor, Malaysia, attended RLI Training sessions in Johor Bahru, District 3310. This training event was hosted by the Rotary Club of Kulai with PP Joseph Chua as Organizing Chair. 40 Rotarians from 15 Rotary Clubs attended the sessions during two consecutive days. The Training Team was led by PDG Hoe-Beng Fong who serves as RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for Southeast Asia and was joined by PDG Dr. Wu Dar Ching, DGE Andre Suharto, DGN Philip Chong, IPP K.P. Lu, IPP Iskandar Ahmad, PP June Jonet, PP Tan Kay Hul and PP Dr. Ho Loon Shin. The event was concluded with a Fellowship Dinner.

The Annual Meeting of the Northeast America Division was held at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, New Jersey and attracted a large turnout from the 27 districts division. A special guest and speaker was R.I. Director Bryn Styles of Ontario, Canada. PDG Toni McAndrew is Chair of the Division.

Paraguay and Argentina Rotary Clubs in District 4845 held their initial faculty orientation in Asuncion, Paraguay's capital city. The name of the former Argentina Central-Sur and Uruguay Division has been changed to incorporate the new country and is now called Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay Division. Conducting the faculty orientation was Division Chair, PDG Juan Pedro Torroba, assisted by DGE Estela Werner and coordinated by PDG Daniel Elicetche. The division now has about 100 trained discussion leaders in the five member districts. Almost all Spanish speaking districts in Latin America are now members of RLI.

## **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.”***