

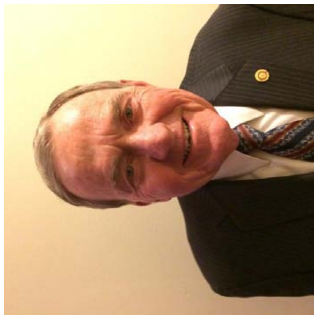


# Rotary Leadership Institute Northeast America Newsletter



Thursday, April 6, 2023

## Message from Chair Gerald Gortner



Welcome to Spring. We have had a mild winter, but it really seems Spring has been slow arriving. We thank everyone who attended one or more sessions this year. Our pilot on two week nights was very well received with over 70 participants representing 17 Districts throughout the Northeast and Midwest. If you liked these sessions and would like to see us continue, make your site chair aware and vote at our annual meeting in August to allow districts to host these evening sessions at their discretion. We are planning our annual meeting for August and planning for a different location, probably in the New York Capital District, to shorten the driving distance for our New England and New York attendees. We are planning sessions for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for facilitators, Regional Vice Chairs (RVC), Governors, and District Governors Elect. Our RVC's have worked very hard this year to have all our trained facilitators observe sessions, so we can incorporate them into our listing of available facilitators for 2023-2024. We are reviewing our session and facilitator evaluations for updating as we have been using the current format for the past five years. At our annual meeting we will be introducing our Graduate course for 2023-24.

## Message from our Executive Director Deb Glisson

### What is our work?

The work of the Rotary Leadership Institute North East America is to provide facilitated learning opportunities for Rotarians, which will expand their Rotary knowledge and their leadership skills. Participants are motivated to be enthusiastic, creative, and dedicated Rotarians. Those attending the three course days for their full duration receive recognition of completion and are encouraged to participate in Graduate Level Sessions. Course methods reflect the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Included are discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving, group planning exercises, etc. The lecture approach is limited.

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Course methodology reflects the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Included are discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving, group planning exercises, creating projects, audiovisual presentations, etc. The lecture approach is strictly limited. Every participant is actively engaged and encouraged to contribute to the discussion and sharing. Course workbooks are posted on the rlinea.org website.

**Who are the Facilitators for the Sessions? ...I thought you would never ask.....**

The RLI-NEA faculty members are Rotarians who have completed all 3 levels of RLI-NEA and have been recommended by either their District Governor or a member of the RLI-NEA Executive Committee. Once recommended, those Rotarians participate in a Faculty Training Seminar. Following their training, they will observe current faculty in action and will get their feet wet by leading a session while being observed by an experienced faculty member.

**....And now for some very significant news!!!!!!**

Over the past 11 months, RLI-NEA has held three Faculty Training Seminars, resulting in 20 new Faculty Members, two updated Faculty Members ,and three new Faculty Trainers! Those training seminars were held in conjunction with the Wakefield RLI-NEA event in Wakefield, MA on April 30, 2022, the RLI-NEA Annual meeting in Parkridge, NJ on August 19, 2022, and the Rotary Empire MD PETS Event in Syracuse, NY on March 17, 2023. Many of those new faculty members have already observed other faculty members and have been observed themselves. They are very ready, willing, and able to facilitate future RLI-NEA events! All of them bring their enthusiasm for Rotary and their engaging approaches to facilitating professional adults as learners to the RLI-NEA experience.



*Faculty at Johnson City*

*Deb*

Deborah A. Glisson, *RLI NEA Executive Director*

**Time to Nominate the best of the best for RLI's major awards**

Rotary Leadership Institute North East America Awards Chair, PDG Toni McAndrew invites you to submit nominations now for both the Outstanding Facilitator Award and the Yvette Palmer Award for Exceptional Service to RLI. All nominations are due by June 30.

The first award is the Outstanding Facilitator Award. We all know what a huge difference a great facilitator or discussion leader can make during the learning process. Everyone's time is valuable so let's recognize those outstanding facilitators who engage us and make learning a great experience.

Nomination criteria for the Faculty Member of the Year includes, but is not limited to:

- Session preparedness and knowledge of said topics
- Engaging all group participants whether on site or a video/Zoom presentation
- Ability to cite and review additional topic resources
- Being a team player—attending and contributing to faculty prep sessions, assisting where needed; having session flexibility
- Demonstrating innovative techniques for learning and computer skills where applicable including camera readiness and virtual adaptability with breakout rooms
- Receiving positive evaluations from class participants.



