



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 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.

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Quote From an Attendee

"RLI provides a solid foundation for being a Rotarian. I attended last year, and often reflect back to notes I wrote to find out various answers to the workings of RI. A great course to attend." James Witt

Long Time RLI Publisher Retires

International RLI Publisher PDG Aaron Stein of District 7255 has announced his retirement in that position effective July 1, 2017. RLI Chair David Linett expressed his admiration for the wonderful contribution Aaron has made for the advancement of RLI. Said Linett, "Sometimes one finds a Rotarian, just like Aaron, who lends Rotary his skills and dedication, quietly and without self-promotion. Aaron will be greatly missed as part of the RLI Leadership Team." His successor will be announced next month.

(Publisher's Note - It's been an honor and a pleasure to help. And an also an honor to work with Dave, Mike and everybody at RLI - Aaron)

RLI AT THE ATLANTA CONVENTION

Every Rotary Convention is special, but Atlanta is slated to be extraordinary as it celebrates the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. Compared to that, RLI's 25th Anniversary pales in comparison, but not in enthusiasm and activity. Here is a rundown of RLI in Atlanta:

The Annual RLI Convention Breakfast

Registrations for the RLI Convention Breakfast on Wednesday, June 14 at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center are coming in at a good pace. Almost every day, the Breakfast Chair, PDG Michael Rabasca, International RLI Executive Director, receives registrations. RLI is on track to hold one of its largest, if not the best attended Convention Breakfast ever.

The Omni Hotel is an outstanding venue and could not be more convenient because it is directly connected to the Convention Center used for the Plenary Sessions, House of Friendship, etc.

Not only will there be a wonderful breakfast buffet, but some of the best R.I. speakers will be part of the program. The principal speaker is R.I. Past President and Past Chair (twice) of The Rotary Foundation, Luis Vicente Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is both most knowledgeable about all things Rotary and a dynamic speaker.

Another fine speaker will be Rotary International Director Dean Rohrs of British Columbia, Canada. She is not only a great R.I. Director, but a wonderful supporter of RLI. The "Thoughts for the Day" will be given by PDG Ann Keim, Chair of the 25 district member Northeast America Division of RLI (formerly the Home Division where RLI was first started).

Also at the Breakfast will be the presentation of Annual Awards, including the Distinguished Service Award and four Outstanding Achievement Awards. These recipients of these awards are not announced until their presentation at the Breakfast.

One of the favorite characteristics of RLI Breakfasts (since 2001) is the presence of Rotarians from around the world (in the past usually from 30-40+ countries). It is a great opportunity to meet, talk and possibly partner with many RLI and Rotary leaders from many parts of the world. A number of current, future and past Directors and Trustees are expected to attend the event.

TO REGISTER, pull up www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. On the home page is the Breakfast flyer with instructions for registration by USA bank check, credit card or PayPal. Credit card payments are processed by PayPal, but membership in PayPal is NOT required.

THE RLI EXHIBIT BOOTH 2426 IN THE HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

What's so special about an exhibit booth for RLI?? Well, first of all, it is an easy to find meeting point for RLI members and other Rotarians. It is also a place to find considerable information about the RLI program, now in almost 400 Rotary districts in all or parts of 197 countries and geographical areas. RLI leaders will be at the Booth to answer questions and provide information, advice and/or just to say Hello. It is also a place to arrange ---

Meetings with RLI International Officers

With a large and far flung organization like RLI, R.I Conventions provide an opportunity to hold face to face meetings with RLI leaders. Over the years, small meetings at conventions have been held with leaders of existing divisions who wanted to talk about problems, get suggestions for various activities, etc. and with Rotary leaders interested in participating in the RLI program. Those RLI leaders at the Booth can deal with discussions of ideas, problems, arranging faculty training visits, providing information and many other RLI functions and activities.

The RLI Annual Report

A feature of RLI Breakfasts, etc. at Conventions is the distribution of the Annual International RLI Report. Excellently edited for the past several years by PDG Subhash Saraf of Pune, India (the Secretary of the South Asia RLI Organization), it contains a number of items of interest to RLI members. There may be room for a few more photos of RLI activities and RLI MEMBERS/DIVISIONS /DISTRICTS are urged to **email photos for the Report** to subhashsaraf@gmail.com .

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, 833 Rotarians have joined the site and 30 plus discussion topics have been opened. Any Rotarian may join the group and open a discussion topic.

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