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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

"Leadership development combined with Rotary knowledge isn't just important, it's vital to Rotary's future." R.I. Treasurer/Director Ian Riseley at the first RLI faculty orientation sessions in Australia.

RLI CONVENTION BREAKFAST WILL WELCOME PRESIDENT WILKINSON

RLI is greatly honored that Rotary International President Wilfrid Wilkinson will visit and bring greetings to the annual RLI Breakfast Meeting at the Los Angeles Convention. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Ballroom Hall K. Advance ticket sales are necessary and are available by sending payment of US\$ 30.00 per person to RLI Executive Director Michael Rabasca at 210 Thomas Road, Mendham, New Jersey USA 07945. Rotarians from countries with currency restrictions, etc. that inhibit sending US dollars to Mike, should order tickets from him and arrange with him to pay at the door Tickets will be mailed to the purchasers.

As has been previously announced, the principal speaker for the Breakfast will be Past R.I. President Luis Vicente Giay of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The meeting will end no later than 8:30 a.m., giving attendees plenty of time to attend the Wednesday morning Plenary Session of the Convention.

Welcome New Divisions/Districts

We are pleased to welcome the New Zealand and Pacific Islands Division to RLI.

The new Division initially consists of District 9920 that covers the Auckland Area of New Zealand, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Tonga and Samoa. All six New Zealand districts are reserved for this Division. The Agreement to Form the Division was signed by District Governor Alan B. Davies and the Division Chair, PDG Beryl G. Robinson. We thank RLI Intl. Regional Vice-Chair PDG Cathy Roth and PDG Beryl for their work in forming the new division PDG Beryl is organizing the expansion of the Division within New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

RLI welcomes District 1670 of France as a new member of the RLI France Division.

(Institut Rotarien de Leadership). The new district is in northern France, part of which is near the Belgium border. Among the major cities in the district is Lille. The district is home to PRIVP Serge Gouteyron and International Training Leader Robert Heline, both of whom encouraged the formation of the France Division. District 1670 is the ninth district to join the Division under the leadership of PDG Jacques di Costanzo of Marseilles.

RLI also welcomes District 3790 as a member of the RLI Philippines Division. That district consists of 83 clubs and includes clubs in Angeles, Philippines. The new district brings the number of member districts of the Philippines Division to seven under the leadership of PDG Rudy Estrellado.

Informal Meetings Planned for the Los Angeles Convention

RLI International Chair David Linett and International Executive Director Michael Rabasca will be available to meet at the Los Angeles Convention with Rotarians interested in the RLI leadership development program for Rotary CLUBS. Those wishing to meet with either or both should write Dave at ginlin@aol.com or Mike at rabasca@patmedia.net. Dave will be at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel and Mike will be at the Sheraton. Rotarians may leave messages at the hotels. There will also be a business meeting following the RLI Breakfast on Wednesday, June 18.

Faculty Orientations Updates, continued

The initial faculty orientation session in Australia was held at in February at the Lara County Fire Authority near Geelong, Victoria, Australia under the leadership of PDG Cathy Roth, Chair of the Australia, Southern Division and Intl. Regional Vice-Chair for Australia/New Zealand and Oceania. The two day sessions were conducted by RLI International Vice-Chair Frank Wargo and International Executive Director Michael Rabasca. Eight districts were represented at the orientations as well as representatives from New Zealand. A speaker at the event was Rotary International Director/Treasurer Ian Riseley of Australia.

International Regional Vice-Chair Kalcho Hinov, PDG, reports on the Athens, Greece faculty orientation sessions held in March. (excerpts from his report): "It was attended by approximately 50 Rotarians. PDG Takis Dalianis had strived to create wonderful conditions for the training. George Apostolakos, DG of District 2470 and Basile Christaras, DG of District 2481 took part in the training. Their personal participation helped for the achievement of the high level of the sessions and had positive and inspiring impact on all the attendees. I was very

impressed by the Rotarians that attended the sessions-they all were very well prepared for this training.They were very active throughout the two days and the rooms were full even on the second day."

"Certainly, PDG Frank Wargo played a great role for the success of the training. His knowledge, artistic skills and interactive methods deeply impressed all the attendees. Frank undoubtedly is an incredible trainer. PDG Doros Jeropoulos handled the Greek speaking sessions (Doros, Chair of our Cyprus Division, is a former International Training Leader) He is very knowledgeable on the subjects and presents them very successfully to the Greek speaking audience."

Curriculum Committee Meeting Scheduled for May 23-24

As noted previously, the RLI Curriculum Committee will be meeting at the Philadelphia Airport Marriott on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. Chair of the Committee is PRIVP Frank C. Collins, Jr. and the Convener/Host is PDG Dan Spencer, Chair of the Northeast America Division. Any RLI leader is welcome to attend and should contact Dan at dans@camdencounty.com . The Committee will review the current recommended curriculum materials, etc. and suggest any changes to the RLI documents.

Around the RLI World

The first Part I course in the new Philippines Division was held recently in Metro Manila, shortly after the successful faculty orientation sessions of February 4-5 at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati City. An additional course session is being prepared at Balai, Sto Tomas, Batangas, Philippines by DG Rose Celis of District 3820.

Several RLI Divisions have set up Yahoo Groups for their district and Division officers and committee members. It is a convenient method of keeping everyone involved and informed about Division and RLI activities. Any member of the group can reach all the members of the group with one message. Active groups include the Philippines Division and the Eastern India Division.

RLI International Vice-Chair for Training Frank Wargo will participate in faculty orientation sessions in late May and early June in Queenstown and Auckland, New Zealand, organized by PDG Beryl Robinson and at Melbourne, Australia, organized by PDG Cathy Roth..

Planning has begun for faculty orientation sessions during 2008-9. The first sessions are tentatively set for July 11-13 in Lisbon, Portugal.

The France Division held courses on February 8-9 at the Management School of Euromed in Marseilles. Additional courses are scheduled for May 16-7. The Division is setting up a website for the nine districts in the Division.

RLI Trainers to India last February had an opportunity to meet with Past R.I. Director O.P. Vaish in New Delhi. We thank Past Director O.P. for his welcome to our RLI representatives.

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