



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.

REQUEST: We would appreciate your sending RLI Division/District photos to Annual Report Editor Subhash Saraf for possible inclusion in the Annual Report to be distributed at the Australia Convention—His email address is subhashsaraf@gmail.com

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

Quotes of the Month

"Light Up Rotary", Theme of R.I. President-Elect Gary C.K. Huang for 2014-15

"Friendship is the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and Tolerance is the element which holds it together." Past RID Peter Kroen of Austria at the Rotary Institute in Jerusalem.

RLI Annual Convention Breakfast Set for June 4, 2014

The Four Seasons Sydney will be the site of the Annual RLI Convention Breakfast

31 Rotary Leaders from 11 RLI Divisions and 6 countries had a successful meeting hosted by the RLI Sunshine Division whose Chair is PDG Douglas Maymon. Handling the logistics for the meeting was Brenda Wendt and the Registrar was DGN Deborah Maymon. The committee was divided into various subcommittees, including the Foundation Sessions, Membership Sessions, Graduate Sessions and two sessions to begin to develop Best Practices for running RLI Courses.

The results of the meeting and follow ups will be distributed to all 81 RLI Divisions and updated Foundation Sessions will be posted on the RLI materials web site as soon as they are available. Secretary and Editor of the Committee is PDG Bevin Wall of North Carolina.

Work will begin in July on the next 3 year segment for RLI courses that will be completely reviewed for 2015-18.

Welcome New Member Districts

RLI is pleased to welcome three additional Districts that have joined the Korea Division: Districts 3620, 3710 and 3720. Those signing the Agreements of Membership included DGE Sun Hyung Cho and DGN Young Dong Yoo, Bo-Gong Kim and Yeong Ho Yun, respectively. Chair of the Division is PRID Kwang Tae Kim and the Vice-Chair is Jungho Cho. The Korea Division now covers 10 districts and is growing rapidly.

RLI is also pleased to welcome three additional Districts that have joined the Sweden Division: Districts 2350, 2370 and 2410. District Governors signing the Agreements of Membership included Staffan Bjorklund, Anna Konig and Eva Bengtson Skogsberg, respectively. District 2410 also includes the country of Latvia. The agreements are the result of RLI-orientations held on the 5th of

February in Stockholm (D-2350 and D-2370) and on the 8th of February in Vimmerby, Sweden (D-2410). Both orientations were led by RLI Sweden Division Chair, Larry Servin and RLI Regional Vice-Chair, Nils O. Jensen.

Welcome New Members of the RLI Sr. Leaders Advisory Board

RLI is honored to welcome three current R.I. Directors to the RLI Intl. Senior Leaders Advisory Board.

PDG [Name] [Title] [Address] [City] [State] [Zip] [Phone] [Email]

With VP George Hardy as Moderator and VP Philippe Reynaud participating, an RLI Workshop was featured at the Monaco Zone Institute on November 8, 2013. Present was Rotary International President Ron Burton. The Institute Convener was R.I. Director Jacques di Costanzo who also serves as Chair of the French Division and Assistant Regional Vice-Chair for Western and Central Europe.

The workshop was divided into three parts: - Presentation of RLI, Experiences in the Districts and RLI in the 21st Century. Forty Rotarians, including DGs, DGEs, PDGs, special guests and Rotaractors from Zones 11 (France), 12 (Italy), 13B (Spain and Portugal) and District 9010 (North Africa) attended the hour and a half session. Eleven of the 14 Districts of the French Division were represented. It was announced that 936 Rotarians have attended the French Division Sessions.

We thank RID Jacques di Costanzo for convening/sponsoring this workshop.

Personnel Changes

PRID Francisco Creo of Mexico has stepped down as RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Northern Latin America. He will be succeeded by PDG Salvador Rizzo as RVC and PDG Adriana de la Fuentes as Assistant RVC for Training. We thank Past Director Creo for his service as an RVC and for his support in the formation of the Mexico Division.

Salwa (Sally) El-Haddad is the new Chair of the Egypt RLI Division.

PDG Jose Ramon Echevarria of District 2201 is the new Chair of the Spain RLI Division.

PDG Julio Rodolfo Bianchi of District 4250 is the Vice-Chair of the Central America RLI Division.

RLI Discussion Group on Rotary.org Open to All Rotarians

The Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI Discussion Group on the Rotary web site continues to grow and slowly increase discussions. We hope that more RLI leaders and other Rotarians will join the group and present their ideas and suggestions. We plan to open a discussion on the Curriculum Review for 2015-18.