



RLI International

January 2018

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.

Quote of the Month

"You do not lead by hitting people over the head. Any damn fool can do that, but it's usually called 'assault' -not leadership. I'll tell you what leadership is. It's persuasion, and conciliation, and education, and patience. It's long, slow, tough work....."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President of the United States.

RLI AT TORONTO

Once again, the International RLI will hold its Annual Convention Breakfast at the Toronto Convention on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:15 a.m.) The festive event will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel very near the Convention Center. At Atlanta, 475 Rotarians and guests purchased tickets for that Breakfast. Tickets for the Toronto RLI Breakfast are already on sale and may be purchased on the RLI website at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. The program/speakers will be announced soon. Chair of the Breakfast is International RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca.

RLI will also have an Exhibit Booth at the House of Friendship at the Convention. Booth 916 has been assigned. RLI exhibit booths

at conventions have attracted much interest and will, as usual, be staffed by RLI officers available to discuss the RLI program. Chairs of the Exhibit Booth are Executive Director Michael Rabasca and Intl. RLI Vice-Chair, Frank Wargo. Other RLI leaders will assist.

Curriculum/Best Practices Meetings Soon

For the first time, the International RLI has scheduled **two** "curriculum/best practices" meetings for this Rotary year. As previously announced, the first such meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida USA on January 26-28, 2018. Sponsoring that event is the RLI Sunshine Division and Co-Chairs are PDG Tim Schuler, tcs@timschulerlaw.com and Brenda Wendt, brenwendt@gmail.com. Registration forms were previously sent to all those on the RLI ebulletin lists with separate emails to RLI Division and Regional Chairs. PDG Knut Johnsen is representing the International RLI for the meetings.

The second meeting will be hosted by the RLI Western India Division for South Asia on February 23-25, 2018 at the Hotel Fortune Select Exotica, Navi, Mumbai. Chair of that event is PDG Subhash Saraf, subhashsaraf@gmail.com, with Co-Chair PDG Ulhas Kolhatkar, ulhas.kolhatkar@gmail.com.

Each meeting will have similar agendas. Representing the International RLI at Mumbai will be International Vice-Chairs Knut Johnsen and Frank Wargo.

The recommended RLI course outlines will be amended for use in the 2018-19-21 years. The revised outlines and best practice reports will be published on the RLI curriculum, etc. website later in this Rotary year.

RLI Has Solicited Proposals for Curriculum/Best Practices Meetings during 2018-19 and Beyond

To continue to provide additional access to RLI curriculum, best practices meetings for RLI Divisions around the world, messages have been sent to RLI leaders in about seven RLI regions soliciting proposals. At this time preliminary interest has been expressed from four regions of the world. The Intl. officers of RLI believe that it is important to enable RLI leaders in many parts of the world to attend such meetings without the cost and inconvenience of extensive travel, etc. Further expressions of interest (not full proposals) should be sent to RLI International Chair, David Linett at ginlin@aol.com .

Extensive Revisions Underway for RLI Websites

To continue upgrades to the RLI Intl. websites, Professional Webmaster Louise Okell has been working with RLI leaders to revise and improve the two RLI websites. The goal is to make it easier to navigate the valuable information for both RLI members and prospective members and to improve its color and appearance. The largest RLI website is at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. The second website is for the use of divisions as they run courses, with course and faculty guides, etc.

Welcome to District 2620 of the Japan Division

RLI is very pleased to welcome District 2620 as a member of the RLI Japan Division. The Agreement of Membership was forwarded to the RLI Executive Director by Hitoshi Iwabuchi of the Japan Division. District 2620 is part of Zone 2, Shizuoka and Yamanashi. The District Governor is Tomoyoshi Matsumura of Yaizu, Japan. The Japan Division has been continually growing and is one of our largest divisions

Around the RLI World.....

In order to connect personally with RLI leaders around the world, International RLI officers continue to visit some Regional Institutes (formerly Zone Institutes). RLI Chair David Linett has stated that personal contacts are extremely important in the functioning and continued growth of an international organization. This past fall, International RLI Vice-Chair Knut Johnsen attended the Rotary Institute in Bolivia for many Spanish speaking Rotary divisions/districts and International RLI Vice-Chair Frank Wargo attended the Rotary Institute in Riga, Latvia for Zones 15 and 16, Scandinavia and part of Eastern Europe.

Vice-Chair Frank Wargo also conducted faculty training in Belgrade, Serbia. That district is 2483 and contains the Republic of Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia. The district governor is Branislav M. Randjelovic of Nis, Serbia.

The Argentina-Buenos Aires Division has selected its new Division Co-Chairs. They are Eduardo Hindi and Abel Kura. The Division covers Buenos Aires and Buenos Aires State.

The Division St-Laurent (Quebec, Canada) conducted RLI courses for 22 Rotarians on November 25. 6 facilitators led the breakout sessions. That division conducts RLI courses in the French language. Chair of the Division is PDG Claude Martel.

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./MyRotary Discussion groups. The RLI site is called "Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI." At the time of this writing, 1001 Rotarians have joined the site and almost 50 discussion topics have been opened. Any Rotarian may join the group and open a discussion topic or comment on an existing topic.

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