



## 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)

**Club Presidents** – Have you and the Club Board of Directors identified and nominated those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for club leadership? Register them for the RLI events near you, and then encourage them to continue, after the initial Part I session, with the Part II & Part III opportunities that follow. Go to [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org) for more information and registration details.



**RLI – Morgantown, WV** – The University of West Virginia at Morgantown was the venue for a RLI held Saturday, October 13, 2007. Twenty participants engaged in discussions and exchanging of ideas in Part I, II, and I sessions, led by a faculty of Mary Dean, Grace Roy, J.R. Wolfe, Jody Light, Fran Bennett, Paula Blankenship, Keith Blankenship, and Dave Cavender. John Morrison was recognized for completion of the RLI program. Past Zone 33 RLI Board member and Treasurer Jack Porter was Registrar.

**RLI – Fayetteville, NC** – On October 27, 2007, Thirty-Five Rotarians participated in Part I and Part II classes held at The Reeves School of Business, Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC, the first time an Institute had been held on the Methodist University campus. Rotarians from several districts participated in the event. Rotarians were welcomed by host District Governor Wilson Ray and Bevin Wall, Zone 33 RLI Chair, who thanked both



DG Wilson Ray & Bobbie

students and faculty for making the commitment of their time and talents to strengthen their Rotary clubs and the service they provide to their respective communities. RLI Eastern NC Chair Bob Stinson and Fayetteville Rotarians David & Magda Baggett were also thanked for their roles in administering the Institute. The excellent Faculty of Milt Iossi, RLI Board Member Bob Stallworth, Bob Melone, Tim Mannix, Mark Lynch, and Van Sherrill prompted and engaged the students during each session.



Bevin Wall



Ken Tillman facilitating discussions

**RLI – Harrisonburg, VA** - Spotswood Country Club in Harrisonburg, VA was the location of a Rotary Leadership Institute held Friday, November 9, 2007. Thirty eight Rotarians energetically participated in the Part I, II, and III sessions. Four graduates were recognized. Facilities Coordinator Dave Moreman



Graduates Cena Simmons, DGE Tracy Aitcheson, El Igne, and Wally Jenson being pinned by RLI Board member Mary Dean, with RLI Board Vice Chair Ron Ferrill (right)

**RLI – Richmond, VA** - A Rotary Leadership Institute was held at University of Richmond (Weinstein Hall, Jepson School of Leadership Studies) in Richmond, VA on Saturday, November 10, 2007. There were 38 in attendance in Parts I, II, and III sessions. Program Coordinator was Ron Ferrill and Bob Stallworth was Facilities Coordinator.



Ken Morgan is pinned by Zone 33 RLI Board Vice-Chair Ron Ferrill



Graduates were PRID Ken Morgan , Terry Hargrove, Bill Lindsay, Cora Huitt, Russell Long, Bill Rauschberg, and Tony Russo. In the picture is also Ron Ferrill (right) and Bob Stallworth, Zone 33 RLI Board Secretary (left).

**RLI – High Point, NC** – On Friday, November 16, 2007, High Point (NC) Chamber of Commerce was the venue for a Rotary Leadership Institute event. Thirty seven attendees were engaged in Part I, II, & III sessions. Graduates included Judy Burnstein, Rob Collis, Marion Crotty, Brenda DeLauro, Jim Harrington, and Carmen Landy. Event details were handled by Program Coordinator Bill Wilson and Abby Donnelly, Facilities Coordinator



Relaxed discussions



Eager Facilitators

**RLI – Fredericksburg, VA** – The campus of Mary Washington University in Fredericksburg, VA was the venue for a RLI event on Saturday, November 17, 2007. Part I, II, & III sessions involved 31 participants. Program Coordinator Ken Tillman and Facilities Coordinator Jon Allan organized the day.



D7610 DG Travis White (left) and RLI Zone 33 Chair Bevin Wall (right) presented RLI graduate pins to Bettina Lawton, Kate Hopper, Monica Horsley, Johnny Chapman, & Obie O'Bryon



Kate Hopper refused to let a foot operation prevent her from graduating.

D.R. Butler keeping smiles on the faces of PART II students



**RLI – Greenville, SC** - Eight Rotarians graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute event held at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, SC, on Dec. 1, 2007. They were among 44 participants from four districts. Anne Walker (Columbia, SC), the governor-elect from District 7770, was one of the graduates. The others (all from D7750) were Woody Barnes, Matt Edwards, Tom Faulkner, Sarah Swartz, Susan Wallace, Rich Waugh, and Doug Wilhelm . Sue H. Poss, South Carolina Zone 33 RLI coordinator, was Program Chair and Facilities were arranged by Bert Strange, District 7750 RLI chair. Participants were from Districts 7770 (SC), 7680 (NC), and 6900 (GA). Claudia Mertl (Jonesboro, GA) served as a facilitator for the first time and hopes to help get RLI



underway in Georgia. Other facilitators included Rick Steadman , Bill Boyd, Stan Cahn, Bruce Baker, and Ed Hamilton. D7750 Governor Myles Golden and District Governor- Nominee George Fletcher participated as students in Part 1. District Governor-Elect Carol Burdette participated in Part 2. All said they believe their participation in and eventual completion of all three parts underscores the significance they place on RLI and its benefits to all Rotary leaders. Some of the recommendations and observations of the graduates: They liked the smaller class of eight in Part 3 (much more than their Part 1 class of 15), learning from each other rather than sitting through lectures, and having participants and facilitators from various districts to provide a broader, first-hand look at Rotary. – *article by Sue Poss*



Claudia Mertl from Georgia facilitates a class

**RLI – Blacksburg, VA** – The Rotary Leadership Institute at Blacksburg (VA) scheduled for December 1, 2007 was cancelled due to insufficient registrations.

