



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

February 2026

International Convention!

This year's Rotary International Convention will be held in Taipei, Taiwan from 13-17 June and Rotary Leadership Institute will be there!

Once again, we will have a booth in the House of Friendship. We do not have our booth number yet, but if you would like to volunteer to serve in our booth, please send an email to

newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

But wait! There's more! We will also hold our Annual RLI Breakfast on 17 June right across the street from the convention at the United Hotel. The breakfast starts at 7 am local time. We have some special guests including Rotary International President Elect, Yinka Babalola (who is also a now-former RLI International Board member)!

Check out the full menu on page 8!

Register today to join in the fun! The Breakfast is only \$35 USD or \$1000 NTD. You can use the QR codes to register and pay.

See you in Taipei!

扶輪領導學院RLI
台北國際年會早餐會



舉辦時間：2026年6月17日(三) 07:00-09:30
舉辦地點：台北國聯飯店B1宴會廳
報名費：每人新台幣1,000元
歡迎即早掃描QR Code報名參加

NTD Dollars



US Dollars



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The Rotary Leadership Institute is not an official training program of Rotary International.

Action Item - Nominations

Now is the time to nominate someone for RLI International awards. There are 2 awards:

David Linett Distinguished Service Award

RLI's highest award recognizes exceptional leadership and service. In 2022, the award was renamed in honor of David Linnett.

[Nomination Form, Click HERE](#)

Michael Rabasca Outstanding Achievement Award

Established in 2010, this award recognizes exceptional achievement and service to RLI. In 2022, the award was renamed in honor of Michael Rabasca .

[Nomination Form, Click HERE](#)

Send the completed form by 28 February 2026 to::

Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org



Brenda Wendt, USA
Sunshine Division

For everyone who attended the (almost) annual curriculum meetings in Orlando, Florida, USA, Brenda Wendt is a familiar face. She organized the facilities, hotel rooms, and food every year. Sadly, Brenda passed away 2 February, this year after a long illness. Memorial donations may be made in her name to The Rotary Foundation.

We will miss you.

*Learning is not
attained by
chance, it must be
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diligence*

- Abigail Adams



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Featured Division: Laos & Myanmar

RLI Service Activities in Southeast Asia – January 2026

In January 2026, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) carried out two meaningful service activities in Southeast Asia, supporting leadership development and Rotary growth in the region.

Laos

Laos previously had only one Rotary Club, with limited development. Following three visits to provide guidance and support, Rotary International approved the establishment of the **Rotary Club of Lancang, Laos**, on January 17, 2026.

The club is developing steadily, with 23 members at present, and is expected to reach 30 members by the end of June.

Myanmar

Despite a challenging environment, RLI successfully conducted the following training programs in Myanmar: **Basic Course:** January 23–24, 2026 (55 participants)

Facilitators Course: January 25, 2026 (17 participants)

Conclusion

These activities reflect RLI's continued commitment to leadership development and sustainable Rotary growth in Southeast Asia.



Featured Division:



India



On behalf of the Thanjavur Rotary Majestic City Club, we extend our sincere appreciation to Rotary Club of Sakthi Kumbakonam for their truly remarkable hospitality. The dedication and clarity shown by the trainers who beautifully explained every aspect of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation was an eye-opener for every Rotarian present.

Each one of us gained a deeper understanding of Rotary's purpose, values, and the impact it creates world-wide. Our heartfelt thanks to the hosting club, the Kumbakonam Sakthi Club, and to all the respected seniors who gave us this wonderful opportunity to learn, explore, and connect.

Well done, the entire team and all the participants for making this a memorable and meaningful experience.

Warm regards,

Thanjavur Rotary Majestic City Club

Dear all,

We had 6 Facilitators. We did 6 hours for 6 sessions for Part 1 on Saturday and again 6 hours for 6 sessions for Part 2 on Sunday.

We usually have 2 batches of 25 Rotarians each in 2 halls. Each facilitator will have to do two sessions a day, one in each hall per day. The facilitators are picked by the Division and we go and do the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions in various districts of the Division (Zone 5 Southern India Division with 13 Districts .) In the Rotary year 2025-26, we have completed one or more events in 10 Districts and we are likely to complete all the 13 Districts by February 2026.



Our Board of Directors

Jacques di Costanzo - France	2026
Jesus Valdez - Mexico	2027
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Mary Ellen Bentler - USA	2026

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

Contact Information

Our website is:

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

To access curriculum files:

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

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:

Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

To submit articles and pictures for the newsletter:

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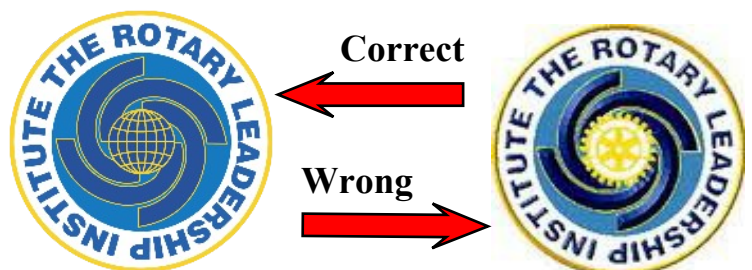
Got questions? Need more information? Send your request to:

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RLI Talks Podcast

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

Logo Update!



Get Involved!

We are stronger together! Action opportunities for you:



Pictured are the newest Facilitation Graduates from D4560 in Brazil. Congratulations!!

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:

Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

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

Submit Information

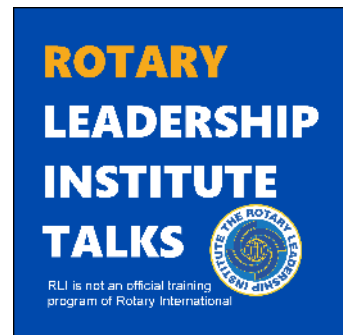
Please submit photos and articles for our newsletter to:

Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Please include:

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

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

Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Our International Advisory Committee



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RLI Breakfast Menu

** 沙拉吧 **

各式生菜/芽菜/蔬果
Salad Bar

** 各式醬汁 **

凱薩醬

Caesar Dressing

千島沙拉醬
Thousand Island
檸檬油醋

Lemon Vinaigrette

** 開胃菜 **

鮮菇沙拉
Fresh Mushroom Salad
蔓越莓優格金瓜
Cranberry Yogurt Squash
德式香腸洋芋沙拉

German Potato Salad with Sausage

** 麵包 **

手工麵包
Handmade Bread
吐司
Toast
果醬
Jam

** 湯品 **

日式味噌湯
Miso Soup
白粥

Porridge

各式小菜

Assorted Chinese Flavor Pickled Dishes

** 熟食 **

中式蝦仁炒飯
Fried Rice with Shrimp
香烤雞腿佐金粟醬

Baked Chicken Thighs with Taiwanese
Kumquat Sauce

爐烤鱸魚
(佐烤洋蔥/烤番茄/橄欖/蘭姆)

Baked Sea Bass

季節時蔬

Sautéed Seasonal Veggie

西式炒蛋/水煮蛋
scrambled eggs / Boiled egg
薑汁照燒豬肉

Fried Pork with Ginger and Teriyaki Sauce

台式傳統擔仔麵

Traditional Taiwan Flavor Noodles
Soup

配料

青蔥, 蒜酥

Scallion, Garlic Drispy

** 西式 **

優格
yogurt
麥片

Cereal

** 水果 **

季節水果

Seasonal Fruit

** 飲料 **

蘋果汁
Apple Juice

柳橙汁
Orange Juice

牛奶

Milk

咖啡和茶
Coffee & Tea