



# Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America Newsletter



Tuesday, June 27, 2023

## Message from our Chair Jerry Gortner

Following a very memorable trip to the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia we are planning our annual meeting on August 18-19 in Albany, New York. Because we received very positive feedback on breakout sessions at our 2022 annual meeting, we will have 9 breakout sessions this year with the first three starting at 1:15 on Friday, August 19th. Breakouts will be focusing on the areas where we received the most questions in 2022-23.

In this newsletter there is a listing of the breakouts planned for our annual meeting, so you can start planning to attend the ones that will be most beneficial to you. Our Governors and Assistant Governors, as well as our facilitators, are a very important part of making the Rotary Leadership Institute sessions successful. One breakout will focus on registration, which will be beneficial for site chairs, Governors, and Assistant Governors. Our Administrative Assistant Donna Rinaldi and Lin Kelly with DACdb will be facilitating this session and a session on the use of DACdb reports. We are suggesting that everyone attending either of these sessions have their laptops to walk through the registration process and to utilize the reports.



We are organizing the breakouts to not only benefit our facilitators and site chairs, but also to benefit Governors and Assistant Governors. Site chairs and Regional Vice Chairs (RVC) will have multiple breakouts running simultaneously to attend; we will ask them to designate another Rotarian to attend the simultaneous session so they can receive the benefits from each.

Our RI Zone Director Drew Kessler will be speaking live to us from Vancouver, British Columbia via Zoom; he is interested in having you ask questions at that time for his response.

We will continue to stay within our constitutionally required 150-mile radius of New York City and if you like our location in Albany, we will find a location in a different direction from New York City for our 2024 annual meeting.

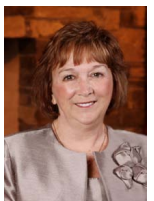
We approved several items at our winter board meeting that will be presented at our business meeting on Saturday, August 19. These items involve expenses for facilitators at our sessions as well as expense reimbursements for our annual meeting. Each of our 22 Districts has one vote and the voting delegate is the site chair, unless delegated to another district member.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Wolfe Road Marriott in Albany on August 18 and 19!

## Report for 2022-23 from our Executive Director Deb Glisson

As your Executive Director of RLI-NEA, I am so pleased to share with all of you that this has been an exciting and productive year for Rotary Leadership Institute, Northeast America.

Thank you to all those who made our successes possible: our Facilitators, our Regional Vice-Chairs and Vice Chairs, our Site Chairs, our Executive Board Members, as well as for the support we received from our District Governors.



Our sessions - both virtual and in-person - were well-attended and very helpful to all those participating, as you can see in the following chart:

# Executive Director's Annual Participation Report 2022-2023

\*Virtual

DATE	District	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Grad	Total
10/1/22	7120 Rochester	21	8	5	9	43
10/8/22	7255 Melville	14		3	12	29
10/22/22	7390 Summerdale	11		5	11	27
10/29/22	7850/7870 St. Johnsbury	12				12
1/21/23	7910 Marlborough	19	6	4	6	35
2/28/23	7930 Wakefield*	31	20	9	11	71
3/2/22						
3/4/23	7170 Johnson City	31	10	6	12	59
3/17/23	7150 Faculty Training Empire MDPETS					7
3/18/23	7950 Bourne	30	8	7	4	49
3/25/23	7430 Center Valley	29		7		36
4/15/23	7410 Scranton Wilkes-Barre	12	5	5		22
4/15/23	7475/7490 West Orange	25	7		4	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Events</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>426</b>

This chart will tell you about the cost of participant investment:

## PARTICIPANT INVESTMENT

Virtual Session Fee = \$25

(Rotaracts = \$10)

In- Person Session Fee = \$75 - \$125 depending on the site

(Rotaracts = \$50)

Virtual Session Time Commitment = 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

(breaks provided throughout)

Or

2 evenings within an 8 day block = 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

In-Person Session Time Commitment = 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

(breaks provided throughout / breakfast & lunch provided)



Many participants have elected to participate in successive parts, which has resulted in those Rotarians qualifying to participate in the Graduate Level from this point onward.

### WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RLI-NEA IN 2023-24?

Currently, Rotary Districts are in the planning stages to host both RLI-NEA in-person events and RLI-NEA Virtual Events.

Since the two-evening virtual event was so successful, we will also offer that option this coming year.

Registration for sites will be posted on our website at [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org) following our RLI-NEA Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for August 18 & 19th, 2023 at the Wolf Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, NY.

### THIS YEAR'S GRADUATE SESSION

I am happy to announce that this year's Graduate Session, open to all those who have completed Parts I-III, will be on Succession Planning for your Membership, your Rotary Club and your District. Watch for your next RLI Newsletter in late August and your e-mail for more information on that course.

