



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

August 2025



Mary Ellen Bentler, Toni McAndrew and Paul Muczynski staffing the RLI Booth.



International Polio committee members Mike McGovern and Aziz Memon stopped by the RLI Booth.

RLI in Calgary



Dr George Sundararaj, RID Naomi Luon-Fong Lin, who served as our keynote speaker, Stan Lee and Paul Muczynski at the RLI Breakfast.

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Award Recipients

The David Linett Distinguished Service Award is named for Past RI Director and founder of Rotary Leadership Institute, David Linett. Each year it is presented to one Rotarian who has provided sustained, significant service to the RLI program.



PDG Elsa Nysveen
2025 David Linett
Distinguished Service Award



The Michael Rabasca Outstanding Achievement Award is named for long-time RLI organizer, Michael Rabasca who passed away in 2021. It is presented to people who have made a significant contribution to RLI during the Rotary year.



PDG Hakeem Olayinka Babalola
2025 Michael Rabasca
Outstanding Achievement Award



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Happy Rotary New Year!

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It has been said that Rotary is the only organization on earth that changes its leaders every year and is able to achieve greatness. Rotarians prove this is true every year as new leaders step into place and we continue to Do Good in the World. Rotary Leadership Institute International is no different. At the end of this month, we will change some of our leadership positions. Please join me in thanking our outgoing Board Members and welcoming our incoming Board Members effective 1 July 2025.

Retiring Board Members



Adriana de la Fuentes



Knut Johnsen



Binod Khaitan

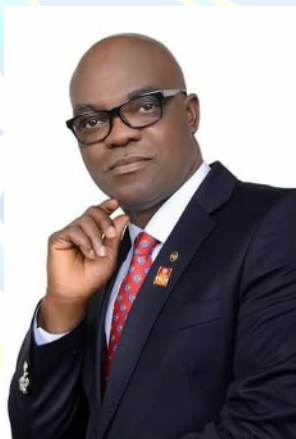


JJ Zhung Jhinsup

Incoming Board Members



Stan Lee



Hakeem Olayinka Babalola



Jesus Valdez



Mohan Kumar

Not Pictured: Jackson San-Lien Hsieh

Featured Division: So.



India

CONGRATULATIONS.!

Arakkonam RLI Parts 1 and 2 were successfully conducted by District 3231 under the able guidance of Governor Suresh on 26th and 27th of July. Many PDGs, DGE and DGN were there during the Inaugural and Valedictory sessions to show the great affinity of the District towards RLI programmes. This is the first District in Zone 5 Southern India RLI Division with 13 Districts to complete the RLI programme and to pay the first RLI annual certification fees for the year 2025-26. Rtn. Manikandan RLI District chair and the team from Rotary club of Arakkonam worked hard to make the event flawless.

More than 60 participants from 3 halls completed both the parts. All the facilitators, PDG Asoka, PDG Shanmugasundaram, PDG Chandra Bob, PP Ramanathan, PP Balamurugan and I performed creditably.

We enjoyed the fabulous hospitality of the organising team and the enthusiasm of the participants. Thank you very much.

PDG Dr George Sundararaj



What do you think of RLI?

The Future Potential of the Rotary Leadership Institute International

Vision

To become a premier center for Rotarian leadership development, championing smart leadership and delivering service excellence.

Core Values

Uphold integrity and cultivate a spirit of teamwork.

Respect individual uniqueness and pursue harmonious collective growth.

.Mission

Nurture outstanding talents and promote meaningful, constructive engagement.

Bridge industry and social advancement while upholding a strong sense of social responsibility.

RLI International Board of Directors
Member ,Stan Lee

RLI Event Attendees:

“RLI is the cradle of Rotary leaders, cultivating both skill and moral integrity.” - Taiwan

“I learned more in three days at RLI than in ten years of membership.” - USA

“Participating in Rotary Leadership Institute will enrich your life with greater brilliance and honor.” - Taiwan

“RLI helped me get more out of my Rotary experience. I understand how we are all connected.” - Canada

“RLI is awesome! Everyone should take it!” - Puerto Rico



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Let Us Hear from You

As we start the New Rotary Year, it is the perfect time to reflect on what has been accomplished. We want to hear from you - what has your Division accomplished? What are you proud of? What lessons did you learn that you can share?

