



## 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.**

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### **Welcome to a new RLI Year**

As we begin one of the most active parts of the RLI year, we send greetings to all the new District Governors and Governors-Elect. 60% of them lead districts that are members of RLI and that percentage is continually growing. We thank them for their support and always welcome their suggestions. We hope the leaders of the non-member districts will consider the benefits of the RLI leadership development grassroots program and join with us to help strengthen their Clubs and retain their members.

We have received very positive comments about the newly revised RLI curriculum and look forward to its use this Rotary year. Many translations have been underway. We trust that the new curriculum will energize those taking our courses to greater service to our communities at home and around the world.

### **Quote of the Month**

## **Welcome New Districts**

RLI welcomes Districts 2031 and 2032 as members of the Italian Division. For District 2031, the Agreement of Membership was signed by District Governor Pierluigi Baima Bollone of Revigilasca, Torino, Italy. The Agreement for District 2032 was signed by District Governor Paolo A. Biondi of Cremolino, AL, Italy. The Italian Division now consists of seven member districts under the leadership of PDG Vito Casarano.

We also welcome District 5190 to the Far West Division, USA. The Agreement of Membership was signed by District Governor Sam J. Wilbanks of Sierraville, California, USA. The district covers parts of California and Nevada and the Far West Division Chair is PDG Michael Merrill.

RLI welcomes District 6580 as a member of the Heart of America Division. The District Governor is Joseph R. Hagedorn of New Albany, Indiana. The district covers southern Indiana, USA and the Division covers districts in Zones 30 and 31. Chair of the Division is PDG Jane Molloy.

We also welcome Districts 9710 and 9820 as members of the Australia Southern Division. District 9710's District Governor is Philip A. Armstrong of Mossy Point, New South Wales. The district covers the Australian Capital Territory and part of New South Wales. The District Governor of 9820 is William A. Spring of Langwarrin, Victoria and covers part of Victoria. The Division Chair is PDG Cathy Roth of Geelong.

Also from Australia, we welcome District 9570 as a member of the Australia Northern Division. The District Governor is Kenneth E. Kelly of Mackay, Queensland. Division Chair is RID John Boag.

## **RLI Training Team Visits Finland**

RLI International Training Team members PDG Knut Johnsen of New York State, USA and PDG Nils Ove Jensen of Denmark, visited Oulu, Finland to help inaugurate the new Finland Division of RLI. Leading the event was PDG Leila Ristelli, Division Chair. PDG Leila is a medical doctor, director of the University laboratory and a professor at the University Hospital in Oulu. 3 dates were set for initial RLI courses in District 1400.

PDG Abe Clymer is the new Chair of the Zone 33 Division that covers six eastern States in the USA. He succeeds PDG Sandy Duckworth. Also elected at the Zone's Annual Meeting was Sue Poss to be Vice-Chair of the Division.

PDG Geoffrey Simpson is the new Chair of the Australia Western Division. The Division covers the vast area of Western Australia's Districts 9455 and 9465. He succeeds PDG Sylvia Byers, the first Chair of that division.

## **Around the Rotary World....**

Note: We regret that space is limited in these eBulletins and only a few “happenings” can be reported each month. We do appreciate submissions from our divisions.

A cool and blustery Saturday in Alberta, Canada, was the scene of Part III courses that saw 12 new graduates of RLI in the Prairie Division. PDG Al Bergsma, Shirley Bergsma and David Layden were discussion leaders.

PDG Cathy Roth, RLI Regional Vice-Chair for ANZO, took another opportunity to promote RLI at a Rotary Success Conference in Canberra, Australia. There were two RLI sessions followed by questions. The group was honored by the presence of RIPE Ron Burton at one of the sessions.

## **Heart of America Division Conducts Retraining**

Jackson, Tennessee USA was the site of a special faculty retraining event for the Heart of America Division. The new RLI curriculum was the basis for the retraining of faculty. At HOA Chair Jane Molloy's request, RLI International Vice-Chair for Training, PDG Frank Wargo of Connecticut, USA visited Jackson to conduct the event.

RLI International has requested that all divisions provide opportunities for faculty retraining and to familiarize faculty members with the new curriculum.

## **RLI Recommends FRANK TALK IV on Leadership**