



# Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education

October 2022

## Annual Meeting Notes

We had a wonderful Annual Meeting on 8 September! Almost 100 people from around the world attended and more importantly, shared ideas. This is the heart of Rotary Leadership Institute - we all learn from each other. Thank you for making time to attend.

We also got a lot of work done. Here are some of the things that happened:

- Mike McGovern was reelected as the Chair
- Paul Muczynski was reelected as Treasurer
- Six board members were reelected for a three year term (see the updated board list)
- One new board member was elected to replace Penny Bryon, USA. Please welcome our newest board member, Antonio Hallage, Brazil
- A major rework of all curriculum is scheduled for next year (see more information in this newsletter and how you can help)
- Initial plans for the convention in Melbourne were presented (more info in this issue)

There was a lot of good news as Divisions reported that they are back in the classroom and several have online programs as well. As Board member, Torroba said, "the spirit of RLI has never died."



### ***Back in the classroom!***



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# RLI in Melbourne 2023

For everyone that missed the convention in Houston, you have another chance to attend next year in Melbourne, Australia! Of course, RLI will be there. For your planning, the breakfast will be held at the Cricket Grounds in the Legends Room. Our very own board member, Tim Moore (that's him on the right) is organizing our event.

Check out: <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/> for more information.

And register to attend at <https://convention.rotary.org/en>



**SEE YOU IN  
MELBOURNE!**

A promotional graphic for the Rotary Melbourne 2023 convention. The background is black with a large, stylized gear on the left side. The gear is composed of various colored circles and dots in shades of blue, orange, green, and red. The text "IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT" is written in large, bold, colorful letters (yellow, pink, green) on the right side. Below this, the text "REGISTER TODAY AT CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA | 27-31 MAY 2023" is written in white. At the bottom, the Rotary logo (a yellow gear) and the Melbourne 2023 logo (a purple and green arch with a gear) are displayed.

# Get Involved!

*We are stronger together! Action opportunities for you:*

## **Curriculum Rewrite in 2023!**

Next year we will undertake a complete reworking of all curriculum. This is a big project and we need your help to make it the best it can be! Here is what we need:

- If your Division has written curriculum or modified our curriculum, we would like to see it! Please send a copy of your material to: Margie Kersey [margie@callkbs.com](mailto:margie@callkbs.com) no later than **31 December 2022**
- We need professional curriculum writers. If there is a Rotarian in your Division who writes curriculum professionally, ask if they will volunteer. We have six so far, but would like more. Put them in contact with Margie.
- We need volunteers for the Final Review team. This team will review the material before it is posted on the website. Contact Margie to volunteer.
- We need translators. All languages.

Please direct all questions, concerns, and volunteers to our Curriculum Chair, Margie Kersey

**[margie@callkbs.com](mailto:margie@callkbs.com)**

## **Submit Information**

Please submit photos and articles for our newsletter to:

[Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

Please include:

Your name, Division name, date, and the names of the people in your photo

## **Engage More People**

RLI is a great program. We all know that and it is up to us to share the information. You can help spread the word.

- Send names to be included in our database so they get this newsletter and other announcements. Send to [Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)
- Forward the newsletter to your District Leadership team!
- Check the website to make sure your current leadership is updated. Send corrections to: [Corrections@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Corrections@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)
- Wear your RLI pin every day.
- Submit information to this newsletter AND to your District newsletter.

## **Volunteer for Melbourne**

It is never too early to start planning for the international convention. We will have a booth and a breakfast and we need volunteers for both. (Especially the booth!)

Contact Board Member, Tim Moore to volunteer:

[tim.moore@rotary9820.org.au](mailto:tim.moore@rotary9820.org.au)



# Featured Division: Taiwan



Taiwan has one of the strongest Divisions of the Rotary Leadership Institute in the world. This occurs as the result of hard work by many leaders, a dedicated faculty, good organization and lastly but importantly, the support of Rotary clubs and the active participation of Rotarians.

RLI International was proud this year to present one of our top awards to PDG Stan Lee for his efforts to move RLI in Taiwan forward especially during the difficult time of the pandemic. RI President Jennifer Jones has asked all of this year to Imagine what Rotary can be. RLI in Taiwan is showing what Rotary can do and can be.