Send them to us!

Have you created a file or document that makes setting up an event easier? We would like to see it! Did you test a new idea that did really well? We would like to see that too!

We look forward to learning from you! This is the year to Unite For Good!

Get Involved!

We are stronger together! Action opportunities for you:

RLI Files Closed

The website we have used to host our curriculum is now closed. Our current curriculum files are on our home website. Outdated files will be archived off-line per Rotary International's request.

We are in the process of moving the photos and listing of RLI Award recipients to our new website as well.

Keep watching our site as we grow!

Submit Information

Please submit photos and articles for our newsletter to:

Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Please include:

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

Be a Featured Division

Let us know what is happening in your Division. We learn from each other! Are you offering RLI Online? How are you promoting your sessions? How do you train your discussion leaders? Share your successes (and hard learned lessons) with the rest of the RLI world.

Send to:

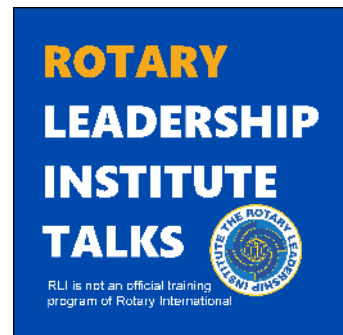
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Dues are Due!

If you have not sent in your RLI Int'l dues, please do so today. Dues are \$100 per district.

If you have questions, send them to:
Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

RLI Has a Podcast!



Podcast Link: Click [HERE](#)

Thanks to all of you, RLI International is now hosting a podcast to share your wonderful ideas with everyone. !

And if your Division is doing something that could help everyone, let us know at

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Our Board of Directors

Jacques di Costanzo - France	2026
Jesus Valdez - Mexico	2027
Tunji Funsho - Nigeria	2028
Antonio Hallage, Brazil	2028
Kalcho Hinov - Bulgaria	2026
Stan Lee - Taiwan	2027
Jackson San-Lien Hsieh- Taiwan	2028
Margie Kersey - USA	2026
KV Mohankumar- India	2027
Seiji Kita - Japan	2028
Toni McAndrew - USA	2026
Michael McGovern - USA	2027
Tim Moore - Australia	2028
Paul Muczynski - USA	2026
Leila Risteli - Finland	2027
George Sundararaj - India	2028
Tim Schuler - USA	2026
Bryn Styles - Canada	2027
Juan Pedro Torroba - Argentina	2028
Nicolas Zalles - Bolivia	2027
Yinka Babalola - Nigeria	2026
Tom Greene - USA	2028
Wyn Spiller - USA	2028

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

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Contact Information

Our website is:

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

To access curriculum files:

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To order RLI pins, send an email to:

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

For questions about your RLI Invoice or billing:

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To submit articles and pictures for the newsletter:

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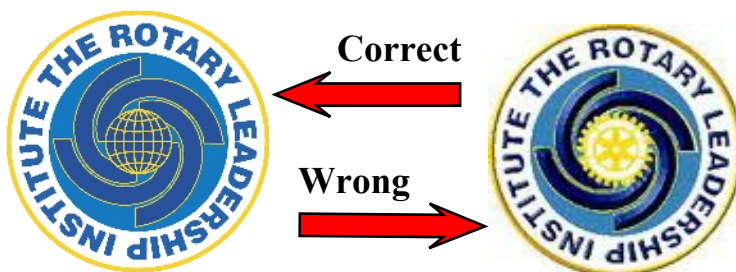
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RLI Talks Podcast

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1jFBxTLhLtfioDIOtVe0xV?si=Ukxkb3DxQueNYz5I-eLz2g>

Logo Update!



Our International Advisory Committee



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Brazil



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