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Upcoming RLI-NEA events

Friday, January 25, 2008 / \$45 / noon to 5pm / Ramada Inn, Newburgh, NY, RLI Faculty Training

Saturday, March 1, 2008 / \$65 / Bronxville, NY, Concordia College, Part I & II

Saturday, March 1, 2008 / \$90 / Columbia, MD, Howard Community College, Part I, II, III

Saturday, March 8, 2008 / \$65 / Wells, ME, York County Community College, Part I, II, III, Graduate

Saturday, March 15, 2008 / \$65 / Southern New Jersey, Gloucester City Jr.-Sr. High School, Part I, II, III, Graduate

Saturday, March 15, 2008 / \$65 / Wilkes-Barre, PA, Best Western East Mountain Inn, Part I, II, III

Saturday, March 29, 2008 / \$65 / Owego, NY, Owego Treadway Inn & Suites, Part I, II, III

Saturday, March 29, 2008 / \$65 / Rutland, VT, Stafford Technical Center, Part I, II, III

Saturday, April 5, 2008 / \$65 / Lincoln, RI, Amica Mutual Ins. Co., Part I, II, III, Graduate, Faculty*

Saturday, April 5, 2008 / \$65 / Verona, NY, Madison County BOCES, Part I, II, III, Graduate

Saturday, April 12, 2008 / \$65 / West

Orange, NJ, Seton Hall Prep School, Part I, II, III

Saturday, April 12, 2008 / \$65 / Wilmington, DE, Wilmington Christian School, Part I, II, III, Graduate, Faculty *

(* Faculty Training is by invitation only to those who have completed all Parts, and must be approved by applicant's District Governor)

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Chairman's Chat *by Dan Spencer*

Terre Jasper said: "To believe in someone is the greatest gift you can give." I can tell you, I am glad you have all believed in me, just as I have believed in all of you!

I think we can agree that **WE ALL BELIEVE** in The Rotary Leadership Institute. What I cannot believe is that I am the successor of our Founding Father, David Linett. I am also the successor of Immediate Past Chairman, RIVP Mike McGovern. David and Mike left this organization in solid financial condition and in a progressive, positive program state. I am very honored and proud to have served with all of you over the last two and a half years. I have six months to go as Chair, and would like to chat about some of successes.

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A Message from R.I. V.P. Mike M.

BREAKING NEWS FROM: Michael T. McGovern, Rotary Int'l Vice President

Dear Rotary Friends in Zones 31-32: The January Board meeting ended yesterday and I wish to update you on the realignment of zones. The Rotary International By-laws require a realignment of the zones every 8 years so they are nearly equal in the population of Rotarians. A number of unsuccessful attempts have been made over the last few years to realign the zones.

At the January Board meeting, it was voted with one negative vote to realign the zones. The Americas from Argentina to the northern tip of Canada loses two zones. Europe gains one due to growth in Eastern Europe and Asia gains one due to growth in India and Korea. The loss in the Americas reflects the fact that some of our zones were less than half the size of the largest zones in other parts of the world. The two smallest zones in the United States were zones 31 and 32, our zones.

The decision of the Board thus impacted our area significantly. The new alignment of our districts will be as follows: Districts 7040, 7790, 7810 will be in a zone that includes most of Canada, Alaska and Russia east of the Urals. These 3 districts have clubs in both the US and Canada. They will now be solely in what is largely old Zone 22 although it will be renumbered. This zone has 35,193 Rotarians. (based on Dec 2006 semi annual reports)

Districts 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190, 7350, 7370 will be in a zone that includes western PA, part of Ohio, and part of Michigan. This zone to be numbered Zone 29 has 35,115 Rotarians. A new zone 32 will include districts 7210, 7230, 7250, 7260, 7390, 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7500, 7510, 7640, 7780, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, 7950, 7980. This zone has 38,399 Rotarians. Districts 7620 and 7630 will be in zone 33 which also includes Virginia, the Carolinas, parts of West Virginia and Tennessee. This zone has 38,858 Rotarians.

The old zone 31 will be choosing a director in September 2008 with the nominating committee members being chosen at your district conferences this year. The new zones will be utilized to choose the members of the nominating committee for RI President beginning with the committee that meets in August 2009. For future selections of directors

the new zone 32 will be paired with old Zone 22. (Canada etc.) The new Zone 29 will be paired with the new Zone 30 and Zone 33 will be paired with Zone 34. Zones 33 and 34 had no changes other than the two of our districts they are receiving.

These pairings are unchanged from the current except that the pairing for Zone 32 is new as the old zone 31 will be essentially gone. The exact timeline of which new zones will choose directors in which future years will be determined at the June meeting of the board. A 3 member committee of the board will be looking at this issue and other transition details with a report back to the Board in June 2008. This committee will look at what year DGEs begin attending GETS in the new zones, when the RRFCs will be working with the new areas as well as myriad other details.

This will certainly not affect the Institute in Philadelphia. As for Institutes themselves, Mike Colasurdo is here in Evanston with me and our current thinking is that Zone 32 will meet after the Niagara Falls Institute in 2009 with the zone that includes most of the NY and PA districts that are moving to the zone to the west. Thus all of these districts will still be together at Institutes. It will be an institute with three zones. It is actually close to our current pairing for the Northland Breakfast at the convention each year.

