



# SHARING LEADERSHIP

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## **Chairman's Chat *by Knut Johnsen***

**My Dear Rotary Friends, Thank you to everyone for all the hard work given to support and promote our Rotary Leadership Institute program of Northeast America. It takes plenty of your time to assure the continued success of this fine training program – time, so precious for all of us.**

**In May 2009, the Steering Committee of NEA-RLI met and reviewed the preliminary results and evaluations from the 2008-2009 year. We can be pleased with the attendance numbers and the overall consensus from the participant evaluations.**

**Regarding the numbers – though we were forced to cancel several sessions and one site, we did approximate last year’s figures. This reinforces our belief in the importance of “local management”. The promotion and work done at the district level directly correlate with good attendance / good results. Where the District Governor and District Chair work together success prevails.**

**Evaluations from participants & faculty continue to reinforce our commitment to provide a quality product, a vibrant, factual, & timely curriculum, along with the best possible faculty. Evaluations are reviewed & where suggested, acted upon. We continue to discuss ways to share all the evaluations, yet have not found a vehicle to adequately facilitate this. Please know where necessary we do single out & address concerns.**

**Much work will be going on during the “off season”. Our Curriculum Committee joined several other Divisions for a meeting this past January, 2009.**



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**In May 2009, curriculum changes for the upcoming year were presented. Our plan is to do what is necessary to ready the changes and roll them out for the start of the fall sessions. This means we will have training for new as well as seasoned faculty and of new printed materials, workbooks.**

**We will do our best to keep everyone abreast and have a flexible schedule to meet the needs of hopefully everyone’s busy calendar. I’ll let you in on a little secret – **NO MORE OVERHEADS** - comes directly from the evaluations –and you thought we never looked at the evaluations – shame on you!! *(Con't on page 3)***



*Chair Knut addressing the RLI annual meeting*

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## 2009 Summer & Fall RLI-NEA Sessions Scheduled

Friday, August 28, 2009 / \$45 /  
Newburgh, Ramada Inn, Rt. 300, Newburgh  
NY, / Faculty\*

Saturday, September 26, 2009 / \$65 /  
Berwick, PA, Berwick Middle School, / Part I,  
II, III

Saturday, September 26, 2009 / \$65 /  
Youngwood, PA, Westmoreland Co. CC, /  
Part I, II, III

Saturday, October 3, 2009 / \$95 /  
Harrisburg, PA, Harrisburg East Holiday Inn,  
/ Part I, II, III

Saturday, October 3, 2009 / \$95 /  
Melville, NY, Melville Marriott, / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, October 10, 2009 / \$95 /  
Frederick, MD, First Baptist Church /Part I,  
II, III, Graduate

Saturday, October 17, 2009 / \$65 /  
Chicopee MA, MassMutual Insur., / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, October 17, 2009 / \$65 /  
Lewiston, ME, Lewiston-Auburn College, /  
Part I, II, III

Saturday, October 24, 2009 / \$95 /  
Hamilton Bermuda, ACE Group, / Part I & II

Saturday, October 24, 2009 / \$65 /  
Loudonville, NY, Siena College, / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, October 31, 2009 / \$95 / King  
Prussia, PA, Valley Forge Scanticon/Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, October 31, 2009 / \$65 / New  
Haven, CT, Graduate Club, / Part I, II, III

Saturday, November 7, 2009 /\$65 /  
Canandaigua, NY, The Inn on the Lake, / Part  
I, II, III, Graduate

Saturday, November 14, 2009 / \$65 /  
Bedford, PA, Arena Restaurant, / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Wednesday, November 14, 2009 /\$95 /  
Somerset, NJ, Holiday Inn, / Part I, II, III,  
Graduate

Saturday, November 21, 2009/\$65 /  
Newburgh,NY, Mt.Saint Mary College/Part I,  
II, III, Graduate

Saturday, November 21, 2009 / \$95 /  
Wilkes-Barre, PA, Best Western /Part I, II, III,  
Graduate

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## 2009 Winter & Spring RLI-NEA Sessions Scheduled

Friday, January 29, 2010 / \$45 /  
Newburgh, Ramada Inn, Rt 300, Newburgh  
NY, / Faculty\*

Saturday, March 6, 2010 / \$65 /  
Bronxville, NY, Concordia College, / Part I, II  
& III

Saturday, March 6, 2010 / \$65 / Wells,  
ME, York County Comm College, / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, March 20, 2010 / \$65 /  
Rutland, VT, Stafford Technical Center, /  
Part I, II, III

