



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.

FEBRUARY, 2012 **In Memoriam**

RLI mourns the death of Past R.I. President Glenn Estess, Sr. of Alabama, USA. President Estess served as President of Rotary International in 2004-5 and was a member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board. He was an inspiration to a number of RLI leaders who served with him on his Board of Directors. Our condolences go to his wife Mary and the Estess family.

Quote of the Month

"One of the least effective ways to teach is to stand in an auditorium and deliver a monologue on facts" Professor Eric Mazur of the Physics Department of Harvard University, speaking at a symposium on learning and teaching at Harvard.

Random Thoughts about Leadership

It is interesting that a physics professor would be challenging the usual method of university teaching for college students. While most in RLI accept that lecturing is not effective for adult learners, some often say that in RLI courses that are "fact based", that lectures are important. Professor Mazur offered his opinion with some live examples in teaching physics. What could be more fact based than physics. We

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Welcome New Member Division/ Districts

RLI is very pleased to welcome the Finland Division with its initial District 1400 in northern Finland. The Agreement to Form the Division effective July 1, was signed by Governor-Elect Pekka Pietilainen. The organizer and first Chair of the Division is PDG Leila Risteli. Faculty orientation will be conducted in late spring. We thank RLI Intl. Vice-Chair Knut Johnsen and RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair Nils Ove Jensen for their active support for the formation of the new division.

RLI is also pleased to welcome the following districts that have joined existing divisions:

Australia Southern Division - District 9790 in parts of New South Wales and Victoria. The 2010-11 District Governor signing the Agreement was Alan Anderson. PDG Cathy Roth is both Division Chair and RLI Intl. Regional Vice- Chair for ANZO.

Australia Southern Division - District 9520 in parts of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. The Agreement was signed by District Governor Bruce G. Richardson. The Division now has nine member districts. We thank PDG Cathy Roth for her development of the division.

Great Lakes Division - District 6310 of Central Michigan, USA. The Agreement of Membership was signed by District Governor Allen W. Nietzsche. The Great Lakes Division now consists of five districts under the leadership of Division Chair, PDG Renee Merchant.

Italian Division - District 2110 of Italy and Malta. A large district, it has 90 clubs and 4704 members in Sicily (Southern Italy) and 3 clubs in Malta. The District Governor is Concetto Lombardo and the Division Chair is PDG Vito Casarano. **This is to correct errors in the announcement of this new district in the January issue.**

Turkey and Central Asia Division - District 2440 in Southwestern Turkey. The District Governor is Ahmet Gurmeric of Bursa, Turkey and the District RLI Chair is PDG Faik Tokatlioglu. See the report on the faculty orientation of the Division's three districts (all of Turkey and Central Asia) below.

North Star Division - District 5970 in Iowa, USA. The Agreement of Membership was signed by Governor James L. Patton of Rockwell City, Iowa. The Division Chair

Conducting the faculty orientation were PRIVP Eric Adamson, RLI Intl. Regional Vice Chair for Eastern USA and PRID David Linett, International RLI Chair. They were assisted by PRID Orselik Balkan, who also serves as RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for the region and PDG Safak Alpay. Arrangements were organized by Division Chair, PDG H. Tahsin Tugrul of Istanbul. Linett reported that the arrangements of Chairman Tugrul and his team were excellent and that the division leaders and faculty members were an outstanding group of Rotarians. He also expressed the thanks of Intl. RLI to PRID Balkan who initiated RLI in Turkey.

A special guest at the events was Professor Salwa "Sally" El Haddad of the Egypt RLI leadership

Future ebulletins will include reports of the faculty orientation in February in Kampala, Uganda, training events in India and Sri Lanka, Ecuador and other sessions led by Intl. RLI Trainers.

Personnel Announcements

PRID Francisco "Paco" Creo of Ensenada, Mexico, has accepted the position of International Regional Vice-Chair for Northern Latin America (Zone 21A). He was a great supporter of the creation of the Mexico Division. Paco served on the R.I. Board of Directors during 1996-8 and later served, among other positions, as Aide to President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar in 2005-6.

PRID Robert Stuart (2005-7) of Springfield, Illinois, USA, has accepted the Chairmanship of the RLI Legal Committee. PRID Bob is a practicing attorney and former Chair of the R.I. Constitution and Bylaws Committee and an expert on procedures, etc. of the R.I. Council on Legislation. He is joined on the committee by PDG Bevin Wall, an attorney in North Carolina and PDG Greg Podd, a certified public accountant and tax expert from Colorado.

RIDN Celia Giay of Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina, has become an RLI International Special Adviser. She is the founding Chair of the RLI Buenos Aires Division and a member of the RLI Curriculum Committee. She will advise RLI on expansion around the world and other international matters.

PDG Ward Vuillemot of Skaneateles, New York, has been appointed to a newly created position of RLI Systems Officer. An engineer by training and a computer expert, Ward formerly served as RLI Intl. Secretary and Executive Director of the Northeast America Division of RLI, our largest division. The new position recognizes the importance of technology in today's world.

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