



## RLI International Newsletter

January 2017

**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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### **Odds and Ends About RLI**

(Portions of this section were taken from an Academic Paper.)

In a Part I course on Leadership in the RLI curriculum, participants suggest the characteristics of a good leader. Normally the participants in the course suggest many such characteristics, but not usually "empathy" and concern". The generally accepted definition of empathy is the ability to put yourself in the shoes of another. Empathy is a most important characteristic of a good leader because better understanding someone is essential to exercising approaches to leadership. Concern is different, but also very important. Showing concern for someone is obviously a positive for exerting leadership. The general subject of leadership creates wonderful opportunities for those attending RLI courses to explore a critical subject for both Rotary and leadership in general.

### **ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL RLI BREAKFAST AT ATLANTA**

RLI Executive Director Mike Rabasca, Chair of the Annual Breakfast Committee, has announced that the RLI Atlanta Convention Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center. The hotel is adjacent to the Convention Center where the Rotary International Convention will be held. Full details will be released shortly, but the tentative times of the event are 7:30 a.m. (doors open 7:15) to approximately 8:45 a.m. A breakfast buffet will be provided. Speakers will soon be announced.

Please look for a Breakfast registration flyer that will be posted on the home page of the RLI website at [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org) in the near future. Registration may be made by credit card, PayPal or bank check drawn on a US bank.

Because this Convention will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, a major attendance is expected at the Convention and early registrations are highly recommended for the RLI BREAKFAST.

## **VISIT THE RLI EXHIBIT BOOTH 2429 AT THE ATLANTA CONVENTION**

### **The International RLI Prepares for an International Meeting in Orlando**

The former RLI Curriculum Meeting with a newly revised format has attracted Rotary leaders from seven countries. Hosted once again by the RLI Sunshine Division, the meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport in Orlando, Florida USA on January 27-29, 2017. Committee members will review 7 subjects in breakout sessions: Foundation updates, possible revisions to the 3 leadership courses, creating a new leadership course based on the needs/preferences of younger members, "Best Practices" relating to RLI faculty members, "Best Practices relating to RLI Divisions, standards for online courses and working with the Rotary Global History Fellowship to design RLI graduate courses in Rotary history.

A special presentation on Online Courses will feature Jeff Weinrach of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a member of the International RLI Online Courses Pilot Program that has completed its work.

RLI is also pleased to welcome RGHF leader Steve Hellersperk who will work with the graduate courses committee. (Steve is also a RLI leader).

### **RLI Welcomes the Rio Sao Paulo Division**

RLI extends a hearty welcome to the newly formed Rio Sao Paulo Division. The new division consists of Districts 4570 and 4600 in southeastern Brazil. The Agreement of Membership was signed by

PDG Fulvio Abrami Stagi who will serve as Chair (Presidente) of the new division. It was co-signed by 4570 Governor Guilherme Barbosa and 4600 Governor Achilles Silva do Amaral. RLI International Regional Co-Chair for Brazil, Fernando Dias Sobrinho represented RLI in the formation of the new division. We congratulate Brazil Rotary for the consistent growth of RLI in that country.

### **RLI Discussion Group on Rotary International Discussion Groups Website 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, 761 Rotarians have joined the site and 30 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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