



## RLI International Newsletter

October 2017

**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.**

### **FOR THE RLI INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR**

January 26-28, 2018 RLI CURRICULUM/BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE MEETING, Orlando, Florida (see more details below)

February 23-25, 2018 RLI CURRICULUM/BEST PRACTICES COMMITTEE MEETING, Mumbai, India (see more details below)

### **Odds and Ends about RLI**

PDG Greg Roche has joined the Intl. RLI as Communications Director. He will assist the RLI to increase its digital information and records programs. He will also serve on the committee upgrading the RLI International websites to better serve our divisions and districts.

### **Welcome New Divisions/Districts**

RLI is pleased to welcome the new District 2241 -Romania & Moldova Republic Division. The Agreement of Membership was signed by Dr. Corneliu Dinca of Bucharest, Romania. Dr. Dinca is serving his second year on the R.I. Board of Directors and will be

the Chair of the new Division. The Agreement was also signed by District 2241 Governor, Milian Sopoian. Assisting in the development of the new division is PDG Kalcho Hinov of Bulgaria, the RLI Regional Chair for Zones 20B and 19. The new division will be welcomed at the Rotary Institute in Cluj, Romania later this month.

RLI is also pleased to welcome the new Norway Division with District 2260 as its first member district. PDG Elsa Nysveen is the Chair of the new Division and the current District 2260 Governor is Yvona Holbein. Norway has six Rotary districts and up to now was the only Scandinavian country without a RLI program other than Iceland. We thank the current RLI Zones 15-16 Regional Chair, PDG Rina Sture Kristensen and the outgoing Regional Chair PDG Grethe Christiansen for their efforts in assisting with this expansion. Additional district members from Norway are expected.

### **RLI Regional Meetings Held at Rotary Institutes**

As have become annual events at many Rotary Institutes and other regional meetings around the world, RLI Breakfasts, Meetings, etc. were again held or will be held later this Fall. Some of those include events at Bolivia, New Jersey, France, Eastern Europe, Cluj, Romania, Riga (Latvia) and many more.

A Regional Meeting of RLI Division Representatives was convened by PRID Jacques di Costanzo, Regional Chair for Central and Western Europe at the Rotary Institute in Montpellier, France. International Vice-Chair and Secretary Knut Johnsen participated in the Bolivia Rotary Institute and International Vice-Chair Frank Wargo participated in the Riga, Latvia Rotary Institute. Their reports will appear in the November RLI Intl. eBulletin. Regional RLI Events provide an opportunity for exchange of ideas and opinions to facilitate the progress of RLI around the world.

### **RLI IDEAS**

We would be pleased to include any new "ideas/suggestions" from our member divisions/districts from time to time. Please send them to RLI International Secretary, Knut Johnsen at [knutjohnsen@att.net](mailto:knutjohnsen@att.net).

Here is an idea from RLI Intl. Regional Chair and Division Chair of our Great Lakes Division (Michigan/Ontario), PDG Renee Merchant: Conduct an RLI Refresher Course highlighting changes in Rotary since the basic 3 parts RLI courses. According to PDG Merchant, refresher courses could spark "new interest" in the "new" Rotary. Send any comments to Renee Merchant at [rmerchant@dmci.net](mailto:rmerchant@dmci.net).

### **ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM/BEST PRACTICES MEETING**

Division leaders/representatives are invited to attend the above meeting in Orlando, Florida USA on January 26-28, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport. The agenda will include a complete review of the three-part basic curriculum (performed every 3 years) together with proposals for Best Practices for certain relevant subjects-to be determined. At the last session in Orlando Best Practice Reports were prepared for the operation of Divisions and

Holding Courses. These reports may be reviewed, possibly revised, and additional topics discussed.

**It will be helpful if our Divisions suggest changes/additions in advance for discussion at the meetings. Such suggestions and comments should be directed to International Vice-Chair and Secretary, PDG Knut Johnsen at [knutjohnsen@att.net](mailto:knutjohnsen@att.net).**

Divisions may register up to four representatives. Information about costs, registration procedures, etc. will be provided by the Sunshine Division leaders, Robert Arnold, Chair and Brenda Wendt, Event coordinator and sent to RLI Division Chairs and others requesting information. The meeting will be conducted in English.

### **MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM/ BEST PRACTICES MEETING**

(Editor's Note: This is the first such meeting outside of the USA. It is hoped that in addition to the USA meetings, that future such meetings will be held in other sites around the world, to enable more RLI leaders to participate in these important programs. Regional and Division Chairs are welcome to propose additional meeting sites for the 2018-2019 and 2019-20 years by contacting RLI International Chair, David Linett at [ginlin@aol.com](mailto:ginlin@aol.com). ANY RLI leaders may attend and participate in these meetings at any location convenient for them.)

Tentative plans have been adopted for the International Curriculum/Best Practices Meeting in Mumbai in February, 2018. The tentative schedule is to begin the meetings on Friday, February 23, late afternoon and adjourn on Sunday, February 25, mid-afternoon. The meetings, with breakout sessions, will review the current three parts curriculum and any proposals for revisions and recommend changes as deemed necessary. The meeting will also review best practices proposals such as the organization and functioning of RLI divisions, financing and developing RLI programs, organizing courses, etc.

While any RLI leader from any part of the world will be welcome to attend, most expected attendees will be from South Asia and adjacent areas, including India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, etc. The meetings will be conducted in English.

Details as to cost, accommodations, exact dates/program, registration procedures, etc. will be sent to all divisions.

Intl. RLI officers expected to attend and participate include Intl. Chair, David Linett, PRID, and Intl. Vice-Chairs Frank Wargo and Knut Johnsen. The Chair for South Asia will be PDG Subhash Saraf and the Co-Chair is PDG Ulhas Kolhatkar. Trustee and Past Director Sushil Gupta, Chair of the RLI South Asia Organization is expected to participate.

### **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./My Rotary/ Discussion groups. The RLI site is called, "Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI". At the time of the writing of this eBulletin, 994 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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