



# Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America Newsletter



Monday, December 12, 2022

## Message from Chair Gerald Gortner



I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving! We were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with our daughter and family in Massachusetts. Celebrating Thanksgiving in Massachusetts is always very special to me.

This fall, all our Rotary Leadership Institute sessions were in-person, with one in Vermont, a first in five years. In mid-November, we sent a request to all facilitators who did not facilitate fall sessions requesting which sites they would prefer to facilitate this winter and spring. If you are a facilitator and have not responded, please do so to our Executive Director Deb Glisson by December 15. This will allow our Regional Vice Chairs to plan their sites with facilitators for our upcoming Winter and Spring sessions.

This winter we are piloting one session on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

To complete the part you are taking, you will need to attend both Zoom sessions. This is a pilot, and we will determine at our next annual meeting if we will continue to offer evening zoom sessions. With the success of our zoom sessions last year, we will be offering at least one additional zoom session in the Spring.

At our mid-year executive committee meeting in January, we will be discussing and planning our 2023-24 sessions. Please talk with your site chairs and District Governor Elect to set your dates and sites for 2023-24. We are looking forward to increasing our number of sites to at least 20 in the year ahead with two faculty training sessions in 2023-24.

Facilitators, please remember to respond to our mid-November letter as we are waiving the facilitation requirement of facilitating at least once every two years for the remainder of this 2022-23 year due to our restrictions by COVID. For the 2023-24 year, facilitators will need to have facilitated during the past two years or attend the refresher session at our annual RLI meeting in August.

Have a joyous Holiday season.

**Jerry**

Jerry Gortner, **Chair, Rotary Leadership Institute NorthEast America**

## Special Message from our Executive Director Deb Glisson

**Are you currently an RLI-NEA faculty member?**

**Have you facilitated for an RLI-NEA event within the past 2 years?**

**Are you in need of updating your facilitation skills?**

**Are you interested in becoming a new RLI-NEA faculty member?**

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, you will be happy to know that the Empire MD PETS event at the Syracuse University Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center will host an RLI-NEA Faculty Training on Friday, March 17, 2023. The training will be conducted from 9:00 am until approximately 2:00 pm. Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be served. The fee for this training will be the regular Faculty Training fee of \$75.00. You may register on the RLI-NEA website ([rlinea.org](http://rlinea.org)) after the first of January.



Those who would also like to experience the Empire MD PETS event are welcome to join in and register for that event at [rotaryempiremdpets.org](http://rotaryempiremdpets.org). The fee for that event (\$135.00) includes Friday evening heavy appetizer stations, Saturday buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday "grab and go or stay" breakfast. There are several key-note speakers scheduled along with extremely informative breakout sessions. Vendors will also be on hand to both inform participants about Rotary opportunities for service and to offer their Rotary merchandise for purchase. Additional information about the event can be found on the [rotaryempiremdpets.org](http://rotaryempiremdpets.org) website or by emailing me ([deborah7150@gmail.com](mailto:deborah7150@gmail.com)).

Please be aware that if you would like to be trained as a new RLI-NEA faculty member, you must have graduated from RLI parts 1, 2, and 3 and have a recommendation from your current District Governor, your Regional Vice Chair, or another member of the RLI-NEA executive board. Those recommendations should be emailed directly to [deborah7150@gmail.com](mailto:deborah7150@gmail.com).

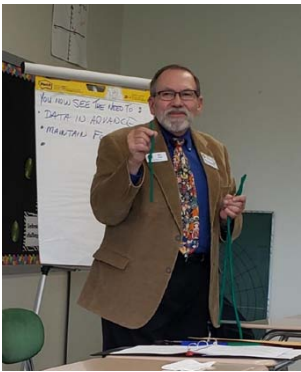
Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year!

