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## RLI International Newsletter

December 2016

**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.**

### **December, 2016**

**PLEASE NOTE BELOW THAT A REPORT ON ONLINE COURSES WILL BE PART OF THE PROGRAM AT THE CURRICULUM MEETING IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA.**

### **Greetings of the Season**

December is a special time for many religions and peoples around the world. We wish all our Rotarian friends and their families a very happy holiday. No matter what our religions and/or the customs that are observed during this season, we hope for peace, love and friendship for all of us.

### **In Memoriam**

RLI mourns the passing of H. William "Bill" Ives, Past R.I. Director, 1983-85 and a past Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. Bill, a member of the Rotary Club of Detroit, Michigan, USA, was a member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board. He was a

greatly respected Rotary leader and a wonderful friend to so many of us. He will be missed.

### **Welcome New Member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board**

RLI welcomes Rotary International Director-Nominee, Jeffry Cadorette as a member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board. Jeff, an active faculty member and supporter of RLI, is a long time participant in RLI activities. He will serve as an RI Director from Zone 32 during 2018-20.

### **R.I. PRESIDENT-ELECT IAN RISELEY HIGHLIGHTS RLI BREAKFAST AT MADRID ROTARY INSTITUTE.**

Rotary President-Elect Ian Riseley of Australia, who was instrumental in the development of RLI in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania (ANZO), described his experiences with RLI at the RLI Breakfast Meeting on November 26, 2016 in Madrid, Spain. The RLI Breakfast was held at the Eurobuilding Hotel in Madrid in connection with the Rotary Institute for seven zones in Europe.

In the absence of the Chair of the event, PRID Jacques di Costanzo of France, RLI Regional Chair for Europe, due to an emergency medical situation in his family, the meeting was chaired by PDG Jose Ramon Echevarria, Chair of the RLI Spain Division. Other speakers were PDG Alain van de Poel of Belgium, RLI Regional Co-Chair for Europe and PRID David Linett, USA, the International RLI Chair. During a question and answer portion of the meeting, Linett also responded to a number of questions and comments from participants in the Breakfast. Linett also announced that RLI now has RLI programs in 33 countries in Europe with several more pending.

### **REPEAT -PLAN TO ATTEND THE RLI CURRICULUM MEETING IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA IN JANUARY!!**

As announced in our November, 2016 eBulletin, the RLI Curriculum Meeting will be held on January 27-29, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will be the first with a new format that will include, in addition to curriculum reviews, the creation of "best practices" and a review of discussion leader techniques, etc. According to PRID David Linett, International Chair of RLI, the new format is intended to provide additional support and advice to all RLI Divisions across the world. Said Linett, "These annual meetings are an opportunity to exchange good ideas with Rotarians from all regions to continually improve the services of RLI to the individual clubs and districts that are RLI members. The great advantage of an international program of education for Rotary Club members is to be able to utilize the best ideas and practices of our far flung Rotary districts." Linett also said that consideration will be given in

the future to holding some of these meetings in various parts of the Rotary world.

The January meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport in Orlando, Florida, USA beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 27 and ending at noon on Sunday, January 29, 2017. The meeting will be hosted by the RLI Sunshine Division (Florida, Georgia and the Caribbean) chaired by PDG Bob Arnold. Arrangements Chair is Brenda Wendt, Chair-Elect of the Sunshine Division, who is receiving registrations for the event, [brenwendt@gmail.com](mailto:brenwendt@gmail.com). Full information has been sent to all RLI Divisions. PDG Knut Johnsen, International Vice-Chair and Secretary of RLI, is assisting with the logistics for the Intl. RLI, [knutjohnsen@att.net](mailto:knutjohnsen@att.net). **REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE FILED WITH BRENDA WENDT BY DECEMBER 31.** Two optional registration packages are available for registrants, but attendees may also choose their own hotel reservations, etc. in Orlando. Information for the Meeting Program, Breakout topics, etc. will be sent to all registrants in early January.

**AS ALSO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, A SPECIAL SESSION ON ONLINE COURSES WILL BE HELD AT THE CURRICULUM MEETING WITH JEFFREY WEINRACH OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, A MEMBER OF THE RLI ONLINE COURSES PILOT PROGRAMS COMMITTEE. HE WILL DISCUSS THE PILOT PROGRAMS HE HAS CONDUCTED AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ONLINE RLI COURSES.**

**VISIT THE RLI EXHIBIT BOOTH No. 2429 at the ATLANTA CONVENTION**

**RLI Discussion Group on Rotary International Discussion Groups Site 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, 724 Rotarians have joined the site and 29 discussion topics have been opened. Any Rotarian may join the group.

**HELP ROTARY IMPROVE RETENTION RATES - SEND ALL NEW ROTARY CLUB 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."

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