

RLI-HOA Bulletin

Rotary Leadership Institute Heart of America Division

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Districts in Rotary Zones 30 & 31."
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2022-2023 Year a Building Year for RLI-HOA

By Jeffrey Romine August, 2023

The RLI-HOA Division had an active year. Division Leadership considers it a building year. The Covid 19 pandemic hit the Division hard, but is now history. The Division appears to lag Rotary Clubs and Districts in regaining pre-pandemic levels of interest and enthusiasm for RLI. During the pandemic era when much of the Rotary world was moving at a slow pace, the Division took action to improve the information and communication systems. Building on the DacDB platform, the RLI-HOA Division now has an information system/database with the capability and functionality to serve the Districts and Division well in all aspects of supporting, promoting, and recording RLI for Rotarians within the Division. The Division was able to offer 470 student-sessions during the year. The table below describes the activity that occurred during the 12-month period - July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Summary of RLI-HOA Activity for 2022-2023		
Number of student sessions completed		470
Session Part I completed	276	
Session Part II completed	112	
Session Part III completed	78	
Session for faculty	4	
Number of events scheduled (41) and completed		35
In-person events completed	23	
Online events completed	11	
Hybrid events completed	1	
Number of Districts with sessions completed		16
Number of Districts without sessions completed		9

Without doubt, the numbers reflect that 2022-2023 was a rebuilding year. Efforts continue to be made to renew enthusiasm for RLI within the Division. Division Leadership continues to monitor the registration, attendance, and graduation numbers within each HOA District. Leadership has recently discussed strategies to increase the number of RLI attendees. In the next quarter or two, there will be efforts to (1) meet online with District and Regional RLI Coordinators, (2) increase the number of facilitators, and (3) make efforts to conduct one-on-one sessions with District Coordinators that are having trouble with the new information system and/or RLI. Other actions are being discussed but have not been formalized at this time.

RLI-HOA will have a Table at Zone Institute

If you are attending Zone Institute for RI Zones 30 & 31, September 19-24 in Memphis TN, watch for the RLI table in the House of Friendship. There will be representatives staffing the table, so if you have questions about RLI in your District, be sure to stop by and talk with the RLI-HOA folks.

Make a Difference in a Rotarian's Life, encourage someone to sign up today!

Check out our website at rlihoa.org for "Upcoming Training" opportunities.
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Why RLI? The Benefits of RLI for Rotarians.

August, 2023

Cindy Guthrie, District 6490 Coordinator and RLI Regional Coordinator for D6490, 6510, and 6460 (see image below) answers the question "Why RLI?"

RLI facilitators, *like* teachers and professors, are always looking for feedback from participants. How did we do? What did you learn, what can we do to make the program better? Maybe that's why it was so rewarding to hear a seasoned Rotarian tell a new Rotarian how valuable RLI was. He said, "I've been a Rotarian for almost 30 years and learned four or five things at RLI that I previously did not know."

Unlike the goals of most leadership training, RLI is interested in relevant and valuable content, **and** also in creating an environment and opportunity for Rotarians to make connections - with other Rotarians, Clubs, and Districts. At a recent RLI, participants shared their experiences connected to applying for grant money and shared how they had used the grant money. How also very rewarding to hear that an area club realized they could contribute to the health of our planet by planting milkweed, creating a habitat for Monarch butterflies which were close to extinction.

Also *dissimilar* to most leadership programs, RLI is designed so that Rotarians can use the content they learn and the connections they make in all aspects of their lives— Rotary, career, family, friends, and community. Again, so rewarding to hear my granddaughter explain her involvement in my club's washable menstrual pad project to a volunteer at Habitat.

This RLI Coordinator is glad to share these three benefits with you. She also suspects that when you attend RLI you will find even more.

