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NOTE: This edition of the International RLI EBulletin reports on the Convention Breakfast and other changes in the organization. We regret that space does not permit some of the usual features of our EBulletins. The next issue will be published for August 31, 2008.

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The Annual Report contains the Chairman's Message, the list of the 52 members of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board, the international officers of RLI, a list of the 2007-8 International Training Team visits, the Divisions of RLI and the breakfast program.

RLI ANNUAL CONVENTION BREAKFAST IN LOS ANGELES REPORT:

June 18 was the date of one of RLI's most successful convention breakfasts. The breakfast program started with remarks from Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson who was accompanied by his aide, Past R.I. Vice-President John Germ, a member of the RLI Senior Leaders Advisory Board. RLI is most grateful for President Wilkinson's participation in the breakfast meeting.

The principal speaker was Past R.I. President and Past Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees, Luis Vicente Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Past President Luis gave a wonderful talk on "Visionary Leadership in Rotary". More about his

speech in a future edition of the EBulletin.

Greetings were extended to the breakfast attendees by Rotary International Vice-President Michael McGovern of Maine, a former Chair of the Northeast America Division, R.I. Treasurer Ian Riseley of Australia, who provided the initiative for the formation of RLI Divisions in Australia and New Zealand and R.I. Director Barry Rassin of the Bahamas, a very active leader in the Caribbean and the RLI Sunshine Division. Barry also gave his support to RLI in Australia during a visit there.

Introductions of a large number of Past R.I. officers (presidents and directors), Division Chairs and their representatives, etc. were made by International Executive director Michael Rabasca, International Vice-Chairs Frank Wargo and Knut Johnsen and International Secretary, Tamton Mustapha.

Chairman Dave announced that the recipient of the second RLI Distinguished Service Award was PP BINOD KHAITAN of Kolkata, India, who serves as Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for South Asia. Binod founded the Eastern India and Nepal Division (Nepal is now a separate division) and spread RLI throughout South Asia, that now has five RLI divisions and is continuing to grow. His award states that Binod is an "extraordinary leader and humanitarian."

Dave also announced that RLI has created a new award called the "Pioneer Award" to honor those who have initiated new divisions and chaired them for at least three years. Recipients this year were RIDE ERIC ADAMSON of Virginia, USA; PDG JAMES HENRY of Florida, USA, and PAG MICHEL JAZZAR of Beirut, Lebanon. Eric founded the Zone 33 Division and built it to 14 districts, Jim founded the Sunshine division and built it to 12 districts and Michel founded the Lebanon Division, the first division outside of North America.

A very special Pioneer Award was presented to Past R.I. Director Robert A. Coultas of Madison, New Jersey for his critical early support for RLI. As an incoming director, Bob gave the project his special encouragement and in 2001 encouraged RLI to expand internationally. He promoted RLI in a speech to governors-elect at the 2001 International Assembly, where Bob was the Moderator.

During his report to the breakfast, Dave reminded the attendees that at Salt Lake City, RLI presented an award to the 100th member district and that as of June 18 there were 153 member districts.

Information for the Annual RLI Breakfast in Birmingham, England will be announced this fall.

Personnel Update

Two of the Regions assigned to Intl. Regional Vice-Chairs have been modified. PRIVP Serge Gouteyron will be the vice-chair for Western Europe AND French speaking countries in Africa. PDG Hoe-Beng Fong's region will be called East Asia and will include all of the East Asian countries from Korea to Thailand.

PDG Sonny Coloma will assume the Chairmanship of the Philippines Division succeeding PDG Rudy Estrellado who stepped down because of health problems. We wish Rudy the very best. Rudy recruited just about all of the districts in the Philippines for this division.

PDG Peter Wan of Hong Kong will be the Chairman of the South East Asia Division, succeeding PDG Hoe-Beng Fong who will continue as Intl. Regional Vice-Chair in an enlarged region (see above). Peter has been Chair of RLI in District 3450 (Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia).

PDG Tim Schuler has succeeded PDG Jim Henry as Chair of the Sunshine Division.

Jim will continue to assist RLI in special assignments.

PAG Michel Jazzar will Chair the Lebanon Division for a three year term. Michel was the founding Chair of that division and returns now to "active duty".

PP Colette Haggar will Chair the Egypt Division for a three year term, succeeding Zakaria El-Shafei, who is the incoming District Governor of District 2450 (9 countries in the Middle East).

The Chairman of the Portugal Division is PDG Jose Diamantino Gomes of District 1970.

PDG Knut Johnsen will become Chair of the Northeast America Division in September, succeeding PDG Dan Spencer, who has been appointed a Regional Vice-Chair for Eastern USA.

Welcome New Divisions/Districts

RLI is pleased to welcome the renewed Central America Division, now consisting of both Districts 4240 and 4250. The Chair of the new Division is PDG Allen J. Sellers III of Panama City, Panama. The agreements were signed by incoming district governors Juan Antonio Varela Clement of District 4240 and Rodolfo Bianchi of District 4250. The Division contains all of the Central American countries: Panama, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Belize, Guatemala and Honduras. We thank PDG Sellers for working hard to renew the division and add District 4250.

RLI is also pleased to welcome a number of new districts joining existing divisions:

Cascadia Division has added Districts 5060, 5100, 5080 and 5020, making a total of six districts and still growing. The agreement for District 5060, parts of British Columbia and Washington State was signed by 2007-8 Governor Corwin P. King. The District Governor of District 5080, parts of British Columbia, Idaho and Washington State, for 2008-9 is Allan Wilfrid Davis. The 2008-9 Governor of District 5020, parts of British Columbia and Washington State, is Brian L. Beagle. The 2008-9 Governor of District 5100, parts of Oregon and Washington State, is Dennis J. Wickham. The Agreement for 5100 was signed by 2007-8 Governor David Jay. We thank Intl. Regional Vice-Chair, PDG Chris Offer for facilitating the expansion of the division.

The Philippines Division has added District 3780, Quezon City region. PDG Danilo Fausto is Chairman and the incoming Governor is Alexander P. Cureg.

The Australia-Southern Division has added three new districts: 9500, 9800 and 9830. 2008-9 Governors are: District 9500, parts of Northern Territory and South Australia, Roberta Ellershaw Waterman; District 9800, part of Victoria, William J. Studebaker; District 9830, Tasmania, Michael C. Perkins. Division Chair Cathy J. Roth promoted RLI in Australia with the support of outgoing R.I. Treasurer Ian Riseley. Cathy also serves as an Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania.

The Sunshine Division has added two districts in the USA State of Georgia, Districts 6900 and 6920. The third Georgia district is in the process of joining. The Governors for 2008-9 are Ted. J. Propes and Kenan J. Kern, respectively. Thanks go to outgoing Division Chair, PDG Jim Henry for recruiting all of the districts in Florida, the Caribbean and soon to be all the districts in Georgia for 100% of the Zone 34 region, except Puerto Rico.

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