

Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America



Fall 2021 Newsletter

Message from RLI NEA Chair PDG Gerald Gortner



This is the most beautiful time of the year with our fall colors, and we have held our first in-person session in Scranton, Pennsylvania. It was nice to hold a session in-person at the Lackawanna College. We have also held virtual sessions from Verona and Rochester, New York and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and have two more virtual sessions in November from Schenectady, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 2022 we have three in-person sessions scheduled in Marlborough and Wakefield, Massachusetts and West Orange, New Jersey. For the first time in over two years, we will have a faculty training session in Marlborough, Massachusetts on January 22 led by International Materials Chair, Frank Wargo. If you have completed Parts I, II, and III and are interested in becoming a facilitator, ask your District Governor to nominate you and forward your name to our Executive Director, Deborah Glisson at Deborah7150@gmail.com.

This year we are doing an experiment with one District, where their Rotarians are registering without paying the fee. The Rotary Leadership Institute will invoice the district for registration fees for their District Rotarians who attended their District site. The district will issue a check for all of their District attendees at their site to Rotary Leadership Institute. This year, the Rotarians in this District will be able to attend the virtual session hosted by their district with no fee, with the district paying 100 percent of their registration fee.

This is becoming a very exciting year and I look forward to seeing you at one of our sessions.

Jerry Gortner

Jerry Gortner, Chair, RLI NEA

Message from Executive Director Deborah Glisson

On September 25, 2021, RLI NEA rolled out a new graduate level course: Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus. The course is being offered through both virtual and in-person RLI-NEA events. Developed by PDG Bill Gormont and myself, the session begins with participants examining Rotary International's documents that guide our services as Rotarians. Included are: Rotary International's Vision Statement, Strategic Priority Objectives, Core Values, Four Way Test, Vision and Goals and Citation. Through active engagement with supportive resources and each other, the participants become re-acquainted with and develop their deeper understanding of RI's 7 Areas of Focus.

- Peace Building and Conflict Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Community Economic Development
- Environment (our newest area of focus)

Break-out groups design and share project plans that address current needs within the Focus Areas. Through this interaction, participants enhance their understanding of what they can do as individuals and/or as teams to affect positive and sustainable change in the Areas of Focus.

Additionally, participants are encouraged to consider using the data-driven improvement cycle, DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control) to plan, execute and deliver improvement opportunities.

To date, this graduate course has been available in sessions hosted by four sites: three virtual and one in-person. PDG Bill Gormont and I have facilitated virtual sessions. PDG Jerry Gortner has facilitated both in-person and virtually.

Participant evaluations for this graduate course have been incredibly positive. Many individuals have requested that they be permitted to enroll in this session a second time. More specifically, they appreciated the background content and opportunities to network and engage in putting their understanding into action toward developing and sharing their proposed projects.

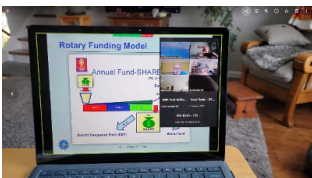
Deb Glisson

Deborah Glisson, RLI NEA Executive Director



RLI NEA Participants Got Back in the Groove at both Virtual and In-Person Sessions this Fall

Participants across Northeast America have already returned to RLI sessions this Fall in both Zoom and in-person formats.



Most of the RLI sessions so far this year have been held using Zoom. Facilitators, departing from the usual technique employed in RLI sessions, created PowerPoints for discussion to enhance the learning experiences of their participants. Each level (Parts I, II, III and Graduate) had its own Zoom session moderated by a "producer" in that area. In some cases, facilitators arranged break-out sessions with their producers so that their participants could meet together to discuss a project outlined in the RLI curriculum.

Screen shot of one of our virtual sessions

Our first in-person session in nearly two years (since COVID interrupted everything) was held at Lackawanna University in Scranton, PA on October 23rd. All of the levels were offered. Congratulations to our Graduates of Part III and to all of the participants and facilitators!





Participants in the Graduate Course Lackawanna Part I Participants



Meet our New Treasurer Susan L. Reisman

Susan L. Reisman is a member of the Greater Utica Sunrise (GUS) Rotary Club of District #7150. She has been an active Rotarian since 2006. Her District was fortunate when she put her time and various talents into action from 2011 through 2018 serving in the leadership role of District Treasurer.

As a certified public accountant, Sue prepares personal and business income taxes, consults for Quickbooks, and maintains the financial books and records for several small businesses throughout the United States.

Sue looks forward to working with the Rotary Leadership Institute of Northeast America. This position offers her additional opportunities to place Service above Self with Rotary.



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How to Register for future RLI NEA Courses

Ready to register for an event? Look at the schedule below for the courses planned through January 22, 2022 and click on them. This will take you to our website at www.rlinea.org, where you can also register.

UPCOMING CLASSES

RLI NEA Seminar - Dist 7190 - Schenectady, NY - Virtual
November 6th 2021
[More info](#)

RLI NEA Seminar - Dist 7450 - SE Pennsylvania - Virtual
November 13th 2021
[More info](#)

RLI NE Seminar - Dist 7910 - Marlborough, MA
January 22nd 2022
In-person
Facilitator course will be offered
[More info](#)

SAVE THE DATES

RLI NEA Seminar
January 30th, 2022

RLI NEA Seminar - Districts 7485 and 7490 (NJ)

We will send you a bulletin about these dates soon!

[Read More](#)

To register for any of these sessions, click on the event above or go to www.rlinea.org and click on the session that you wish to attend.

All sessions will offer Levels I, II, III and Graduate level as long as eight people have registered ten business days before the session begins (six people for Graduate level).

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