



# 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

January 2023

## New Year, New Opportunities!

We announced at the annual meeting that our curriculum would receive a major rewrite and redesign during 2023. We have a team of professional curriculum writers reviewing the material and restructuring to make it even more effective. When they are done, a second team of reviewers will look over all the material to make sure there are no errors and that everything has been covered. And finally a third team will translate the material into a variety of languages.

This is a big undertaking with a lot of help from Divisions from around the world! Thank you to all of our volunteers.

You can still be involved:

- 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) As soon as you can!
- 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.

You should begin seeing the updated curriculum on our website in March or April. You will know it is new because it will have 2023 in the title.

So what does this mean for you?

Begin making plans to review the new material with your Discussion Leaders. Updated material is wonderful, but it is useless without good Discussion Leaders.

You could schedule in person reviews or online reviews. It is also a great time to review the basics of leading a discussion. Especially if your Division has had few (or no) sessions during COVID 19. Several high performing Divisions hold discussion leader review workshops every year to keep their folks doing their very best.

*Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity*

- Seneca

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# Featured Division: Heart of America

## What's in Your Toolbox?

Monday, November 14, 2022

By Tom Greene



I am sure you have seen the commercials that run on the theme of

"What's In Your Wallet?" It's about having an advantage in your shopping experience.

Did you know that the Rotary Leadership - Heart of America Division has a similar question for you? This question is: -- "What's in your personal toolkit?" Let me explain -

- The real advantages of the RLI experiences include more knowledge about many aspects of Rotary that is gained, such as how Rotary works and how you might make something happen that would be very important to others and yourself. Along with an increased knowledge of Rotary, opportunities exist to further develop your leadership skills in a volunteer organization and to meet new friends.

Recently, I personally learned much from a brief survey about the use of one word "ENGAGEMENT". As a result of the experience, it has become very important to me that I listen intently to, partner with, and remove barriers for others. Interestingly these themes are also accomplished through our facilitation and sharing experiences in RLI. I want to help you in your District!

RLI has the potential to help each of our Districts to move forward, while helping Rotarians reach their full potential of "making a meaningful difference." I encourage you to join with RLI-HOA leadership, to help identify the barriers to implementing a successful District RLI program where you live.

In the aftermath of the Covid pandemic, many Rotary Clubs are damaged; your help is needed to increase the momentum forward in strengthening Rotary.

### Call to Action

**The leadership of RLI-HOA is asking each RLI District within our division to graduate 1 (one) person from RLI during the 2022-2023 year.** Of course, more would be better, but if you can help one person, your District will begin moving forward.

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

# Get Involved!

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



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

Now is the time to imagine ways to make Rotary Leadership Institute stronger in your Division! Some things to consider:

- Offering RLI Sessions Online. Some Divisions have been very successful. Want more information? Send an email to [Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)
- Offering one day Graduate classes. If you can't find a facility large enough or have restrictions on attendance for health reasons, consider offering a Graduate class instead of all three Parts. You can use less space and have a smaller attendance.
- Survey your Rotarians to identify what they want. Ask where they would like sessions and what information they are interested in getting. This will allow you to target your RLI marketing!

Have you got more ideas? Let us know!

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## **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)



## **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.



# RLI & Alumni - a Powerful Team

**Doing what you haven't done is called growth.  
Doing something when you don't want to is called change,  
Doing what you dare not do is called a breakthrough.  
- Berkshire Hathaway**

For Rotarians, "come in to learn, go out to serve". In Buffett's words, It will become the best guide. It is also the attitude that "learning" should encapsulate. At the invitation of PDG Stan, the chairman of RLI Taiwan Division, he took over as the president of the 12<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association.

I served as a faculty member at RLI and has also participated in several alumni association conferences; including alumni association events held overseas. So he will take over for me. It is just one more, fresh, learning, experience. More importantly, as a former regional director, he is immensely qualified. As a member of Rotary, I feel responsible for the development of Rotary in Taiwan. Education and training has been fundamental work in the cultivation of people for a hundred years.

It is also an act that brings peace and stability to our generation of Rotarians and the Rotary presidents. RLI founder PRID David Linett established the Rotary Leadership Institute with the goal of passing down experience, enhancing the capabilities of Rotarians and cultivating Rotary leaders, to achieve the goal of making Rotary services stronger and longer vision. Because we uphold the heritage and respect for traditions to stimulate innovation, the Rotary movement can continue to promote and progress.

**By D3501 PDG Rock (2014-15)**



# 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.

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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:

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

For questions about your RLI Invoice or billing:

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

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

Got questions? Need more information? Send your request to:

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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.





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