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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)

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

During the recent six weeks, there were a number of RLI opportunities:



RLI – Bridgeport, WV - The Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, WV was the location of the RLI held Saturday, October 28, 2006. There were 19 participants in the Part I and II sessions.

Faculty Mary Dean facilitates discussion



RLI – Chester, VA – A Rotary Leadership Institute was held at John Tyler Community College in Chester, VA on November 4, 2006. Parts I, II, and III sessions were conducted.



Part III graduates Jack Hughes and Jeff Jacobs shown with DG Jim Probsdorfer (left) and Eric Adamson, Zone 33 RLI Chair (right)



Graduate Jeff Jacobs has this to say about RLI – “Thank you for taking the time to assist me in having a greater understanding of Rotary. Though it has taken me over two years to complete the RLI, I am now a better Rotarian because I understand more fully the mission of Rotary. I regret not having the course

before becoming president of my club, because RLI is much more in depth than PETS. I strongly suggest all new members take the RLI course to assist them in understanding Rotary and its mission, becoming enthusiastic and motivated to serve in key leadership positions, and in promoting Rotary to friends and colleagues. The RLI course is an excellent refresher for Rotarians that have been a member for many years because it gives them a greater understanding and appreciation of Rotary and what Rotary is doing to keep pace in adhering to the four way test and in Service Above Self. I plan to ask my club to send new and old members alike to RLI at every available opportunity to keep the spirit of the club's enthusiasm and motivation high and to understand more fully the service organization that they have chosen to be a member of and its significance in serving others.”



RLI – Greensboro, NC – The Empire Room, 203 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC was the venue for a Rotary Leadership Institute held Friday, November 17, 2006. Part I, II, & III sessions was offered to 38 participants, including 3 Part III graduates: Tom Fitzgerald, Michael Shaw, and Herbert Strange.

Class discussion facilitated by Faculty PDG Bruce Baker



RLI –Fredericksburg, VA – On Saturday, November 18, 2006, the Mary Washington University campus in Fredericksburg, VA served as the venue for a Rotary Leadership Institute. Part I, II, & III sessions were enjoyed by 36 participants, including Part III graduates Janet Brown, Pricilla Godfrey, James Green, James Herrera, Beverly Holsinger, Conrad Koneczny, and Jack Marcom



Faculty Travis White D7610, Dave Cavender D7530, Merle Hirschman D7610, and Jon Allan D7610 preparing



RLI – Greenville, SC - The last 2006 Rotary Leadership Institute was held at the Palmetto Expo Center in Greenville, SC on December 9, 2006. An enthusiastic 51 participants were involved in Part I, II, and II sessions. Faculty and participants were from 4 districts and three states



RLI Faculty Jim Stump facilitates discussion

Part III graduates Lorraine (left to right) Claire Kuhl, Fran Wiley, Stanley Cahn, Heidi Blanks, Matt Shouse, Lorraine Angelino, Bill Walsh, Amelia Nelson, Bill Jeffries, all holding ribbons that say “I made it!”



RLI – Trinidad/Tobago – The first Rotary Leadership Institute to be held in D7030 (Southern Caribbean) will be January 10-13, 2007 in Trinidad/Tobago.

RLI Mid-Winter meeting and Faculty Training – will be held in Cary, NC on January 25-26, 2007 at the Cary Chamber of Commerce building. (307 Ninth Academy Street) - refer to www.z33rli.org for details.

RLI – Raleigh, NC – The first 2007 Rotary Leadership Institute will be held Saturday, January 27 at the Wake County Community College (9101 Fayetteville Road) in Raleigh, NC. Parts I, II, and III sessions will start at 8:30AM and end at approximately 4:00PM. For venue and building location information, go to www.z33rli.org (events calendar). Phil Warlick (pwarlick@vnet.net) is the Facilities Contact and Glenn Hood (rotary7710.glenn@earthlink.net) is Program Contact.



Chairman's Message

As we approach this holiday season, let us be thankful for all we have, especially our friends in Rotary, people we would never have known but for this great organization. Let us also give thanks for the hard work and efforts of Rotarians all over the world, and in our Zone and Districts. I would like to thank the many RLI volunteers who spend time, money and energy training our newer Rotarians and upcoming leaders..You are making a difference by leading the way....Thank you....Looking forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Mid-Winter meeting and Faculty Training...Eric Adamson

Focus on the RLI Faculty:

Kenneth (Ken) G. Tillman is a health and physical education professor, coach, and administrator at Augustana College, retired from Southeast Missouri State University, and The College of New Jersey. He is past Director of International Education at The College of New Jersey and coordinator for the international programs at six state colleges in New Jersey. Growing up in Essex, Iowa, Ken attended Augustana College, Illinois (BA), University of Illinois (MA), University of New Mexico (PhD). In 1991-92, he was a Fulbright Scholar and exchange professor at the University of Frankfurt in Germany.

A charter member of the Cape Girardeau West, Missouri Rotary club, from 1970-2003 he was a member of the Trenton, N.J. Rotary club where he served at president. He was District Governor of District 7510 in central New Jersey in 1999-2000, where his Conference was selected as "Best in Zone". He was GSE team leader to Brazil and District Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair. He served on the Zone Scholar Training Committee for nine years and was one of the organizers of the Zone 32 Multi-District Ambassadorial Scholarship training program for incoming scholars. Other



Rotary International positions have included: The Rotary Foundation Alumni Resource Group and the Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisor for The Rotary Foundation from 2001-2003.

Ken has been a faculty member for the Rotary Leadership Institute since 1995. He has served as the state of Virginia representative on the Executive Committee for the Zone 33 Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute from 2003 - 2006.

Sue Harper Poss is a native of Lancaster , SC. She earned a BA degree in journalism and a masters degree in mass communication from the University of South Carolina and an MBA from Clemson University . She is owner of Image Plus Communications, a publishing concern in Greenville , SC.

A Rotarian since 1990, she received Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, in 1997. She is also a recipient of the District Rotary Foundation Service Award. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Greenville East, served District 7750 as Governor in 1999-2000, and is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary Foundation Sustaining Fellow, and Benefactor.

Currently Sue is National Advisor to the Permanent Fund for Zone 33 and has been the editor of the Zone 33-34 Director's newsletter. She is a regular instructor for Carolinas PETS, and has also led training in Georgia and West Virginia . She is the South Carolina State Representative for the Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute.

Previously she has been Public Relations Chair and proceedings chair for Zones 33-34 Institutes and Area Coordinator of the RI Public Image Task Force, and served District 7750 as Membership Chair, on the Rotary Foundation Committee, and was 2004 Council on Legislation delegate.