Saturday, March 20, 2010 / \$65 / Owego,  
NY, Owego Treadway Inn & Suites, / Part I,  
II, III, Graduate

Saturday, March 27, 2010 / \$65 /  
Lebanon, NH, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical  
Center, / Part I, II, III

Saturday, April 03, 2010 / \$65 / Lincoln,  
RI, Amica Mutual Ins. Co., / Part I, II, III,  
Graduate

Saturday, April 10, 2010 / \$65 / Verona,  
NY, VVS High School (TBC), / Part I, II, III,  
Graduate

Saturday, April 10, 2010 / \$95 /  
Wilmington, DE, Hotel du Pont, / Part I, II,  
III, Graduate

Saturday, April 17, 2010 / \$65 / West  
Orange, NJ, Seton Hall Prep School, / Part I,  
II, III

*(\* 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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## Chair's Chat *con't from pg. 1*

As many of you know, my assignment is easy, thanks to two special Rotarians, Ward Vuillemont and Tom Voorhees, (V & V - for Valuable & Valuable). The work of these two Key Officers assures us of a smooth running operation and I want to single them out and say thank you very much.

In conclusion I hope all will join us for the Annual Meeting Friday and Saturday, August 28 & 29, 2009 at the Ramada Inn, Newburgh, N.Y. Our full agenda includes curriculum and faculty updates, and several Steering Committee changes to be voted on.

Again, many thanks for another terrific year.  
*My Personal Best, Knut* [www.rlinea.com](http://www.rlinea.com)

## Why RLI? ...*The Mission*

**WHY RLI?** The mission of Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club presidents.

Each club president is asked annually to nominate club members as potential club leaders (not necessarily future presidents) in the years ahead. As they change every year, Rotary needs a constant influx of club officers/leaders.

It is difficult at the club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary and leadership skills in volunteer organizations are often different from business leadership skills.

## Toolbox Forms/Info on [rlinea.com](http://rlinea.com)

**TOOLBOX ITEMS:** Faculty/Student Slides \* Faculty Intro Slide \* Receipt / Eval / Process \* RLI Manual \* Chair Summary \* Faculty Summary \* WhyAttend/FAQ \* District Chair Promo\* Site P. R. Grid \* Club Visit Promo \* AG Letter \* Club President Letter 1 \* Club President Letter 2 \* Past Attendees Letter \* Site Cost Instructions \* Site Cost Estimate \* Site Planning Guide \* CD Index \* Chair Duties \* Assignment Template.doc /.xls \* Student Bk Part I /Part II /Part III \* Newsletter Promo 1 \* Newsletter Promo 2 \* Newsletter Promo 3 \* Alphabet Soup \* Data Change Form \* Current Zone Map \* Proposed Zone Map \* Email Netiquette

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## ED's Report *Ward Vuillemont*

**Another Milestone Passed:** As summer arrives; we can look back on another fun filled, exciting and productive RLI year in the North Eastern Americas. It was a busy time for all of us and we can look back upon the year with a measure of satisfaction. However, it is time to not only reflect upon our successes, but also to also look back upon the lessons learned that help us address future challenges.

A few challenges I see from my point of view are: Public Relations – We were forced to cancel a few sessions due to poor participation. One of the primary reasons for this is we are not all doing an adequate job of promoting the events within our districts to our past and future participants. Those districts that have early, pro-active and aggressive promotion campaigns do well and tend to grow from year to year. History shows us successful RLI promotion is a year around activity that includes the DG and the RLI DC and their committees. Try it, you'll like it.

**Planning for the Succeeding year:** Planning for the following year must start early in the Fall of the current year. Practice has proven that “the early bird gets the venue of choice, as a reasonable price”, and with the least measure of hassle. I encourage all District Chairs and Regional Vice-Chairs to start this activity early, to avoid the many “time crunch” and other challenges that result from “last minute” planning practices. There are site selection and cost estimating tools in our website's Tool Box page specifically designed to assist in this process. And, if you try it, you'll find you like it as well. Looking forward to working with, and serving, you in the coming year.

*by Ward Vuillemont, Executive Director*





## RLI-NEA Pix/ Memories



Graduation class and faculty at March 2009 RLI session at the Owego, NY site



Classes at March 2009 RLI session at Wilkes-Barre, PA site



Graduate class Nov. 1, 2008 at RLI's Canandaigua, NY site



Graduate class Nov., 2008 at RLI's King of Prussia, PA site



The Graduate Class & Faculty at the April 2009 Verona, NY site

## RLI-NEA Contacts

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: [marlenebrown@roadrunner.com](mailto:marlenebrown@roadrunner.com)

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