

Beginning in Rotary Year 2006-2007 District 6990 Rotarians will have an additional source for learning more, right here at home, about our global organization – and serving in a leadership role -- through the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Offering education at three different levels this is an opportunity for both new and seasoned Rotary club members to build upon the base of knowledge acquired in one's club and at district events. The major focus is on those Rotarians that are just beginning to accept roles of responsibility in their clubs by providing coursework on a variety of topics that will give a person greater awareness of how Rotary works and how best to build upon an individual's or club's previous successes and that person's leadership skills.

District 6990 has joined the Sunshine Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute, or RLI. The concept was first developed in Zones 31 & 32 in the early 1990's and has, since grown into several divisions around the world.

Examples of course sessions include:

- The Perfect Meeting
- A Look Outside the Club
- Membership Orientation and Activation
- Introduction to Leadership
- Creating Service Projects
- Problem Solving Workshops
- Vocational Service
- Effective Committees
- Membership Development
- The Rotary Foundation
- Analyzing a Rotary Club
- The Object of Rotary
- The District
- International Service
- Problems of Leadership
- Creative Service
- Written Communications
- Motivating Rotarians and Effecting Change



Courses are divided into three levels. Each level is a full day course. All who enroll in the institute must start at Level One and work up from there. Interested Rotarians can continue beyond the third level by pursuing instructor level certification.

Effective 01/01/2007 course fees are \$95 per student, per level. In this district the courses will be offered in Weston so overnight travel would only be an issue for clubs on Grand Bahama Island or, possibly, in The Florida Keys.

The next RLI training here in this district will take place on Saturday, March 24th at American Intercontinental University in Weston. Andrew Burnstine, 2006-2007 president of the Rotary Club of Bal Harbour, has graciously offered space at the school. PDG Bob Spano, chair of the RLI committee in this district in 2006-2007, has partnered with PDG Barry Rassin in District 7020 to make this an even larger event. Seasoned RLI-certified faculty from around the State of Florida will be on hand to serve as discussion leaders in each class.

Please take a few minutes to explore www.rlitraining.org. There is more information about the classes and you can register online.

Consider this: by and large the first formal classroom training that a Rotarian has is either the half-day Secretary-elect Training Seminar (SETS) or the two-day President-elect Training Seminar (PETS). Wouldn't it be tremendously useful to have three one-day RLI sessions already completed, and that Rotarian so much better prepared, prior to taking office in a club? I think so, and I am told by fellow Rotarians around the state, where RLI has been part of the training landscape for three to five years, that clubs are now opting to make RLI training a pre-requisite for consideration as club president.

In the long term this will strengthen the base of leadership in the clubs in this district which will, I feel, serve as a catalyst for growth in our district.

Best regards,

Jack Martin

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