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The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. It is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. The RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in member districts identify those Rotarians who seem to have the POTENTIAL for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organizations.

Thought of the Month

"I would like to see reducing the child mortality rate become a key goal of club and district service projects in the year ahead. That is why the RI theme for 2008-9 is
 MAKE DREAMS REAL."

R.I. President-Elect D.K. Lee in announcing the 2008-9 theme at the San Diego International Assembly.

Welcome New Member Divisions/Districts

RLI is pleased to WELCOME three new Divisions into the RLI family.

The Australia-Southern Division has been initiated under the leadership of PDG Cathy Roth of Geelong, Victoria, Australia (also an RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair as announced in the December EBulletin). The first member district is #9780 in part of South Australia and Victoria. The agreement of membership was signed by DGE Ted Gaffney. Further memberships will be announced in future EBulletins. RLI thanks R.I. Director/Treasurer Ian Riseley, PDG Dan Spencer, RIVP Michael McGovern and PRID Bob Stuart for their participation in the

promotion of this new division that now brings RLI into every continent except Antarctica.

The new Portugal Division consists of the two Rotary districts in that country, 1960 and 1970. District 1960 also includes the Azores Islands and the Madeira Islands. The agreements of membership were signed by District Governor Eduardo Caetano de Sousa of District 1960 and District Governor Bernardino Da Costa Pereira of District 1970. RLI thanks Director Nominee Antonio Hallage of Brazil for coordinating the creation of the Portugal Division. Tony is also our RLI International Regional Vice-Chair for South America.

The Northern India Division has been initiated by PP Atul Dev of New Delhi with District 3070 as the first member district. The agreement of membership was signed by District Governor Surinder P.S. Grover. The district includes parts of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Kashmir and Punjab in India. RLI thanks RLI Regional Vice-Chair Binod Khaitan of Kolkata, India for his assistance in promoting the new division.

ANNUAL BREAKFAST REGISTRATIONS NOW UNDERWAY

Flyers have been sent to the RLI mailing list with the annual RLI breakfast registration information and the first registrations have been received by RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca. All Rotarians, spouses and guests from our member districts together with all Rotarians interested in leadership development for Rotary CLUBS are cordially invited to join us on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Hall K. Advanced tickets are required and can be obtained by sending payment payable to International RLI of US\$30.00 per person to PDG Mike at 210 Thomas Road, Mendham, New Jersey 07945 USA. The principal speaker for this breakfast meeting is Past R.I. President and Past Foundation Chair Luis Giay. Attendance is limited to 300 persons, first come, first served.

RLI Welcomes New Members of its Senior Leaders Advisory Board

RLI is proud to welcome two R.I. Past Directors to its Senior Leaders Advisory Board. PRID T.D. Griley served on the R.I. Board of Directors during 1990-1992 and resides in Newark, Ohio, USA. PRID Robert Menconi served on the R.I. Board of Directors during 1998-2000 and resides in Davie, Florida, USA. 46 Senior Leaders now serve on the Advisory Board. RLI very much appreciates the support of these distinguished senior leaders.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH---REZONING- Will It Affect RLI Division Boundaries???

As most of you know, the R.I. Board of Directors has adopted a plan to

revise Zone boundaries. The senior leaders of RLI have discussed the possible effect of the rezoning on our divisions and wish to emphasize that RLI divisions are based on a variety of district groupings, not necessarily based on zone boundaries. There is no reason why RLI divisions should be aligned with zone boundaries because such zones are designed primarily to provide the regions for the election of R.I. directors. Any comments about this issue should be addressed to International RLI Chair David Linett.

Successful Faculty Orientation Programs Held this Past Fall

We have previously reported on the successful new faculty orientation programs conducted by RLI Training Teams this past fall in France, Serbia, Bulgaria and Lebanon. Two additional sessions were held in Egypt and Israel.

A two day faculty orientation session was conducted by RLI Vice-Chair Frank Wargo, PDG in Cairo, Egypt for about twenty new faculty members of the Egypt Division. The program was repeated in Alexandria, Egypt for another twenty faculty members. The program was arranged by DGE Zakaria El- Shafei, Chair of the Egypt Division and was also attended at Cairo by District 2450 Governor Farid Gebran of Lebanon.

In Israel, PDG Frank Wargo and RLI International Secretary, Tamton Mustapha, PDG presided over an orientation program in Haifa for about 25 new faculty members. The program was organized by PDG Ran Linn and was attended by District 2490 Governor Baruch Barak and DGE Yael Lazarus.

RLI thanks the leadership of all the countries and districts for their warm hospitality for the RLI training teams. RLI really does contribute to international friendships and the advancement of Rotary.

New Faculty Orientation Sessions Planned for February and March, 2008

Several RLI Training Teams will participate in a number of new faculty orientation sessions during the next two months. The schedule includes several parts of India; several sites in the Heart of America Division; Taipei, Taiwan; Manila, Philippines; Bali, Indonesia; Victoria, Australia and Athens, Greece. RLI trainers participating in these sessions include RLI Vice-Chair for Training, PDG Frank Wargo, RLI Vice-Chair for Operations, PDG Knut Johnsen, RLI Secretary PDG Tamton Mustapha, RLI Executive Director PDG Michael Rabasca, RLI Curriculum Chair, PRIVP Frank Collins; RLI Regional Vice-Chair and Northeast USA Division Chair, PDG Dan Spencer, all of the USA; R.I. Director-Elect Jackson Hsieh of Taiwan, PDG Peter Wan of Hong Kong, Taiwan Division Chair, PDG Dens Shao, Philippines Division Chair, PDG

Rudy Estrellado, PDG Danny Yu and PDG Sonny Colona of Philippines, and Cyprus Division Chair, PDG Doros Jeropoulos. Many of the above have been R.I. Training Leaders and/or have extensive experience in training programs, and PRIVP Frank Collins has served as Moderator of the International Assembly. Sessions in Taiwan will be conducted in Mandarin and sessions in Greece will be conducted in the Greek language.

Some Happenings in RLI!!

RLI is beginning the process of posting translations of course materials on its materials website for the use of our member divisions/districts only. The first translations that will be posted are in Bulgarian, courtesy of Regional Vice-Chair Kalcho Hinov, French, courtesy of Division Saint Laurent Chair, Rene Laporte and Mandarin, courtesy of Taiwan Division Chair, Dens Shao. Also in process are translations in Portuguese and Greek. Additional translations in various languages will be continually added to the site. `

The newsletter of the Sunshine Division, "Sunbeams" is truly outstanding and can be seen at www.rlitraining.org . Many divisions are now publishing newsletters for their members.

The officers and committee chairs of the 30 district Northeast USA Division met in January at Newburgh, New York to plan the courses and programs for the spring sessions. Eleven course sites are planned for March and April, 2008 along with six graduate programs and two faculty training events. 13 course sites were held in the fall of 2007. Division Chair is PDG Dan Spencer, Jr., who recently returned from San Diego where he was an R.I. Training Leader

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