Congratulations on your 12th anniversary

Best regards, Michael K. McGovern, Rotary Leadership Institute International Chair



How can your Division be featured? Send Photos and information to : [Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

# Testimonial

When the sunlight fails to reach us, the spring must come from ourselves  
Just as the moss, like the smallest grain of rice, learns from the peony how to bloom.

-Written by Peng Junren, Rotary Club of Taipei Tongxin IPP Toshi

Since the establishment of the Rotary Leadership Division Taiwan branch in 2007, the training courses held in cities across Taiwan are full within a very short period of time, often as soon as registration is opened, this 69th training course is no exception. Rotary people are thirsty for knowledge. Even though they have long heard that the courses of the Rotary Leadership Institute are bountiful and compact, the amount of information is vast and full of new information. Still, leaders from all over Taiwan are willing to travel to major cities to participate in courses, learn about Rotary knowledge, and exercise leadership to achieve mastery. The latest course filled up within hours of the first morning when registration opened four months ago.

Under the planning and leadership of PDG Stan and CP Ranboii of Huaren Society, the 69th meeting has renowned teachers and a strong lineup. Leaders from all over Taiwan came to Taipei for a two-day training course. In each class during these two days, I quoted the words of the past RI president. As a warm-up for each class, 71 outstanding Rotarians learned how to practice the service plan in the five services and seven focal areas. The five core values, and the Four Way Test.

Looking back on the past two days of study, I have roughly sorted out four aspects of the gains:

## 1. The growth of members:

From recruiting members with ideal characteristics, self-discipline with strict moral standards, maintaining good interaction with members, to taking the initiative to provide services, I have learned that the most fundamental priority of the Rotary is member growth. Only the growth of members can allow the community to last long and prosper.

## 2. Brand image:

If Rotary doesn't continue its service, it's just a society holding fraternal dinners. We must pay attention to the brand image of the Rotary, and make good use of the template provided by My Rotary's Brand Center to create promotional materials that conform to the guidelines, share our service plans and take action, and inspire our family and friends to identify with and join us.

## 3. Leadership strategy:

To build a stronger Rotary club, leaders need to lead by example. Every Rotary club should hold strategic planning meetings to make a strategic plan for the club for the next three years, five years, and even long term. As a leader of a Rotary club, we should think about strengthening communication and consolidating the centripetal force of the club through appropriate service activities.

## 4. Rotary Fund:

The Rotary Fund is the foundation for promoting global and District service plans. From applying for District grants to applying for global grants, from an EREY of \$100 per person to a huge donation of \$250,000, the Rotary Fund gives an opportunity for all to do good in the world.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step; Rotary knowledge gathers individual grains of sand into a mighty tower; we come to Rotary study so that we can serve all walks of life. It is hoped that RLI's courses will continue to thrive so that the spirit of Rotary will live on forever.



## Our Board of Directors

Jacques di Costanzo - France	2023
Adriana de la Fuente - Mexico	2024
Tunji Funsho - Nigeria	2025
Antonio Hallage, Brazil	2025
Kalcho Hinov - Bulgaria	2023
Jhinsup Jj Jhung - Korea	2024
Knut Johnsen - USA	2025
Margie Kersey - USA	2023
Binod Khaitan - India	2024
Seiji Kita - Japan	2025
Toni McAndrew - USA	2023
Michael McGovern - USA	2024
Tim Moore - Australia	2025
Paul Muczynski - USA	2023
Leila Risteli - Finland	2024
George Sundararaj - India	2025
Tim Schuler - USA	2023
Bryn Styles - Canada	2024
Juan Pedro Torroba - Argentina	2025
Frank Wargo - USA	2023
Nicolas Zalles - Bolivia	2024

All Directors serve a three year term. The date beside their name is the end of their current term.

Please watch future issues of this newsletter! We will be printing interviews with Board members.

## Contact Information

Our website is:

[www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

To access curriculum files:

[www.rlifiles.com](http://www.rlifiles.com)

To order RLI pins, send an email to:

[OrderPins@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:OrderPins@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

Include the quantity, your name and mailing address.

To update the Division information including district numbers and the names of RLI officers:

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For questions about your RLI Invoice or billing:

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## Logo Update!

Are you using the correct RLI Logo? Now is the time to make sure your Division is in compliance with Rotary International guidelines!

The correct RLI logo has a wire frame globe in the center instead of a Rotary wheel. To protect the copyright of the Rotary logo, only members or programs of Rotary are authorized to use the wheel.



## Our International Advisory Committee



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USA



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