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## **Focus on the RLI Faculty**



Bob Stallworth is a third generation Rotarian and charter member of the Rotary club of Midlothian, Virginia. He has served as club President and later as District Governor of District 7600 (1990-91). Bob has been District Foundation Chair and is active at the Zone level, serving on the Executive Committee in various roles for five years. He has been an Instructor for incoming District Governors and club presidents. Bob was the D7600 delegate to the Council on Legislation (twice). He and his wife, Lynn, have represented the RI President at numerous District Conferences. In recognition of his commitment to The Rotary Foundation, Bob was recognized (2006) with a Citation of Meritorious Service. Bob and Lynn are Paul Harris Fellows as well as major donors and benefactors to the Permanent Fund of TRF.

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## **Chairman's Corner**

### **Reflect on Your Rotary Experience During this Holiday**

**Season!** - The **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. Courses are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club and more knowledgeable Rotarians. Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for **RLI** annually. Students return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club.



**Zone 33 RLI** serves Rotary Clubs in North Carolina, South Carolina, East Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia & the Southern Caribbean. Locations and Dates for upcoming RLI events are conveniently planned throughout the service area on various dates throughout the year. Rotarians are encouraged to attend RLI events at any location. For specifics regarding your club's nomination of Students to the program, costs, and courses, see the FAQ link. at [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org). Students may register on this web site for any event. See our FAQ Page for more detail about the course offerings and purposes of the Institute.

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## **RLI Faculty Training - Raleigh NC** -

Faculty Training for existing and prospective faculty is in the Raleigh, NC area scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2008. Prospective Faculty members are by invitation only, but if you are interested in faculty opportunities, please contact Faculty Trainer Pam Wall at [pwall@theoceanclubnc.com](mailto:pwall@theoceanclubnc.com). Existing faculty should be mindful that by RLI Board action, faculty must attend a minimum of one training session during every two RLI years (July 1-June 30). Training for existing and new faculty will run concurrently on Sunday from 10:00AM.- 4:00PM at Hampton Inn & Suites, Raleigh NC (see [www.RLI33.org](http://www.RLI33.org) for directions and lodging signup). The Faculty Training Fee is \$85.00, which includes lunch and snacks (during Faculty Training on Sunday), Faculty Dinner (Saturday night), and lunch during the RLI Session in Raleigh on Saturday (if event faculty or mentoring). Spouses are invited to the Saturday Night Faculty Dinner (additional cost of \$25.00 - collected on-site).

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**Editor's note:** I solicit any suggestions you might offer for information to include in future newsletters. Send to [Ron\\_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:Ron_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net) or [Editor@RLI33.org](mailto:Editor@RLI33.org)

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**This Makes It All Worthwhile** – A testimonial from Bruno Pletcher, who was President of the Rotary Club of South East Nassau when he attended the Parts 1 - 3 of **RLI** and graduated in 2007 as a Discussion Leader - “I immensely enjoyed the courses for various reasons: - great fellowship amongst dedicated Rotarians, knowledge exchange and sharing of experience, learning factor of all Rotary areas, learning and practicing leadership functions, experience the power of workshops and group sessions. Although I went to these courses for Rotary purposes, I have realized that the obtained experience and knowledge has had a much further impact on me. It assists me in my daily work and is totally beneficial to my job. Regarding the benefit to Rotary, I highly recommend these courses to be mandatory for all Rotarians who want to get involved in any leadership position. RLI training is an important step in a person’s career within and outside Rotary. I am so happy to be part of this.” (from Sunshine Division RLI fall newsletter)

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**A Club President Asks –**

A Club President asks, “We sent 2 representatives to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute last year. Should we send the same 2 Rotarians again this year or should we send 2 new Rotarians?”

Zone 33 RLI Board Chair Bevin Wall responds, “We find that Part II & III participation is most beneficial to your club and to the participants if they take those next 2 classes during the next 12 months following their first class. We have located our 20 courses this Rotary year to place numerous opportunities for attending the Part II & III classes within a 3 hour driving radius. Club sizes and budgets vary, and it will be up to your club to decide if they can afford to help reimburse the costs of this investment to your attending Rotarians. We have attempted to keep the registration costs low. Our Faculty are committed volunteers and the bulk of the fee represents meal, site charges, and materials. We would encourage your club to help your RLI participants with the fees, if possible. We strongly believe it is a wise investment in the future success & viability of your Club!”