**Deb**

Deborah Glisson, *RLI NEA Executive Director*

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## Fall 2022 RLI Attendees Greatly Increased Their Rotary Knowledge



**Bill Gormont teaching Advanced Strategic Planning to students in the Graduate Level course on October 1 at Avon High School in Rochester.**

**Graduating students from the Melville, Long Island RLI Course on October 8th at the Marriott Melville Hotel (District 7255)**

1st Row

DG Sonia Saleh, Emily Margulis, Lydia wells, Taylor Quaranta, Derosette Harrison

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PDG Shawn Weis, Stephanie Dunaieff, Jo Pettit, Sal Filosa, Rose Quaranta, Rich Wells, Virginia Bull

**Photos from the October 29th RLI Session in St. Johnsbury, Vermont**





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## Some tips on how to market your RLI sessions

*by Paulette Boudrot, RLI Secretary*



As a former District Site Chair, Regional Vice Chair, and current RLI NEA Secretary, I decided to be proactive, for our last RLI session in New England, to temporarily assume the roles of District Site Chair and RVC, to find a new site, to find a new District Site Chair, and to use 2022 to train her for the following year.

RLI has a process with detailed instructions for all roles and responsibilities that are well defined on the RLINEA website. These are available to all, and the process works. Following these guidelines will guarantee a successful session. So, you see, there is nothing to write about.

But in addition to the posted instructions and training, I would suggest:

Start to promote early, throughout the year, and at all district functions

- Include dates for all sessions, not only for your own district

- Try to have an RLI page on the district web site. Unfortunately, this will depend on the current District Governor.
- Send a minimum of three notices to all Rotarians in the district starting at least 6 weeks prior to the event
- Promotion is everyone's responsibility, especially faculty: if you want to facilitate, you need to promote. (Included in faculty training, with constant reminders to all facilitators)
- Encourage all Rotarians to take sessions out of their district: "You don't need to wait 3 years to graduate" plus there are additional benefits to going out of district.

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## RLI NEA Officers, Regional Vice Chairs and Vice Chairs -- Semi-Annual Meeting on Zoom on January 14

It's time for our semi-Annual Business Meeting -- on Zoom -- on January 14, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am. RLI NEA Officers, Regional Vice Chairs, and Vice Chairs should plan to attend. Here are the Zoom details, but watch your e-mail closer to the date for reminders.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85101311849?pwd=NWpTOE44anVzN3BIZUQ3SWc5dE5HZz09>

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## You can now start to register for Winter/Spring 2023 RLI NEA Sessions

**Our first session for 2023** will be held in-person in District 7910 in Marlborough, MA at the Assabet Technical High School, 215 Fitchburg Street, Marlborough MA on Saturday, January 21st from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. All levels, including the Graduate level on Advanced Strategic Planning will be offered, pending adequate registration. Cost is \$85; Rotaract members pay only \$50. For more information, contact Joan Arsenault, Regional Vice Chair, at [joan@massteximaging.com](mailto:joan@massteximaging.com) or Mark Vital, Site Chair, at [vital@amsacs.org](mailto:vital@amsacs.org).

**Our second RLI session will be our first-ever virtual weeknight RLI session**, sponsored by District 7930-Wakefield, MA, held over two evenings, on February 28th, 2023 and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and March 2nd from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You must attend both nights in order to receive credit for the part you are taking. The cost is only \$25 for both sessions. Parts I, II, III, & Graduate level. For information please contact Event Chairs Linda Doliber, Site Chair, at [ldoliber@hotmail.com](mailto:ldoliber@hotmail.com) or Joan Arsenault, Regional Vice Chair, at [joan@massteximaging.com](mailto:joan@massteximaging.com). Anyone from any Rotary District is welcome to join these special virtual sessions. You **must** attend both sessions to receive your certificate, beginning on February 28th, 2023.

**Our third session for 2023 will be held at Upper Cape Tech, 220 Sandwich Road Bourne, MA 02532.** Parts I, II, III & Graduate will be offered, pending sufficient registration. The fee is \$75; Rotaract members pay \$50. For more information, contact Elizabeth Griffin, Site Chair, [egriffin170@comcast.net](mailto:egriffin170@comcast.net) or Joan Arsenault, Regional Vice Chair, at [joan@massteximaging.com](mailto:joan@massteximaging.com).

To register for any of these courses, go to [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org) and click on the session for which you want to register!

Anyone from any Rotary District can attend these sessions.

*Expand your horizons and meet new friends and Rotarian colleagues!*

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