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RLI International

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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.

In Memoriam

RLI greatly mourns the death of PDG Subhash Saraf, late of Pune, India. He collapsed during the RLI Curriculum/Best Practices Meeting in Mumbai, India and was hospitalized. Subhash was the International RLI Editor of our Annual Report and was the Secretary of the South Asia RLI Organization. Those former titles were only a small part of his extraordinary contribution to RLI and Rotary. Our condolences go to his family as well as his Rotary family.

R.I. PRESIDENT-ELECT BARRY RASSIN TO HEADLINE SPEAKERS AT RLI ANNUAL BREAKFAST IN TORONTO

RLI is fortunate to have President-Elect Barry Rassin of East Nassau, Bahamas, as our principal speaker at the Annual RLI Breakfast Meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel (near the Convention Center) at the Toronto Convention. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:15 a.m.) The meeting will end prior to 9:00 a.m., in ample time for the Wednesday Plenary Session.

PE Barry was an active member of the RLI Sunshine Division, especially in the Caribbean. He has been a strong supporter of the RLI program for many years and his biography is well known to Rotarians around the world. He will assume the office of President of Rotary International on July 1, just 4 days after this Breakfast.

Past Director and Past Trustee Bryn Styles to Also Speak at Breakfast

Following RLI tradition, Past R.I Director and Trustee Bryn Styles of Ontario, Canada will also share his thoughts at the RLI Breakfast. PRID Bryn has greatly contributed to Rotary, the Foundation and RLI over the past years. It is most fitting to have a talented Canadian R.I. leader join us at this event.

Breaking New Ground, Two RLI International Leaders to Share Thoughts at the Convention Breakfast

At a recent meeting of RLI International Officers, the group noted that we have always honored R.I. Leaders at our annual breakfast meetings, but few RLI leaders around the world (other than the annual RLI awards). To talk about some RLI experiences in other parts of the world, PDG Salwa (Sally) El Haddad of Egypt and PDG Rodolfo (Rudy) Balmater of Indonesia will discuss RLI in their respective countries.

Dr. Sally is a former Chair of the RLI Egypt Division and a world traveler at many RLI events. Rudy is the Indonesia RLI Country Chair that consists of two Rotary districts in his country. Both are exceptional leaders for RLI and have contributed greatly to the RLI program.

Four Awards to be Presented at RLI Breakfast Meeting

As is the RLI custom, four international awards will be presented at the Toronto Breakfast meeting. One is our highest award, the Distinguished Service Award and the other three are for the Award for Outstanding Achievement.

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented to PDG Cathy Roth of Australia for her excellent work in organizing the ANZO (Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania) Region for RLI. Every district in that region is now a member of RLI and are organized into four divisions.

Three Awards for Outstanding will be presented as follows:

PDG Farid Gebran, Lebanon, Chair of the R.I. District 2452 Division that consists of ten countries in the Middle East. He has effectively led one of our largest geographical areas and was also a member of the International Curriculum Committee.

PDG Kalcho Hinov of Bulgaria, RLI International Regional Chair for Eastern Europe. He has worked effectively for RLI in that region for

many years and among other things, contributed to the recent formation of our Romania and Moldova Division and for revitalizing the Serbia/Montenegro Division. He is a past Chair of the RLI Bulgaria Division.

PDG Timothy Schuler of Florida, USA, past Chair and incoming Chair of the RLI Sunshine Division, arguably one of the finest RLI Divisions. He has been instrumental in organizing and conducting a number of RLI International Curriculum Meetings in Orlando, Florida.

NOTE: A listing of prior awardees appears in the RLI Annual Reports posted on the RLI website.

RLI Exhibit Booth is the "place to be" at Toronto

Convention Exhibit Booths, small as they may be, play an important role at Rotary Conventions. They serve as points of information on many Rotary activities, provide opportunities to sign up for various Rotary programs, and at the least for providing knowledge of many "happenings" at the convention and beyond. The RLI Exhibit Booth number is 916 in the House of Friendship. Information will be available about the worldwide RLI program (now in about 412 Rotary districts, etc.). It will be staffed by knowledgeable RLI leaders able to fully discuss the RLI program. Various handouts will also be available. STOP BY TO SAY HELLO!!

Welcome New Division

RLI is pleased to welcome the new Wisconsin (USA) Division, starting with District 6250. The Agreement of Membership was signed by District Governor Joe Ruskey. That district is in North Central USA. We also thank PDG Renee Merchant, our Regional Chair, for her assistance to the new division. Faculty training is expected to be held on October 13.

UPDATES ON CURRICULUM/BEST PRACTICES MEETINGS

Recommendations from the Orlando Meeting are being edited by RLI Editor Ed King and should be available in the near future. All reports about the Mumbai Curriculum/Best Practices meeting reflect a very active and constructive meeting and reports will be available shortly.

The RLI International Officers have been impressed with the meetings and have decided to send messages to the RLI Regional leaders requesting information/proposals for regional curriculum/best practices meetings outside of North America during the 2018-19 Rotary year. Any questions about these meetings should be directed to RLI Intl. Chair, David Linett (ginlin@aol.com).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ORLANDO MEETING OFTEN HELD AT THE END OF JANUARY, WILL NOT BE HELD THERE IN 2019. IT IS EXPECTED THAT A CURRICULUM, ETC. MEETING WILL BE HELD IN

JANUARY, 2020.

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, 1,029 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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