



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.

IN MEMORIAM

RLI members are deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Monty Audenart. He was a great Rotarian and friend to so many. He served Rotary as a director, vice-president, Trustee and was an officer of RLI. He had that leadership ability to influence events in a positive and creative way, while at the same time retaining friendship and respect. His contributions to RLI are too numerous to recite here, but they included serving as a Regional Vice-Chair for Zone 24 and Northwest USA, as a Special Adviser and in other significant ways. He influenced our initiative for urging clubs to send all new members to a RLI course during their first year of membership. He received the RLI Distinguished Service Award at the Sydney Convention. He will be greatly missed. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

CURRICULUM MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS

40 RLI leaders worked hard during three days at the end of January to review the entire basic curriculum and graduate courses in order to suggest improvements, etc. for the 2015-18 Rotary years. The meeting in Orlando, Florida USA was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport and included representatives from 13 RLI Divisions and 5 countries. All divisions around the world were solicited to send suggestions for the

RLI extends its sincere thanks to PDG Randy Rawiszer, organizing chair, Brenda Wendt, meeting administrator, Debbie Maymon, registrar and all the members of the Sunshine Division who assisted in all the logistics that helped make the event a success. The next curriculum meeting will be held January, 2017 to begin planning for the 2018-21 segment.

A comment from a RLI leader who participated in the meeting: "The three days I spent this past weekend in Orlando with 40 other Rotary Leadership Institute folks from 13 different RLI Divisions was one of the most interesting experiences I have had as a Rotarian.....No idea was discarded without good discussion and creativity was encouraged."

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE SR. LEADERS ADVISORY BOARD

RLI warmly welcomes 2 new members of its International Senior Leaders Advisory Board:

William B. Boyd of New Zealand served as President of Rotary International during 2006-7 and as a Trustee during 2008-12 and Trustee Chair during 2011-12. PRIP Bill has been a speaker at many RLI events in Australia and New Zealand. Not content to rest on his laurels, he became active in the Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group and now serves as its Chair.

Peter Offer of District 1060, England is a RI Director-Elect and will serve a term on the Board during 2015-17. He is a past president of RIBI and had held numerous Rotary positions. He will represent Zone 17, the northern part of RIBI.

There are now 126 members of the Senior Leaders Board, including 17 current, past and future Rotary International Presidents and 109 current, past and future R.I. Directors.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER DISTRICT

RLI is pleased to welcome District 6000 as a member of the Heartland Division USA. The agreement of Membership was signed by Governor John L. Ockenfels of Iowa City. The district covers part of the U.S. State of Iowa. PDG Terry. Geiger was instrumental in bringing RLI to the district. The Division Chair is Nicolette Klein of Nebraska.

R.I. has approved an exhibit booth for RLI at the São Paulo Convention. The booth organizers will be RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca and RLI Intl. Vice Chair for Training Frank Wargo. RLI leaders from around the world will be available at the booth to discuss RLI with current members and those considering joining the RLI program. The booth number will be announced when received from RI.

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

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.”