The second award is the Yvette M. Palmer Award for Exceptional Service to Rotary Leadership Institute. RLI NEA Officers, Site Chairs and Vice-Chairs are especially encouraged to submit nominations for this very special award. The criteria for this award includes:

- Exceptional dedication to the RLI program
- Long term involvement in one or many roles within the RLI program
- Positive role model reflective of RLI values

When submitting your nomination for this award, please state how your nominee has gone above and beyond in being of service to

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Previous recipients of this award are:

- Yvette M. Palmer
- Frank Wargo
- Ward Vuillemot
- Greg Roche
- Toni McAndrew
- Ann Kleim
- Jerry Gortner
- Ed King
- Tam Mustapha
- Liz Cullen
- and most recently, Mike McCarthy

Please send your nominations **by June 30, 2023** to *Chair Toni McAndrew* at **2715 Bethany Turnpike, Pleasant Mount, PA 18453**, [tonim@epix.net](mailto:tonim@epix.net), **570-470-7028**

Click below for the nominations forms:

<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/780/Downloads/0/NOMINATION FORMS for RLI Awards 2023.docx>

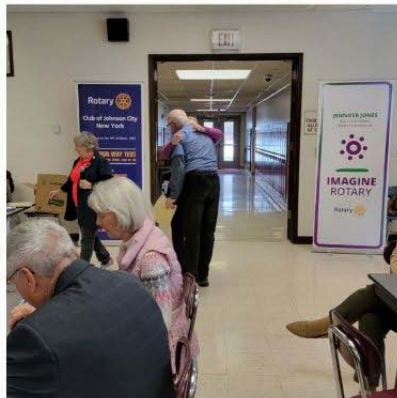
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## **Hundreds of Rotarians attended RLI sessions this Spring!**

Rotarians throughout Northeast America attended Rotary Leadership Institutes this Spring -- both virtual and in-person.

**Johnson City, Broome County, NY (near Binghamton), March 11**



**Bourne, MA at Upper Cape Tech on February 22**



Bourne Graduates



Part II: Cindy, Julie, Larry & Roby



Graduate Course : Joyce, Gail & Adrienne



Sharing together



Part I - Scott, Mary, Jean



Lunchtime sharing

**DeSales University, Centre Valley, PA, D 74300, March 25th**



RLI Part III Graduates



**Marlboro, MA on January 21, D 7910**



Creating a service project...



(On the bottom left) : The full Graduate Class in order from left to right: Julie Thibodeau - Marlboro, Cindy Albert - Marlboro, RLINEA Chair, Jerry Gortner, Larry Cassese - Weymouth, Adrienne Beauman - Falmouth, Joyce Fukami - Southborough, Gail Ralston - Andover, Roby Whitehouse - Yarmouth, VC Liz Cullen, Site Chair, Beth Griffin.

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## Going to Melbourne? Don't miss the RLI International Breakfast!

The International Convention is right around the corner! It is only a month and a half away! Be sure to register for both the convention and the RLI breakfast. It is a great chance to meet with Rotarians from around the world who believe in training as much as you do! Our breakfast will be held at the Cricket Grounds in the Legends Room on May 31st from 7-9 am local time on the second level. This is a full breakfast to start your day right and is only \$35 per person. There will be award presentations and updates on what is happening with RLI around the world. Check out: <https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/> for more information or to register to attend.

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## You now have some extra time to register to experience a Rotary Leadership Institute this Spring

Thursday, April 6, 2023

We only have two more dates for our Rotary Leadership Institutes this Spring, but our RLI NEA Chair, Gerald Gortner, has graciously extended the deadline to register until next Wednesday, April 12 for both of the sessions below. While we are happy to invite more Rotarians who have never taken their first Rotary Leadership Institute session, we especially want to encourage all of you who have taken Part I to enroll in Parts II, III or this year's Graduate Course on Advanced Strategic Planning.

**So it's NOT TOO LATE! Learn more about Rotary and expand your own leadership skills.**

### Wilkes-Barre, PA on Saturday, April 15!

This session will be held at the Holiday Inn/East Mountain Inn, 600 Wild Flower Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Parts I, II, III and Graduate will be offered. The fee is \$125, \$50 for Rotaractors. For more information, contact John Karavis, Site Chair at [john.karavis@waynebank.com](mailto:john.karavis@waynebank.com) or Hector Ortiz, Regional Vice Chair at [richie1166@msn.com](mailto:richie1166@msn.com)

[Register NOW](#) for **RLI NEA Seminar - Dist 7410 - Scranton(Wilkes-Barre), PA**

or send your REGRET that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

(Note: If you pass this e-mail onto anyone else but you, they will need to go to [www.rlinea.org](http://www.rlinea.org) to register. This is your personal link.)

### West Orange, NJ on Saturday, April 15

This session will be co--sponsored by Rotary NJ 9 and 7490 at West Orange High School, 51 Conforti Road, West Orange from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$85. For more information, contact Site Chairs Nikki Mederos (7490) at [nikkimederos7490@gmail.com](mailto:nikkimederos7490@gmail.com) or Barry Kroll (NJ9, D 7475) at [BarryKroll@aol.com](mailto:BarryKroll@aol.com).

[Register now for West Orange](#)

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