



Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute



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Zone 33 Division of Rotary Leadership Institute includes the states of West Virginia, Virginia, eastern tip of Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina as well as D7030 (Southern Caribbean)

RLI - Greenville, NC – A Rotary Leadership Institute was held Saturday, September 23, 2006, at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenville, NC. In a smaller, more intimate venue, 12 prospective Rotary Club leaders from District 7720 (Southeast North Carolina) enjoyed an introduction to The Rotary Leadership Institute. The class was a spirited group with all but two hailing from different Rotary Clubs across the district. District Chair Karl McKinnon and State Coordinator Glenn Hood organized and hosted the event



Kay Gresham of Jacksonville interacts with fellow Rotarians during a morning session on leadership.

RLI – Morehead City - Fourteen Rotarians from D7720 and 7730 eagerly participated in the first RLI event held in Morehead City, NC on October 14, 2006. The event site, the NC State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology, showcased the facility as an excellent venue for adult leadership education and training. The Rotarians engaged in the Part I curriculum under the supervision of an excellent

RLI Faculty consisting of East NC State Coordinator and RLI Board Member Glenn Hood, AG Nancy Barbee, and District 7730 RLI Chair PAG John Smith. All three are educators by profession and brought a high level of expertise and interactivity to the session. According to the faculty, Rotarians began with a high level of energy that continued all day long.

Evaluations marked the event as one of the highly rated events in some time. President-Elect Maher Saikali of the Newport NC Rotary Club was one of the participants. “The faculty really knew what they were doing... It was fast-paced and it seemed like the day was over before it even started!



Faculty (l-r) State Coordinator Glenn Hood, John Smith & Nancy Barbee

Editor's note: I solicit any suggestions you might offer for information to include in future newsletters. Send to Ron_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net or Editor@RLI33.org



RLI – Bridgeport, WV - The Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, WV is the location of the RLI to be held Saturday, October 28, 2006. Part I, II, and III sessions are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch & Snacks are provided. Location and hotel information is available at the website www.RLI33.org (events calendar). Program Coordinator is Mary Dean (madbuhs66@aol.com) and Facilities Coordinator is John Beckett (jbeckett@firstcentury.com).

RLI – Chester, VA – A Rotary Leadership Institute will be held at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA on November 4, 2006. Parts I, II, and III sessions are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch & snacks will be provided. Venue information is available at website www.RLI33.org (events calendar). Program Coordinator is Ron Ferrill (Ron_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net) and Facilities Coordinator is Bob Stallworth (bobstallworth@herbal-genics.com).



RLI – Harrisonburg, VA – Spotswood Country Club in Harrisonburg, VA is the location of the Rotary Leadership Institute to be held Friday, November 10, 2006. Part I, II, and III sessions are scheduled, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. Lunch & Snacks are provided. Location and venue information is available at the

website www.RLI33.org (events calendar). Program Coordinator is Abe Clymer (abeclymer@aol.com) and Facilities Coordinator is Dave Moreman (dendvm@shentel.net)



RLI – Greensboro, NC – The Empire Room, 203 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC will be the venue for a Rotary Leadership Institute to be held **Friday, November 17, 2006**. Part I, II, & III sessions will be offered. Program Coordinator is Bill Wilson (billwilson@statesville.net) and Facilities Coordinator is Abby Donnelly. Sessions will start at 8:30AM and end at approximately 4:00PM, with lunch and snacks provided. Location and venue information is available at the website www.RLI33.org (events calendar)

IMPORTANT! Online Registration & Payment Debuts: Please encourage online (versus fax) registration and Paypal credit card payment by Students. Click the “Registration” button at www.RLI33.org and follow the instructions! It’s quick & easy for them, and will help us save time, trouble, & expense through automation

RLI – Fredericksburg, VA – On Saturday, November 18, 2006, the Mary Washington University campus in Fredericksburg, VA will serve as the venue for a Rotary Leadership Institute. Program Coordinator is John Allan (jallan@erols.com) and Facilities Coordinator is Ken Tillman (kendee4@earthlink.net). Part I, II, & III sessions are scheduled from 8:30AM until 4:00PM, with lunch and snacks provided. Location and venue information is available at the website www.RLI33.org (events calendar)



In December - December 9 – Palmetto Expo Center, Greenville, SC – see details at the website www.RLI33.org (events calendar)



Chairman's Message

Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) trained educated and motivated nearly 600 new Rotarian potential leaders at seminars throughout the Zone and our 13 Districts. As they continue through our three seminar process, they become prepared to "LEAD THE WAY".

