



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 was recommended by the R.I. Board of Directors and strongly endorsed by the Council on Legislation at three of their triennial meetings. RLI conducts a series of quality leadership development courses for potential club officers and other club members, including those who have recently joined a Rotary Club. The courses emphasize both leadership skills and knowledge of Rotary around the world. All course sessions are completely interactive. The 81 RLI Regional Divisions believe that leadership education has a positive impact on membership retention by creating enthusiasm and furthering engagement for Rotary.

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Quote of the Month

Humor is an attribute of leadership!!

Odds and Ends About Leadership

PDG Subhash Saraf of India and Secretary of the South Asia RLI Organization (among many other things) in speaking about his understanding of RLI has said:

"To ACCEPT THAT YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ---THAT'S WHEN LIFE STARTS ITS LEARNING PROCESS!"

Welcome New Member Divisions

We are very pleased to welcome the new Minas Gerais Division of Brazil as a member of RLI. The new member district is 4560, whose governor Joao Otavio Veiga Rodrigues signed the Agreement of Membership. Minas Gerais is a state in southern Brazil, somewhat

inland. RLI International Regional Co-Chair Fernando Dias Sobrinho assisted the district to form the new Division.

We are also very pleased to welcome the Poland Division (now district 2231) as a new member of RLI. The original district including Poland was joined with Ukraine and Belarus, but was divided by the RI Board into two separate districts. Marek Lipinski is the new Chair of the Poland Division.

RLI WILL CONVENE A NEWLY REVISED CURRICULUM TYPE MEETING IN ORLANDO FLORIDA AT THE END OF JANUARY, 2017

After much deliberation, RLI has convened a new international meeting to replace the former International Curriculum Meeting with a new format including curriculum review, discussion leader convocation, best practices upgrading and at the January meeting, preparation for the kickoff of RLI Online Courses for those needing it.

The new format is based on the realization that major curriculum changes are no longer needed every year and that a four year major revision is adequate for RLI courses unless there are major changes in a particular area such as The Rotary Foundation.

RLI is also of the opinion that the quality of discussion leading is the most important aspect of successful courses. While the curriculum is obviously important, how a discussion leader presents and leads a discussion is the most important factor in the success of a particular RLI course session.

One of the most important functions of an international organization is to recommend "best practices" to its members based on grassroots discussions. The exchange of ideas is obviously an advantage of a large organization, but unfortunately, such exchange of ideas do not always take place. We hope that such exchanges will take place at least at these annual meetings.

RLI IS INVITING ITS REGIONS ACROSS THE WORLD TO ALSO CONDUCT SUCH MEETINGS AND PLANS TO ENTERTAIN SUPPORT FOR TWO OTHER REGIONS LATER IN 2017 OR EARLY 2018. PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DAVID LINETT at ginlin@aol.com .

ORLANDO MEETING WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON ONLINE COURSES

A highlight of the Orlando International Meeting will be a presentation by Jeffrey Weinrach of New Mexico, USA on the mechanics and uses of online courses for RLI. Jeffrey is a member of the RLI Online Courses Pilot Program Committee and has

conducted a number of such courses during the past year or so using the Zoom program. His presentation will take place on Saturday morning, January 28, 2017. The venue for the meeting is the Hilton Garden Inn Airport in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will take place on Friday, January 27 through noon on Sunday, January 29.

The host committee for the meeting is the RLI Sunshine Division, whose Chair is PDG Bob Arnold. Information on costs, logistics, etc. will soon be provided to all Divisions by Brenda Wendt, Chair-Elect and Administrator of the Sunshine Division. Questions may also be presented to PDG Knut Johnsen, RLI International Vice-Chair and Secretary at knutjohnsen@att.net.

R.I. PRESIDENT-ELECT IAN RISELEY TO SPEAK AT RLI BREAKFAST AT THE MADRID ROTARY INSTITUTE

The RLI Breakfast at the Rotary Institute in Madrid will take place on Saturday morning November 26, 2016 at the NH Collection Eurobuilding Hotel. The Institute will be held for seven Rotary Zones in Europe. The Chair of the Breakfast Meeting is PRID Jacques di Costanzo, Regional Chair of RLI for Europe and Chair of the French Division. In addition to President-Elect Riseley, speakers will include R.I. Director and Institute Convener Eduardo San Martin of Spain, PDG Jose Ramon Echavarria, Chair of the RLI Spain Division, PRID David Linett, International RLI Chair and others.

Korean Translations of the RLI Curriculum Posted on RLI Materials Website

Thanks to PDG Jungho Cho, Vice-Chair of the Korea Division of RLI, the translations of the participant course materials have been posted on the RLI materials website. Chair of the Korea Division is PRID Kwang Tai Kim.

RLI Assigned Exhibit Booth for Atlanta

RLI has been assigned Exhibit Booth No. 2429 at the Atlanta Convention. RLI exhibit booths have attracted large numbers of visitors during past years.

RLI Discussion Group on Rotary International Discussion Groups Site Keeps Growing

We urge RLI members to join the RLI discussion group on the R.I. My Rotary/ Discussion groups. The RLI site is called, "Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI". At the time of the writing of this eBulletin, 705 Rotarians have joined the site and 29 discussion topics have been opened. Any Rotarian may join the group.

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

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."

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