The director to be nominated this September will need to confirm the Institute pairings. Then again, pairings may be set by the Board in June. It is too early to know. President Wilf has asked me to chair the worldwide transition committee meeting between now and June so any input would be appreciated to either Mike Colasurdo or myself.

The realignment of zones was a difficult process. Many alternatives were considered. The one negative vote was recorded from a Texas director as seven Texas districts have been combined in a sectioned zone with Mexico and Central America and thus will be the only zone in the USA to be able to choose a director from their section of their zone every 8 years instead of every 4 years.

I know news of the realignment will disappoint many of you. Others will look at it as an opportunity to meet new friends. We all realize the realignment needed to be done in order to comply with the requirement for zones to be fairly equal in number. I look forward to seeing many of you at events in coming months, various PETS, the September Breakfast, the LA Convention and in Philadelphia. *Best regards, Mike McGovern, RI Director 2006-08; RIVP 2007-08.* Download article on our enews page: www.rlinea.com

Chair's Chat *con't from pg. 1*

We have a well run organization that begins with all YOU! We have a Chairman-nominee, Knut Johnsen, who will begin working closely with me this Spring so there is a smooth transition in leadership as we prepare for 08-09. As your Chairman, one of my goals was to put term limits in place for our Officers.

Each Officer serves a three year term in their position. We have followed the RI recommendation on this. I feel this is a good rule as it gives others an opportunity to rotate in and out of RLI Office positions. It gives you a chance to participate in a larger capacity and enjoy a leadership role in this great organization. Some Officers will be rotating off with me at the end of this RLI year. I will talk about those Officers in a later newsletter.

We have THE BEST Executive Director that any organization has ever had. Ward Vuillemot is defiantly more anal than me! (HA HA) Ward has brought the Executive Directors position to a new automated level. I am sure he has been in touch with each of you at one time or another. Our reports, site agreements and contracts, faculty lists, and other documents are constantly being updated and current.

We have the Treasurer/Registrar for life, Tom Voorhees. I can tell you, I would NOT want his job. Can you imagine all the book-keeping and registrations he handles for 26 sites? He does it with ease and a wonderful attitude. I most appreciate that he has every PENNY accounted for. Another of my goals as Chair was to get our books reviewed each year by an auditor. Since taking over as Chair, we have had a compilation of our book completed every year by a CPA from my district. Copies have been provided each year at our Annual Meeting, with discussion and questions, and entered into the minutes. We have had FULL TRANSPARENCY as this is the right thing to do!

I want to THANK David Linett, Mike Rabasca, Knut Johnsen, Frank Wargo, & Tam Mustapha, who did all the hard tedious work in preparing our NEW FACULTY Notebook we are using this year. Why did we need a new faculty notebook? Because we changed the Curriculum last year (2006-07). Under the capable leadership of Frank Collins and our East Coast Division friends, we convene

yearly now to review curriculum changes, participant Evaluations, and to keep current with Rotary International and COL changes. We will continue to convene this committee yearly to share success and changes up and down the East Coast from Canada to the Caribbean.

We have increased the amount of sites for the Graduate Program under the capable innovative leadership of Fred Carvin. We are now at 13 sites with Graduate courses, with changing modules adapted to keep participant attention. Frank Wargo has taken over as Chair and Fred continues to help and assist with the Graduate Curriculum.

What a website and Communication Officer we have. I don't think DG Marlene Brown ever sleeps. Marlene is also responsible for our FIRST and continuing Quarterly Newsletter. This was another of my goals I am happy to say we are accomplishing. Make sure you check out Marlene's terrific work on www.rlinea.org.

We are working on one last goal to complete my year. Our OUTSTANDING Faculty Trainer & Chair Toni McAndrew, continues to train our faculty. We are working on a system to give faculty feedback on their performance. Any ideas? Please share them with me or Toni McAndrew. Should we give all positive feedback, any negative comments? Tell it like it is on the Evaluation? Design some type of Report Card? We do not want to hurt any of our faculty as you all give your time, talents, and treasures. Let us know your thoughts.

I hope you are enjoying the New Year as ROTARY SHARES. I look forward to seeing you all soon. I will have more CHAT in our March Newsletter. Rotary Leadership Institute is great!

Paul DePodesta a baseball executive said; "Those who've achieved before you? Soak up as much of their knowledge as possible"!

Let's continue to allow our RLI Rotarians to soak up as much of your knowledge as possible. *Your friend, Dan*

RVS News / Site & Faculty Tips

Coming in our March newsletter!
Meantime, stay tuned to updates on our [rli-nea](http://rli-nea.org) website.

**RLI-NEA
session
news**



Graduation class and faculty at January & February 2007 RLI sessions in Nepal & India



Graduating classes from Lincoln, RI and King of Prussia RLI-NEA 2007 sessions

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Following is a list of contacts for the RLI-NEA newsletter in zones 31 and 32.

If you have articles for this newsletter, including RLI success stories, photos and other information you would like to share with Rotarians in our RLI-NEA area, send them to **Marlene Brown**, editor and publisher of Sharing Leadership, e-mail: marlene@rotaryclubny1.com

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