



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.

HELP ROTARY IMPROVE RETENTION RATES - SEND ALL NEW ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS TO A RLI COURSE DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP.

Our View and Quote of the Month

Mark Wallace, Editor of *Rotary Down Under*, the Regional Magazine for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, summed up some of the reasons for RLI in a column in that magazine last fall, (without mentioning RLI). His conclusion was that most Rotarians know very little about Rotary outside of their own clubs. Here are some quotes about many Rotary Clubs from Mark's writings:

"If the best you can do is provide a decent meeting venue, an occasionally entertaining guest speaker, and a series of cheques presented to various charities once or twice a year from proceeds raised at the club's one or two big annual events, one wonders what those members are saying when they try to recruit new members. What makes Rotary unique is its spirit of volunteerism. With 1.2 million of us all over the world, it's pretty handy to know that when you join Rotary, you join one of the biggest volunteer armies in the world, which means every cent raised for good causes hits the target."

The featured speaker is Past R.I. President Richard D. King and other presenters will be R.I. Directors Bryn Styles of Canada, John Boag of Australia and Celia Giay of Argentina. Questions about the Breakfast may be directed to PDG Mike Rabasca at m.rabasca@comcast.net .

STOP AND VISIT THE RLI EXHIBIT BOOTH IN THE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP. IT IS BOOTH NUMBER 300 that will be staffed by RLI Officers who will be able to provide any and all information about the RLI program. Those who purchase tickets for the Breakfast may pick them up at the Booth.

Small Group Meetings

Informal meetings of non-member districts wishing to learn more about RLI may be arranged by contacting Executive Director Mike Rabasca before May 23, preferably earlier. Current members may arrange meetings by contacting RLI Chair David Linett. Email addresses are m.rabasca@comcast.net and ginlin@aol.com .

Welcome New Members of Sr. Leaders Advisory Board

RLI is pleased to welcome two R.I. Directors as members of the RLI Intl. Senior Leaders Advisory Board. They are R.I. Vice-President, Anne L. Matthews of South Carolina, USA and R.I. Director Steve Snyder of California, USA. Steve initiated the membership of his district in the RLI Far West Division.

Membership in the Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI Discussion Group Growing Fast

As of this date, 170 Rotarians have joined the above Discussion Group on the Rotary International/MyRotary web site. 11 discussion topics have been posted on the group's site. One of the topics seeks suggestions for the triennial revision of the RLI Curriculum that will cover 2015-18. New topics may be posted by any of the group's members. We look forward to growing participation and active discussions that will benefit RLI.

In the March 11, R.I Weekly enews, there was a suggestion that Rotarians participate in the Rotary Leadership Institute Discussion Group on the web site.

Personnel Update

Report of PDG Juan Pedro Torroba for Trainers Seminar in Paraguay

I am sending the report of the Seventh Guidance for Trainers Seminar recently held in Paraguay with the participation of PDG Daniel Elicetche, Coordinator and the presence and participation of Governor Marina Petrovic . This seminar was very special, as it did to begin with our service for strengthening Rotary clubs in the latter incorporated area and to complete the entire map of Spanish speaking South America in the Rotary Leadership Institute. A Part 1 Course has been scheduled in Paraguay to begin to enjoy this educational system and motivation for new members. (translated from the Spanish).

Now that the Argentina Central-South Division covers parts of 3 countries, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, a division name change is being considered to reflect the division membership. PDG Juan Pedro Torroba has been the founding and current chair. He is also the Assistant Regional Vice-Chair for Spanish Speaking South America.

Report of PDG Subhash Saraf of India on a 2 Week Tour of India for RLI

BREAKING NEWS - TO BE PROUD OF!

RLI International Training Vice Chair PDG Frank Wargo, accompanied by Intl. Regional Vice Chair PP Binod Khaitan and RLI South Asia Extension Chair cum Secretary PDG Subhash Saraf, recently made an exhaustive training tour on the mission "Train the Trainers" in four divisions of India (Northern, Eastern, Southern and Central) at sites (Delhi, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore and Mysore) in four Rotary districts (3010, 3262, 3201, 3180) with multi-district participation, when 80 Rotarians completed their Faculty Orientation Training and 120 received their RLI Graduation certification. The respective Division Chairs (PDG Ranjan Dhingra, PDG Sandeep Narang, PDG Sankara Pillai and PDG Rajendra Rai) with their teams in various districts deserve congratulations for the successful conduct of these courses, during the period Feb 20 through March 3.

Great Lakes (USA) Division Conducts RLI Course for Club Presidents-Nominee

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.”