Each faculty member, District Chairs, State Chairs and Board members has devoted time, effort and personal expense to make this a successful training program for our clubs new and upcoming leaders. And it is. The evaluations of the participants say so, the advancement of clubs, membership, and contributions from clubs that participate are evidence of this success...

Make sure that your club participates, that it identifies, nominates several participants each year and pays their registration. This is what your club can do. If you are reading this, make sure, no matter what your interest or position is in RLI, that YOUR CLUB is sending future leaders to RLI...Lead the WAY!



RLI Credited in Formation of EarlyAct: During his remarks at the RLI International Annual Meeting held June 2006 in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, motivational speaker Bob Coulter attributed the formation of a new Rotary program - "EarlyAct" to a Rotarian's experiences in RLI. EarlyAct, an "Interact-type" community service program for elementary school age children, has been gaining awareness within the Rotary world. According to Coulter, the newer Rotarian attending RLI felt empowered by the experience and triumphed over the naysayers to establish the program.

Focus on the RLI Faculty:

James Ronald "Ron" Ferrill is a Civil Engineer and Educator, recently retired from the E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co., having served in a variety of engineering and management positions. A native Texan, Ron earned BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas – Austin, taught at the university, and also worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in his career.

In Rotary, Ron currently serves on the Zone 33 RLI Board of Directors. He serves on the Zone 33/34 Institute Executive Committee and as Virginia/Tennessee State Coordinator. In District 7570 (Virginia/Tennessee), he serves as District Grants Chair, District Secretary, and member of the District Rotary Foundation, Strategic Planning, and RI Awards Committees. He was District Governor in 1998-99. Ron joined the Rotary Club of Martinsville in 1967, was Club President, and helped establish Rotary Club of Martinsville-Henry County. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, PHF Sustaining Member, Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and Charter Skelton Fellow. He is past Chair of the District Rotary Foundation Committee and former Assistant Governor Trainer. He was GSE Team Leader to South Korea in 1977 and a delegate to the 2004 Council on Legislation.

He is involved in many religious and civic activities in Martinsville, including being an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, Chair of CONTACT Teleministry, Transportation Safety Commission, and Martinsville Planning Commission. Currently, he serves on the Martinsville City Council. Ron enjoys golf and is an accredited Rose Judge, Consulting Rosarian, and Master Gardener. He and wife, Elaine, have a daughter, Allison, a son, Neill, and grandchildren, Leah and Reid



H. Bruce Baker was the Governor for Rotary International District 7750 which consists of 56 Rotary clubs in Western South Carolina for the 2002-2003 Rotary year. Bruce has served as Club Secretary for two and one half years, Board of Directors' Member for several additional years and President for the year 1994-1995. Bruce served as a Lieutenant Governor for four years. He is the founder of the District e-mailers group and has been influential in establishing our District Web page. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and has 18 years of perfect attendance. Bruce continues to be very involved with his Rotary club and District. Currently District Chair for Membership, CART and Family of Rotary.

He is a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He attended Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan before receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from Eastern Michigan University. He is a member of Sigma Nu, national social fraternity and was president of Alpha Kappa Psi, national business fraternity, at Eastern. He served in the US Navy from 1962 to 1965, as an electronics technician in the submarine service.

Bruce and his family moved to the Greenville area in 1978 as a Branch Manager with Burroughs Corporation. In 1980, he left Burroughs to start ADS Data Systems, Inc., a turn-key computer firm specializing in custom business application software. After 20 years, Bruce closed ADS, where he served as President and CEO. He continues to do consulting work from his home, and is involved in several other business ventures including being a Lifestyle Trainer.

His hobbies include being a sports fan of just about all sports and things that involve the computer (investing, genealogy, web surfing) and being with his kids (children and grand children). He enjoys playing golf at least once a year at his club's annual golf tournament. In 1966, he married Luanne Lyon of Buchanan, Michigan. Luanne is a graduate of the University of Michigan. As a Registered Nurse, she currently works as a home health nurse for Interim Health Care. Her hobbies include playing tennis and singing with the Gap Creek Singers the church choir and playing with her grandchildren. Bruce and Luanne have two children and eight grandchildren. Bruce has previously served as both a Deacon and Elder in the Presbyterian Church. They are currently members of the First Presbyterian Church in Greer, SC. where Luanne serves a Deacon
