

Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America

Newsletter



Message from Chair Gerald Gortner



My appreciation for all your prayers during my February surgery. My recovery is progressing well, and my surgeon says I should be back to near normal by the end of May. This has been a successful year for Rotary Leadership Institute NorthEast America, as we have had diverse in-person and virtual sessions. Our Friday evening program for the annual meeting looks GREAT with Tom Gump as our exclusive speaker and representing President Elect Stephanie Urchick with the message "The Magic of the Rotary Action Plan".

Our Chair Michael McCarthy for 2024-27 is working hard to put together informative breakout sessions for our facilitators and site chairs at our August 16-17 annual meeting in Scranton, Pennsylvania. We are reducing our registration fee to \$175, which will include all Friday afternoon and evening events, including our awards banquet. Saturday includes a hot buffet breakfast, Saturday breakouts, our business meeting and lunch. Our annual meeting is very informative for all facilitators as this is where we introduce the updates to our curriculum for 2024-25 as well as our new Graduate course for the upcoming year.

We need all our District Governors-Elect to have their facilitators attend the annual meeting to enhance their facilitation skills. We encourage Districts to pay the \$175 registration fee as the facilitators will still have their hotel and driving expense to Scranton.

Our history has shown that facilitators who attend the annual meeting do a superior job facilitating, as shown by the evaluations from their session participants. We realize this is a District expense, therefore we are restricting our RLINEA officer expense reimbursement to one night's lodging at our annual meeting. By limiting our expense reimbursement, we plan to keep our annual district dues at \$600 per district. Your support of Rotary Leadership Institute is greatly appreciated, as this is where our Rotarians can discuss the ideas and facts from our Rotary Learning Center they have put into action and discuss what went well and is successful, as well as changes they recommend to other Rotarians to make their clubs even better and more

effective.

With 2023-24 sessions complete, now is the time to submit your nomination for the facilitator whom you believe did the most outstanding job of facilitating during our 2023-24 year and should be considered to be recognized as our "Facilitator of the year". Please submit your nomination to Norma Madayag-Reilly.

Message from our Executive Director Deb Glisson



Happy Spring to all!!!!

With the conclusion of our 2023 " 2024 RLI-NEA year, I am pleased to share the participant registration numbers associated with the events hosted this past year and the part levels of those participants.

RLI-NEA Fall/Winter Registrations									
DATE	District	Event	Site	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Grad	Facilitator Training	Total
8/18/23	RLI-NEA	Annual Meeting	Albany, NY					8	8
9/16/23	7390	Summerdale, PA	Central Penn College, PA	15	4		11		30
9/23/23	7150	Verona, NY	VVS, NY	11		4	7		22
10/21/23	7120	Rochester, NY	Victor High School	10	11	3			24
10/28/23	7410`	Scranton, PA	Wilkes-Barre, PA	13	11	5	3		32
10/28/23	7850	St. Johnsbury, VT	St. Johnsbury Academy, VT	16	8	3		6	33
Sub - Total				65	34	15	21	14	149
RLI-NEA Winter/Spring Registrations									
1/27/24	7910	Marlborough, MA	Assabet Tech HS	26	7	4	9		46
2/27/24 2/29/24	7930	Wakefield, MA	Virtual	23	11	7	3		44
3/2.24	7170	Johnson City, NY	Johnson City HS	11	15		12		38
3/15/24	7150	Syracuse	East Syracuse					9	9
3/19/24 3/21/24	7870	NH/VT	Virtual	24	12	9	5		50
3/23/24	7430	Center Valley, PA	Desales University	16	10		2		28
3/23/24	7950	Bourne, MA	Upper Cape Tech	7	12	6	1		26

4/6/24	7790	Lewiston, ME	Lewiston Auburn College	16		2			18
4/13/24	7450	Ambler, PA	Temple Ambler	26	5	3		7	41
Sub Totals				149	72	31	32	16	300
2023-2024 RLI-NEA Registration Totals									
Totals				214	106	46	53	30	449

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The Executive Committee and Board of RLI NEA welcomes 30 new Learning Leaders (aka Facilitators)

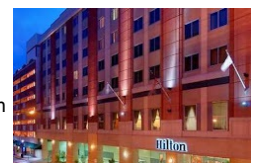
As the chart indicates, we welcomed aboard 30 newly trained RLI-NEA facilitators (soon to be identified as Learning Leaders)! Please, also note that these leaders represent the wide expanse of the RLI-NEA geographic locales!

Welcome to our newest learning leaders:

- Diane Barclay, District 7870
- Randell Barclay, District 7870
- Margurite Belanger, District 7780
- Emma Bodwell, District 7780
- Nicole Brien, District 7950
- Susan Burnett, District 7430
- Michael Carrier, District 7850
- Gary Dehnel, District 7870
- James Dickson, District 7120
- John Dinan, District 7475
- Denise DiNoto, District 7190
- Susan Garofanello, District 7120
- Linda Goodrum, District 7120
- Dorene Gortner, District 7150
- Sharon Johnson, District 7950
- Nancy Latour, District 7120
- Gary Miller, District 7870
- Maria Piscano, District 7255
- David Saturley, District 7870
- Gina Sikora, District 7170
- William Stevens, District 7870
- Mark Vital, District 7910
- Vicky Vorhauer, District 7120

Save the Date for our RLI NEA Annual Meeting August 16-17, featuring PDG Tom Gump

Save-the-Date now for our Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America's Annual Meeting, Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17 at the Hilton Scranton Hotel & Conference Center. As usual, our Annual Meeting will feature sessions for Site Chairs, District Governors, Facilitators and RLI NEA Officers such as Regional Vice Chairs and Vice Chairs. It will start off Friday morning with a meeting of the Executive Board, then offer breakout sessions after lunch. We will, as always, enjoy a gourmet dinner, followed by the presentation of this year's Facilitator of the Year Award and Yvette Palmer Award for Outstanding Service to RLI NEA.



