



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.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers throughout the world!!

Random Thoughts About Leadership

An interesting article in a major newspaper concerning certain leaders in business who are considered “mean bosses” had the following quote:

“Rudeness and bad behavior have all grown over the last decades, particularly at work. How we treat one another at work matters. Insensitive interactions have a way of whittling away at people’s health, performance and souls.” Some people seem to think that someone who is tough and gruff makes an effective leader who gets things DONE. Think again!!

Prospective and current Member RLI District Representatives Invited to Meet at International Assembly

DGEs and Others interested in discussing the possibility of their districts becoming Members of RLI are cordially invited to meet with PDG/DGE Frank Wargo, RLI International Vice Chair for Training, at the International Assembly. They may write

people. Host Country Chairs for the Event are PRID Kwang Tae Kim and PDG Jungho Cho and the Intl. Chair is PDG Michael Rabasca, RLI Executive Director. The Registration flyer is posted on the RLI Intl. Website at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org and contains information for registration by USA check or most major credit cards at US\$ 28.00 per person. Korean Rotarians may register in WON and use the Korean language flyer also posted on the website. Early registrations are suggested.

Also at Seoul, RLI will have an Exhibit Booth at the House of Friendship, staffed by knowledgeable RLI leaders. We urge all RLI members and other Convention attendees stop by the Booth.

RLI will most likely offer small group meetings at the Convention Center or the nearby MVL Hotel for those wishing to discuss RLI..

Welcome New Member of RLI Sr. Leaders Advisory Board

RLI is very pleased to welcome R.I. Director-Elect Jorge Aufranc as a member of the RLI International Senior Leaders Advisory Board. RIDE Jorge of Guatemala reactivated our Central America Division and served as its chair until he stepped down to devote himself to his new role as an incoming R.I. Director. His leadership led to an excellent RLI Division in all of Central America.

GeetaManek of Kenya is a New RLI International Regional Chair

PDG GeetaManek of District 9212, who chaired the host organizational committee of the Zone 20A Institute in Kenya (covering all of SubSaharanAfrica) has accepted the position of Regional Chair for Eastern and Central Africa. She will provide support and resources for RLI districts in that region and joins 15 other Regional Chairs around the world. She is also a member of the R.I. Reach Out to Africa Committee and is a Regional Coordinator for Zone 20A (EN). Her husband, Kaushik, is also a PDG and active in Rotary Foundation committees. Regional Co-Chair Dinesh Gajeelee of Mauritius will assist French speaking areas of the region.

RLI at the Combined Zones Institute in Warwickshire, England

Zones 15, 16, 17 & 18A (Scandinavia, etc. and RIBI) had a joint Institute this past fall in Warwickshire, England. While RLI is quite active in Zones 15 and 16 (Scandinavia, Baltic countries, Western Russia and Poland), it is not yet active in RIBI districts (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland). RLI Intl. Regional Chair Nils Ove Jensen of Denmark has reported that his zones had a stand in the House of Friendship staffed by RLI district chairs from Denmark, Sweden and

Uganda) and another for District 9212 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya and South Sudan). While the Intl. RLI normally favors multi-district divisions, it always considers local conditions in approving new divisions, etc. The new divisions have the support of District Governors Robert WaggwaNsibirwa of Kampala, Uganda and TeshomeKebedeRedie of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as well as East Africa current Division Chair, PDG Dr. Francis F. Tusubira, who has done a wonderful job for RLI. The new Division Chairs will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

RLI and ROTARACT

As announced last month, the RLI French Division has been working with a Rotaract Leadership Institute. PRID Jacques di Costanzo, Chair of the French Division announced that his division has suggested that the Leadership Institute of the Rotaract Club of North Lyon, France become a part of his division. At this time, RLI has welcomed the relationship as a pilot program to determine whether such a collaboration would be a positive development. IF ANY RLI DIVISION HAS HAD EXPERIENCE WITH ROTARACT CLUBS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS TO RLI INTL. CHAIR David Linett, ginlin@aol.com and FRENCH DIVISION CHAIR Jacques di Costanzo, jacquesdico@aol.com.

RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca Addresses Graduates at Sunshine Division Cruise

RLI International Executive Director was a speaker at the graduation ceremonies for 167 Rotarians who completed RLI courses presented at the Sunshine Division Cruise. The cruise, a unique project of the Sunshine Division, combined a cruise experience with RLI courses for a large group of Rotarians and guests from a number of divisions.

Personnel Changes

PDG Juan Carlos ProticGardenal and PDG Roberto Fontanella have become Co-Chairs of the Buenos Aires Division (Argentina), succeeding PDG Miguel Angel Martinez Pereya and PDG Oscar Vergara, who are now the Advisers to the Division. The latter have served for three years as Co-Chairs. Other changes will be announced in the February eBulletin.

Have You Joined the RLI Discussion Group on Rotary.org?

RLI is one of many discussion groups on the R.I. website, providing a great opportunity for Rotarians to express their opinions/suggestions on many Rotary

“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.”