



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.

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The Place to Be at the Seoul Convention is the RLI BREAKFAST

On June 1 at 7:30 a.m. (Doors Open at 7:15 a.m.) join RLI members and guests from all over the world at the Annual RLI Convention Breakfast at the MVL Hotel Goyang, very near the Kintex Convention Center. Always a festive event, there will be a full Asian and American breakfast buffet, a musical and vocal performance and great Rotary program of speakers/awards, etc. The per person price is only US\$ 28.00, a bargain for that venue.

Host Country Chairs are PRID Kwang Tae Kim and PDG Jungho Cho.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE SEE THE HOME PAGE OF www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org for the event flyer and information for purchasing tickets with a credit card or US bank check. Korean Rotarians may pay in Won by following the Korean language flyer also on the website. For further information, please contact PDG Michael Rabasca, RLI International Executive Director at m.rabasca@comcast.net.

Stop by the RLI Exhibit Booth in the House of Friendship to talk with knowledgeable

Odds and Ends about RLI

As discussed in prior RLI eBulletins, leading universities are reviewing and revising their teaching methods. The trends are definitely toward more and more interactive class sessions and less and less using lectures. In a recent speech by Professor Drew Gilpin Faust, President of Harvard University, one of the world's great universities, talked about that subject. She noted that as the world changes to more technology, there is a much less need to teach "facts". As an example, she said that some years back in the United States, teachers used to ask their students to memorize the capitals of the U.S. states. Now, certainly in colleges, most students come to class with laptops or other devices and with a few clicks, can easily find the state capitals. That gives educators a greater chance to teach critical thinking, perspectives about world problems, leadership and much more.

When RLI started spreading around the world, many, if not most, potential RLI faculty members wanted to give speeches, use powerpoint slides during their talks (often reading to the group from the screens) thinking that was the way universities were teaching. Experience has proved that the most important and effective method of "teaching" is discussion. RLI has for some years recommended against the general use of powerpoint slides, etc. because their use discourages discussion. Some divisions use powerpoints JUST to show the goals of the discussion session.

RLI is continually discussing better ways to "teach" in an interactive way and how to handle the teaching of "facts". The International Curriculum Committee will be working on these questions as well as continually examining the curriculum outlines to promote more interactive sessions.

Personnel Notes

New officers have been selected by the RLI Japan Division. The new Chair is Past R.I. Director Seiji Kita who is also a Trustee Designate. Vice-Chairs will be R.I. Director Takanori Sugitani and R.I. Director-Elect Tadami Saito.

PDG Hitoshi Iwabuchi will be the Division Secretary. PDG Iwabuchi is the RRFC for Zone 1. The new Chair, Seiji Kita, previously served as Executive Director of the Japan Division. We are grateful to the outgoing Division Chair, PRID Masahiro Kuroda, outgoing Vice-Chairs PDG Jiro Kawatsuma and PDG Yoshihiro Sekiba for their service to RLI. PRID Masahiro Kuroda also served on the International RLI Curriculum Committee for several years.

RLI Discussion Group on RLI Discussion Groups Site Keeps Growing

The Rotaract Leadership Institute course referred to in the February eBulletin took place in Pakistan and not India.

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.”