The cost of this year's Annual Meeting will be \$175 in total, but if you wish to come only on Friday just for the dinner, the cost will be \$75, and if you wish to come only on Saturday, the cost will be \$100.

[Click here to register for the Rotary Leadership Institute Annual Meeting in August](#)

Click the link below to reserve your room at \$155/night:

<https://hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/rotaryleadershipinstitute2024>



This year's keynote speaker will be PDG Tom Gump, who will discuss *The Magic of the Rotary Action Plan*. Tom serves as Aide to Rotary International President 2024-25 Stephanie Urchick, and is also a member of Rotary's Membership Growth Committee (2022-25.) He is passionate about growing Rotary Membership through forming new Rotary and Rotaract clubs. He founded, co-founded, and helped to form and/or inspire more than a dozen clubs around the world and now helps others to do the same. Tom also helped form a Rotary Community Corps for Afghan Refugees, which serves hundreds of refugees in his area. He is a member of the Gold Level of Rotary's Membership Society of New Member Sponsors for bringing in more than 50 members into his club. He was also the winner of the Zones 28 and 32 Individual Membership Innovation Award.

He served as an International Assembly Training Leader and has chaired his paired-zone institute. Tom led his district to become only the third district in the world to ever have all of its clubs designated as 100% Paul Harris Fellow Clubs.

Tom is a proud member of the Edina Morningside Rotary Club. His wife Catherine is a member of the Edina Noon Club; their son Andrew is a member of Interact at his high school. The Gump Family has hosted seven fabulous Rotary Young Exchange students.

Time to Nominate Rotary Leadership Institute Leaders and Faculty Members for our two Special

Awards

You are All Invited to Nominate Rotarians for the 2023-2024 RLI NEA Awards

Awards Chair Norma Madayag-Reilly encourages all of us to send our nominations to her by June 15th for the two very special Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) awards.

The first award is the **Outstanding Facilitator of the Year Award**. We all know what a huge difference a great facilitator or discussion leader can make during the learning process. Everyone's time is valuable so let's recognize those outstanding facilitators who engage us and make learning a great experience.

- Nomination criteria for the Outstanding Facilitator of the Year includes, but is not limited to:
 - Session preparedness and knowledge of topics presented
 - Engaging all group participants whether on site or a video/Zoom presentation
 - Ability to cite and review additional topic resources
 - Being a team player—attending and contributing to faculty prep sessions, assisting where needed; having session flexibility
- Demonstrating innovative techniques for learning and computer skills where applicable, including camera readiness and virtual adaptability with breakout rooms
- Receiving positive evaluations from class participants.

Previous recipients of the above Award are the following:

- 2012 Ann Keim
- 2013 Roger Whitcomb
- 2014 Horton Hickerson
- 2015 Charlie Clemens
- 2016 Vivian Hardison
- 2017 Toni McAndrew
- 2018 Bill Donnelly
- 2019 Paddy Rooney
- 2020 Bernadette Kucharczuk
- 2021 -----
- 2022 Bill Gormont
- 2023 Una Martone

The second award is the **Yvette M. Palmer Award for Exceptional Service to Rotary Leadership Institute**. RLI NEA Officers, Site Chairs and Vice-Chairs are especially encouraged to submit nominations for this very special award. The criteria for this award includes:

- Exceptional dedication to the RLI program
- Long term involvement in one or many roles within the RLI program
- Positive role model reflective of RLI values

When submitting your nomination for this award, please state how your nominee has gone above and beyond in being of service to RLI

Previous recipients of this award are:

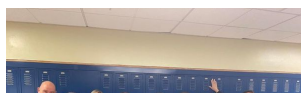
- Yvette M. Palmer — 2012
- Frank Wargo - 2013
- Ward Vuillemot - 2014
- Tam Mustapha - 2015
- Ed King - 2016
- Jerry Gortner - 2017
- Knut Johnsen — 2018
- Toni McAndrew - 2019
- Greg Roche - 2020
- Liz Cullen - 2021
- Mike McCarthy - 2022
- Deb Glisson - 2023

Please send your nominations **by June 15, 2024** to **Chair Norma Madayag-Reilly at 819 Moseley Road, Fairport, NY 14450 or Madayag.ReillyN@frontier.com**

[Click here to download nomination forms for both awards!](#)

Looking back at our Winter/Spring 2024 RLI NEA Sessions

Marlborough, MA, District 7910 on January 27, 2024





Johnson City, NY, District 7170, on March 2, 2024



Heidi Goldstein has returned as an RLI NEA Facilitator after several years.

De Sales University, D 7430, Lehigh Co., PA, March 23, 2024



Bourne, MA, District 7950 on March 23rd



Lewiston, ME on April 6





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