## Attend this year's RLI NEA Meeting at the Marriott Albany Hotel, August 18th and 19th

RLI NEA Officers, Facilitators, Site Chairs, Regional and Vice Chairs and District Governors -- make plans **now** to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America at the Albany Marriott Wolf Road Hotel in Albany, NY on August 18th and 19th, 2023.

The cost for registration for the Annual Meeting is \$185/person, although members of the Executive Board of RLI NEA will be comped.



To make reservations at the Marriott Albany Wolf Avenue Hotel at a discounted rate of \$179/night, [click here](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1683723014524&key=GRP&app=resvlink) or go to <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1683723014524&key=GRP&app=resvlink>.

Reservations must be made by July 27th to receive this discounted rate. If you prefer to make your reservation over the phone, please call 1-800-443-8952 and ask for a room under the Rotary Leadership Institute block.

This year's Annual Meeting keynote address on Friday night will feature a virtual presentation from our own Rotary Zones 28/32 Director Drew Kessler, who has served in that capacity since 2022. This coming year, he will serve as Treasurer of Rotary International. Drew will be addressing us live from Vancouver, British Columbia.



A member of the North Rockland Club in Haverstraw, New York, Drew joined the club when he was 22. He now serves as Senior Vice President of the Commercial Real Estate division at M&T Bank, where he manages a large loan portfolio of real estate and commercial ventures with major businesses in the New York City area.

This year's Annual Meeting will also include a chance for those who wish to become Facilitators to take Faculty Training on August 18th. The cost is \$75. If you would like to become a Facilitator, you must get approval e-mailed by your 2023-24 District Governor to our Executive Director Deb Glisson at [deborah7150@gmail.com](mailto:deborah7150@gmail.com).

## Break-out Seminars at our Annual Meeting will Target what YOU Need for your RLI sessions

This year's breakout sessions are once again specifically designed to assist Facilitators, Regional Vice Chairs and Vice Chairs, Site Chairs, District Governors and DGE's to enhance their RLI sessions attendance, assist facilitators in their presentations, and understand how DAC db can be used for registration and other and make their presentations even better.

### 1:15 PM Friday, August 19th

- Virtual Facilitation, designed for Facilitators, Site Chairs RVC's, Governors, and DGE's
- Facilitator Selection, designed for RVC's and Governors
- Promotion of RLI Sessions and Sites, designed for Site Chairs, RVC's, Governors, Assistant Governors and DGE's

### 3:00 PM, Friday, August 19th

- Faculty Selection, designed for RVC's and Governors
- Curriculum Discussion, designed for Facilitators, RVC's, Governors, and DGE's
- DACdb Registration, designed for Site Chairs, RVC's, Governors, and Assistant Governors

### 8:15 AM, Saturday, August 20th

- In-person Facilitation, designed for Facilitators, Site Chairs, RVC's, Governors, and DGE's
- Site Administration, designed for Site Chairs, RVC's, Assistant Governors, and Governors
- Using DACdb before, during, and after your RLI sessions (Reports, name badges certificates, etc.), designed for RVC's and site chairs

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## RLI NEA Members Attended the RLI International Breakfast at the Melbourne Convention

Several of our own RLI NEA members attended the Rotary Leadership Institute International Annual Breakfast, held early on the morning of May 31 at the RI International Convention in Melbourne. Our Chair PDG Jerry Gortner, PDG Frank Wargo, PRID Mike McGovern and Past RLI NEA Chair PDG Paul Muczynski all made the trip to the Cricket Grounds, near the Rod Laver Stadium (where the Convention's plenary sessions were held) to meet with 70 people from Rotary Leadership Institutes all over the world.




RI President-Elect R. Gordon R. McNally addressed and welcomed the group and thanked them for their participation in RLI, stating that he was looking forward to working with our leadership during his Presidency. Frank Wargo was thanked with an award for running a Rotary Leadership Booth in the House of Friendship. Paul Muczynski, Treasurer for RLI International, presented his report. Jerry Gortner gave a short report on our successes in Northeast America, especially emphasizing our new virtual weeknight sessions and our return to well-attended in-person sessions.

Several awards were given out as part of this breakfast to the following:

- Margie Kersey USA ( David Linett Award)
- Juan Pedro Torobba Argentina ( David Linett Award)
- Assem Abdel Razak Egypt (Michael Rabasca Award)
- Philip Chong Malaysia/Singapore (Michael Rabasca Award)





Our own Jerry Gortner with Frank Wargo	Mike McGovern and RI President R. Gordon R McNally as Phillip Chong from Malaysia wins the Michael Rabsca Award	RI President R Gordon R. McNally
		
TRFD Mike McGovern	PDG Paul Muczynski	Jerry Gortner with President McNally

## Our Two Final Sessions in PA and NJ Wrap up our Successful RLI NEA Year

On April 15th, many Rotarians from Northeastern Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey attended our final two RLI NEA sessions of this Rotary year.

Wilkes-Barre, PA, District 7410 RLI Participants on April 15th West Orange, NJ RLI Participants, D 7490 and NJ9



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