



# Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education

June 2024

## RLI in Singapore!

Rotary Leadership Institute graduates turned out in force for this year's convention in Singapore! And most of them came by the RLI booth in the House of Friendship to say hi, chat with other grads, and mark their country on the map. It was wonderful meeting everyone - and we hope to see you again next year in Calgary, if not before!



Above: Chair Michael McGovern, Shyramanshee Sen from Kolkata and Governor Manjoo Phadke from Pune



Below: Chair Elect Antonio Hallage, PDG Evanisa Fátima Reginato Quevedo Melo from Brazil and family



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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

# Happy Rotary New Year!



It has been said that Rotary is the only organization on earth that changes its leaders every year and is able to achieve greatness. Rotarians prove this is true every year as new leaders step into place and we continue to Do Good in the World. Rotary Leadership Institute International is no different. At the end of this month, we will change some of our leadership positions. Please join me in thanking our outgoing officers and welcoming our incoming officers effective 1 July 2024.

**Retiring**

**Incoming**

**Retiring**

**Incoming**



**RLI Chair**

**International Vice Chair**

Michael McGovern

Antonio Hallage

Adriana de la Fuentes

George Sundararaj



**International Executive Director**

**International Treasurer**

Knut Johnsen

Paul Muczynski

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Mary Ellen Bentler



# Award Recipients

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Congratulations to this year's RLI award recipients! Each year, the RLI International Board selects individuals to receive recognition. We are proud of all of them!



**PDG Tunji Funsho**  
**2024 David Linett**  
**Distinguished Service Award**



**PDG Stan Lee**  
**2024 David Linett**  
**Distinguished Service Award**

The David Linett Distinguished Service Award is named for Past RI Director and founder of Rotary Leadership Institute, David Linett. Each year it is presented to one Rotarian who has provided sustained, significant service to the RLI program.



The Michael Rabasca Outstanding Achievement Award is named for long-time RLI organizer, Michael Rabasca who passed away in 2021. It is presented to people who have made a significant contribution to RLI during the Rotary year.



**PDG Nicolas Zalles**  
**2024 Michael Rabasca**  
**Outstanding Achievement Award**









# Get Involved!

*We are stronger together! Action opportunities for you:*

## Curriculum Survey

We want to hear from you!

The curriculum team is beginning work on the Graduate level courses and they have questions that only you can answer.

1. Do you offer Graduate level programs in your Division?
2. If yes, what Graduate topics do you offer?
3. Do you use curriculum from the rlifiles website?
4. Have you created your own Graduate programs? (Not on the website)
5. What topics would you like the curriculum team to create, or focus on ?

Send your answers and any related information to:  
[Newsletter@RotaryLeadershipInstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@RotaryLeadershipInstitute.org)

We look forward to serving you!

*Luck is what happens when  
preparation meets opportunity*

- Seneca

## Dues are Due!

Dues were due in September. If you have not sent in your RLI Int'l dues, please do so today. Dues are \$100 per district.

If you have questions, send them to:  
[Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

## Submit Information

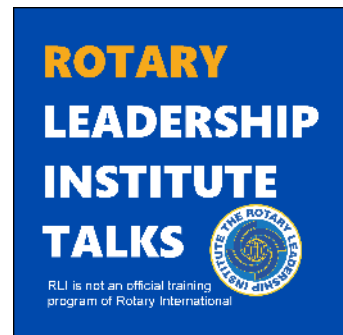
Please submit photos and articles for our newsletter to:

[Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

Please include:

Your name, Division name, date, and the names of the people in your photo

## RLI Has a Podcast!



Podcast Link: Click [HERE](#)

Thanks to all of you, RLI International is now hosting a podcast to share your wonderful ideas with everyone. !

And if your Division is doing something that could help everyone, let us know at

[Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Newsletter@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)



# Featured Division:

# Nigeria

## Bringing RLI to the District Conference!

RLI featured as one of the sessions at the District 9142 DISCON - DGN Henry Akinyele, Editor-in-chief, RLI Nigeria.

RLI featured as one of the sessions at the just concluded District 9142 District Conference held in Uyo, South East, Nigeria.

The RLI HANG OUT as called had inspirational presentations from PRIVP Yinka Babalola and PDG Joshua Hassan. The session also drew some feedback from past participants and inspired interest in new ones to attend future training sessions.

It was a greater opportunity to explain RLI programs like the Graduate Courses, Faculty Orientation, plans to commence RLI Alumni and the punctuality principle to the attendees.

With the commendation received from the participants, the session shall continue to feature in the future District conferences, said by the RLI Vice Chair PDG Sam Uko who was the convener of the session.



## Time to Share

What makes your RLI Division special? Working together makes all of us stronger. Share your strengths so that others may grow. Consider sharing your mistakes so others don't make them.

RLI is an amazing program changes the lives of Rotarians. Help us all grow. Send in your stories today.

[CLICK HERE](#)



RLI serves almost 400 districts around the world, providing educational support to Rotarians. We are not an official training program of Rotary International. We do work hand in hand with the Learning Center to ensure you get the most up to date information.

## Rotary Branding

As leaders in our Districts and Clubs, we are obligated to comply with Rotary guidelines and exemplify best practices. That includes ensuring we are using the correct Rotary branding and RLI logo on all of our materials. Take a moment to check your name badges, business cards, brochures, handouts, websites, and social media to ensure you are using the correct logos.

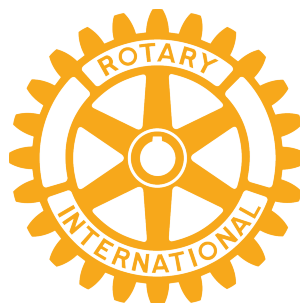
Set the example!



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## Our Board of Directors

Jacques di Costanzo - France	2026
Adriana de la Fuente - Mexico	2024
Tunji Funsho - Nigeria	2025
Antonio Hallage, Brazil	2025
Kalcho Hinov - Bulgaria	2026
Jhinsup Jj Jhung - Korea	2024
Knut Johnsen - USA	2025
Margie Kersey - USA	2026
Binod Khaitan - India	2024
Seiji Kita - Japan	2025
Toni McAndrew - USA	2026
Michael McGovern - USA	2024
Tim Moore - Australia	2025
Paul Muczynski - USA	2026
Leila Risteli - Finland	2024
George Sundararaj - India	2025
Tim Schuler - USA	2026
Bryn Styles - Canada	2024
Juan Pedro Torroba - Argentina	2025
Frank Wargo - USA	2026
Nicolas Zalles - Bolivia	2024

All Directors serve a three year term. The date beside their name is the end of their current term.

Please watch future issues of this newsletter! We will be printing interviews with Board members.

## Contact Information

Our website is:

[www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

To access curriculum files:

[www.rlifiles.com](http://www.rlifiles.com)

To order RLI pins, send an email to:

[OrderPins@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:OrderPins@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

Include the quantity, your name and mailing address.

To update the Division information including district numbers and the names of RLI officers:

[Corrections@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Corrections@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

For questions about your RLI Invoice or billing:

[Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](mailto:Billing@rotaryleadershipinstitute.org)

To submit articles and pictures for the newsletter:

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RLI Talks Podcast

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1jFBxTLhLtfioDIOtVe0xV?si=Ukxkb3DxQueNYz5I-eLz2g>

## Logo Update!



## Our International Advisory Committee



International Chair  
Michael McGovern  
USA



International Executive Director  
Knut Johnsen  
USA



International Vice Chair  
Leila Risteli  
Finland



International Vice Chair  
Adriana de la Fuentes  
Mexico



International Treasurer  
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International Secretary  
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