

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have 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.

Thought of the Month

Leadership is "Motivating people to work together to accomplish great things."
BUT, "A lot of leaders are really impotent in changing the direction of things."
Professor Arnold Ludwig, Brown University USA as quoted in US News and World Report
(Editor's Note: The article described a crisis of leadership in our society.)

RLI Discussion Breakout Held at Sorrento, Italy

In connection with the Zones 11-14 Institute in Sorrento, Italy in November, Rotarians from France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Australia and Austria attended a breakout session moderated by David Linett, RLI Chair. Panelists included RIVP Michael McGovern-USA (Past Chairman of Northeast USA Division), PRIVP Serge Gouteyron-France (RLI Regional Vice-Chair for Western Europe), PDG Jacques di Costanzo-France (Chairman, France Division), PDG Carlo Michelotti-Switzerland and RIDE Catherine Noyer-Riveau-France.

R.I. Senior Leaders attending the session, in addition to the above, included R.I. Treasurer, Ian Riseley of Australia and Past Directors Peter Kron of Austria and Stan Tempelaars of The Netherlands.

R.I. Vice-President McGovern Attends RLI Meeting in Tokyo

A meeting of some Rotary leaders of Japan, led by Past Rotary International Director Yoshi Minamisono, was held in Tokyo, Japan in mid-November in connection with the Zones 1-4A Institute to discuss initiating the RLI in that country. Representing RLI, R.I. Vice-President Mike McGovern, the immediate past chair of the Northeast USA Division of RLI (our largest with 30 districts), explained the leadership development program of RLI and the procedures for holding courses. Past Director Minamisono had much of the RLI materials translated into Japanese for the meeting. RLI will continue working with Japanese leaders.

Welcome New Members of RLI INTL. SENIOR LEADERS ADVISORY BOARD

RLI is honored to have the following new members of its Intl. Senior Leaders Advisory Board: TRF Trustee and Past R.I. Director Jose Antonio Salazar of Bogota, Colombia; Past R.I. Treasurer Norbert Turco of Maffliers, France; Past R.I. Director Julio Sorjus of Barcelona, Spain; and R.I. Director-Elect Catherine Noyer-Riveau of Paris, France. The names of other members of the Advisory Board have been previously announced and will appear on the revised RLI website.

Reports on Training Team Visits for October and November

RLI Training Teams have completed visits to seven countries in Europe and the Middle East in October and November to conduct faculty orientation programs and in some cases to participate in RLI courses. September training teams conducted faculty orientations in Vancouver, British Columbia and in Arizona and the October-November teams visited France, Serbia, Istanbul, Lebanon, Egypt, Bulgaria and Israel.

The France Training Team held a two day session in Paris in late October for 23 new faculty members. The sessions were conducted in French by Training Team member, PDG Rene Laporte of Drummonville, Quebec, Canada, and by RLI Executive Director Mike Rabasca, PDG. According to PDG Jacques di Costanzo, Chair of the 8 district France Division and PDG Mike Rabasca, the sessions were a great success and both credited PDG Rene Laporte for an outstanding job as an RLI trainer. Much of the materials had previously been translated into the French language. Observing the sessions and participating in questions and answers were PRIVP Serge Gouteyron, RLI International Regional Vice-Chair for Western Europe, R.I. Director-Elect Catherine Noyer-Riveau and PDG Robert Heline, who will become a member of the RLI International Training Team. RLI Chairman Jacques anticipates further growth of the Division in France. Courses will begin early in 2008.

A report on the Serbia sessions was published in the October EBulletin. Other faculty orientation programs will be reported in the December EBulletin.

Question Asked

Question: What is the effect of the Club Leadership Plan on the activities of RLI?

Answer: One of the elements of the Club Leadership Plan is leadership education. RLI is in a position to provide such leadership education for club members without each club or district having to "reinvent the wheel". The resources and support available to all member districts on a continuing basis enables clubs and districts to have excellent leadership education that has been well tested by time.

RLI Around the World

Here are a few of the many activities of RLI Divisions around the world:

The South East Asia Division conducted Parts I and II courses in both Kota Kinabalu and Johor Bahru, Malaysia. The Rotary Club of Johor Bahru is proposing to District 3310 that future candidates for club president be required to have attended all Parts of the RLI program before they can take office.

The Western India Division has been busy, under the leadership of PDG Subhash Saraf, expanding into seven Rotary districts. Faculty orientation sessions and courses will be held in the Division in February. When the paperwork is completed, the new districts will be announced in the next EBulletin.

District 3400, Indonesia, held Parts I and II courses in early November. The district is part of the South East Asia Division and is chaired by PDG Rudy Balmater. Hoe-Beng Fong of Singapore is Chair of the Division.

The Northeast USA Division has completed its fall schedule of courses. Under the leadership of PDG Dan Spencer, Chair of the Division, courses were held in 15 locations. The Spring schedule of courses begins on March 1.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 is the date for the Annual Convention Breakfast Meeting of The Rotary Leadership Institute in the Ballroom of the Convention Center in Los Angeles, California USA. The event will run from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by a business meeting of the RLI International Coordinating Council.

Principal Speaker is Past Rotary International President and Past Foundation Chair Luis Vicente Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Flyers with registration information will be sent to those on the RLI mailing list before the end of the year. Seating is limited to 300 persons, first come, first served. Advance ticket purchases will be required and can be obtained from RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca.

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