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RLI International

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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.

Quote of the Month

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another." Courtesy of PDG Dilip K. Patnaik of District 3260, India

RLI AT TORONTO-ORDER BREAKFAST TICKETS NOW!

The International RLI will hold its Annual Convention Breakfast at the Toronto Convention on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:15 a.m.) The festive event will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel very near the Convention Center. At Atlanta, 475 Rotarians and guests purchased tickets for that Breakfast.

Tickets for the Toronto RLI Breakfast are already on sale and may be purchased on the RLI website at rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. The program/speakers will be announced soon. Chair of the Breakfast is International RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca.

RLI will also have an Exhibit Booth at the House of Friendship at the Convention. Booth 916 has been assigned. RLI exhibit booths at conventions have attracted much interest and will, as usual, be staffed by RLI officers available to discuss the RLI program. Chairs of the Exhibit Booth are Executive Director Michael Rabasca and Intl. RLI Vice-Chair, Frank Wargo. Other RLI leaders will assist.

Curriculum/Best Practices Meetings

Successful Curriculum/Best Practices Meetings were held in both Orlando, Florida USA and Mumbai, India (January and February). At Orlando representatives from Canada, USA, Mexico, Argentina and New Zealand reviewed the RLI Curriculum in its entirety and recommended some changes that will become effective for the 2018-19 Rotary year. It has been the practice of RLI Curriculum Committees to conduct a full review of the recommended curriculum every three years and January's meeting was the third year of that cycle. The subcommittee reports have been forwarded to RLI Editor Ed King who will prepare the changes for final review by the international RLI officers.

The first Curriculum/Best Practices Meeting outside the USA was held in Mumbai in late February. Reports indicate that it was a successful meeting with many discussions/exchanges of ideas. A report will be published in the April, 2018 edition of this newsletter. Leading the event were Regional Chair for South Asia, Binod Khaitan and Regional Co-Chair Subhash Saraf. About 40 RLI representatives participated in the meeting. International RLI Vice-Chairs Frank Wargo and Knut Johnsen also participated in the meetings.

The International RLI Officers will review the Mumbai meeting results at their April meeting and determine if regional meetings should be continued around the Rotary world in the future. Any comments on this subject should be sent to International RLI Chair David Linett at ginlin@aol.com.

Zone 33 Division is Changing its Name

RLI has approved the change in the name for the Zone 33 Division to Mid-Atlantic RLI. With so many zone numbers changing, etc., it may be prudent to use regional names for some divisions. The request was made by PDG Bevin Wall, Executive Director of that division.

Extensive Revisions Underway for RLI Websites

To continue upgrades to the RLI Intl. websites, Professional Webmaster Louise Okell has been working with RLI leaders to revise and improve the two RLI websites. The goal is to make it easier to navigate the valuable information for both RLI members and prospective members and to improve its color and appearance. The largest RLI website is at www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org. The second website is for the use of divisions as they run courses, with course and faculty guides, etc.

Around the RLI World

Zoran Martinovic of Nis is the new Chair of the Serbia and Montenegro Division of RLI. The division includes District 2483 whose Governor is Bane Randjelovic. The RLI Regional Chair for Zone 20B and Israel is PDG Kalcho Hinov of Bulgaria.

A meeting for RLI was held at the Rotary Institute in Cluj, Romania. The Convener of the Institute was R.I. Director Corneliu Dinca who

also serves as Chair of the Romania Division of RLI. Director Dinca participated in the RLI meeting as he also did at the Madrid Rotary Institute. Among the speakers and senior leaders at that Breakfast were Past R.I. Director Safak Alpay of Turkey, Past R.I. Director Gideon Peiper of Israel, Past R.I. Director Manoj Desai of India, and R.I. Director-Elect Olayinka Babalola of Nigeria.

A new faculty has been formed for District 2220 in Western Russia. Because the area of the former District 2225 in Eastern Russia has become undistricted, the 2220 RLI leaders are seeking to assist the clubs in that region to have access to RLI courses. Training for future discussion leaders is being planned and will be announced soon.

The RLI Nepal/Bhutan Division has new officers. The new Chair is PDG Yogendra Man Pradhan and DG Sanjay Giri will be the Co-Chair. Outgoing Chair, PDG Ratna Man Sakya will become an Adviser along with PDG Dilendra Raj Shrestha as another Adviser. Executive Members are now Rajesh Thapa, Mani Dhoj Joshi, Mahendra Rajkarnikar, and Binod Koirala. The new Division Secretary is Prafulla Man Singh Pradhan.

A four-day RLI seminar program will be held shortly in Reunion Island District 9220, part of the RLI French Division. The sessions will be led by PRID Jacques di Costanzo, Chair of the French Division.

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./MyRotary Discussion groups. The RLI site is called "Rotary Leadership Institute/RLI." At the time of this writing, 1,021 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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