



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

RLI is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for “potential” leaders of Rotary Clubs. Established in 1992, RLI has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every Continent of the world. While it is an unofficial program of Rotary International, it has substantial support of a number of past Rotary International Presidents and current, past and incoming R.I. Directors. The R.I. Board has adopted a resolution recommending RLI or similar programs to the districts and the Council on Legislation has twice recommended RLI to the Board.

RLI believes that excellent Club leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. Most Rotarians have not been exposed to the great scope of Rotary around the world and have not considered what leadership skills are necessary to move Rotary forward.

RLI strongly believes that a good Rotary Club leader must know the evolution of Rotary, its current status and activities in the world and have a vision for what Rotary can be in the future. Therefore, RLI provides a three day non-consecutive basic course in both Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, especially for voluntary organizations. In addition to the specific leadership skills sessions, all the RLI sessions have a leadership component.
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Meeting

This weeks meeting was, again, well attended both in person and on ZOOM. We also had 8 guests and visiting Rotarians visit. We went through our usual rituals with Dusty giving a great reflection which you can read on page 3.

We celebrated a couple of birthdays and Karen, who turned 80 donated \$80.00 to Polio Plus in honor of that milestone. President Julie covered some club business which included information about a trip to The Baker House on February 11th.

She also presented a Paul Harris +8 to Cindy Ivy and a plus 2 to President Julie.

Our speaker tonight was Retired Colonel Harry Lumpkin, a member of the morning club. He was here to speak about Rotary's new focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. After he retired, Colonel Lumpkin successfully developed and deployed a new logistics infrastructure for the United Nations Humanitarian Affairs Program.

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In addition to the basic three day course, RLI holds in-depth seminars on important Rotary subjects, including leadership, for the “graduates” of the basic course.

The mission of RLI is to have the clubs in the member districts identify those with the potential for future club leadership and send them to RLI courses at club expense. All member clubs may send any club Rotarian to RLI courses and any Rotarian may attend any course at his/her own initiative.

The overriding goal of the courses for club Rotarians is to create ENTHUSIASM for Rotary by opening up to them their own clubs and also the world of Rotary outside of showing them the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs.



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The Sunshine RLI, which encompasses Zone 34 was started in 2006. Currently, because of COVID, courses are offered on line and are available several time a month. You can view the schedule and register on line at the district website. This is a great opportunity to learn about all facets of Rotary.

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In recent years, Rotary has been faced with a steady decline in membership. Rotary International has instituted a policy to increase member retention by focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Rotary understands that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

Recently members of the Rotary Club of The Villages Evening, Jim and Sue Bodenner, delivered nearly \$300 worth of diapers to Sumter County Healthy Start in Sumterville. According to Tammy Craig, LPN care coordinator, the Evening Rotary Club “donates diapers about every five to six weeks and it allows us to help out our parents needing some help.”

The Bodenners watch for sales and coupons and rebates on diapers to get the best price. Anyone wishing to donate Sue Bodenner at (616) 433-County Healthy Start 1425 Sumterville. Sumter Healthy Start services to Sumter parents. Healthy Start staff can help the parents with the



diapers can contact Rotarian 5400 or drop them at Sumter South U.S. 301 in Sumter. Sumter Healthy Start is a resource for all types of When parents stop in for a diaper, see if there are other needs care of their infants.

Blaire Cope, community re-Healthy Start, has been annual World’s Greatest Baby Shower set for noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Sumter County Fairgrounds. “Our sponsors, Langley Health

and Santora Education Lifeskills Foundation and local organizations make sure this a fun, educational event for expectant and new parents. Fathers are encouraged to come,” Cope said. Exhibits from community partners and organizations will cover topics such as healthy lifestyles, child safety, early learning, positive parenting, and much more. Parents will have the opportunity to win door prizes and drawings. There is no cost to attend and pre-registration is not required.

lations specialist with Central working on the upcoming by Shower set for noon to 2 County Fairgrounds. “Our Services, Sunshine Health

Wednesday’s Reflection

Things granpa taught me:

1. Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
2. A yellow jacket is faster than a John Deere tractor.
3. Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
4. Meanness doesn’t happen overnight.
5. Don’t sell your mule to buy a plow.
6. Don’t corner something meaner than you.
7. The best sermons are lived, not preached.
8. Most of the stuff people worry about never happens.
9. Don’t squad with your spurs on.
10. Don’t judge people by their relatives.
11. Don’t interfere with something that ain’t

Bothering you none.

12. Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
13. You can’t tell how good a man or a Watermelon is until it gets thumped.
14. Always drink upstream from the herd.
15. Don’t pass a chance to shut up.



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News and Announcements

After Meeting Dinner

Dinner after next week's meeting will be at Little Joey's, 16840 Highway 441, Summerfield. If you would like to attend please contact Kate Tapia at 408-892-6288 or ktapia1@aol.com.

Fundraising Opportunity

Our club has a chance to raise \$4400.00 by participating in Sumter County Adopt-A-Precinct program. For us to participate we will need to provide 15-17 volunteers for the primary election on August 23rd and the election on November 8th. You must be a registered voter in Sumter County and work from 5:45am to 7:00pm. Training will take place in tow sessions, one in person and one on line.

If you can volunteer please contact President Julie who can answer any questions you have.

Fellowship Dinner

At our regular meeting on February 2nd we will hold a soup contest. Anyone is invited to make their favorite soup and bring it to the meeting. Everyone will taste each of the soups and a winner will be chosen. If you are not bringing soup, please bring bread, crackers. Salad, or dessert.

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask optional and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

Meeting ID 291 972 2411 and Password 84594

Meetings

Jan 12th

Committee Meetings

Jan 26th Service Projects

Event

Feb 2nd Soup Tasting (at regular meeting)

Feb 11th Baker House tour

Jun 4-8 International Convention (Online)