

Frequently Asked Questions about *The Rotary Leadership Institute*



What is our mission?

The mission of The Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club presidents. Each club president will be asked annually to nominate club members as potential club leaders (not necessarily future presidents) in the years ahead. Courses will be given for the nominees to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. It is hoped that these courses will also motivate the participants to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

Those attending the three course days for their full duration will receive recognition of completion. Course methods will reflect the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Methods will include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, group planning exercises, etc. Lectures are limited.

What are the courses?

The Institute offers a leadership development program in three full day sessions (Parts I, II and III). The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop leadership skills for voluntary organizations. Some 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

When and where are the courses held?

Courses are held at various locations throughout the year to accommodate the Rotary clubs in the member districts. Any nominee take a course in any location. All courses start with registration at 7:30am. Classes are from 8:00am to 4:30am – Breakfast, lunch and coffee brakes are included. Course dates and locations for 2001-2002 are:

- Wednesday, March 20, 2002
The Radisson Hotel
Mt Laurel NJ, Parts I-II-III
- Saturday, March 23, 2002
Best Western Regency
Binghamton NY, Parts I-II-III
- Saturday, March 23, 2002
Sheraton Four Points
Norwood NJ, Parts I-II-III
- **Saturday, April 6, 2002 ***
**Mohawk Valley Community
College**
Utica, NY, Parts I-II

** Low Cost Sites / \$60 per person*

What are the teaching methods?

The Institute believes in course sessions with as much discussion/participation as possible. Discussion breakout sessions are limited to approximately 10-15 persons. Lectures are strictly limited. Course methods include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, creating projects and audiovisual presentations. Everyone participates during one of the Institute's sessions. A course workbook containing an Institute Manual, session program agendas, faculty biographies and course outlines and materials, is provided to each attendee.

Who are the faculty?

The Institute for their teaching abilities carefully selects the faculties. They are drawn from all areas of the member districts and occasionally from outside of the member districts. Many are present and past RI directors, present and past district governors, successful past presidents and those with experience in special areas. Each new faculty member must attend an initial full day training program and various reorientation programs periodically. The results of evaluations help the Institute to improve the course content and instruction.

Why do we need a leadership institute?

Rotary needs a constant influx of leadership as club officers, etc. since they change every year. It is difficult at the club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its 1.2 million members in 163 countries. Furthermore, leadership skills in voluntary organizations are often different from business leadership skills. It is important that club leaders have every opportunity for education because the success or failure of our clubs depends in large part on the quality of their leaders.

Who should be nominated to attend the Institute courses?

The Institute recommends that candidates should have those qualities that mark them as potential club leaders, not necessarily future presidents. They should be at least 3-4 years away from a possible presidency or other high leadership post. They should certainly have a strong interest in Rotary and be ready to be exposed to the larger world of Rotary. The Institute requests each club to nominate one or two Rotarians each year.

What are the costs?

The current course fees are \$85 per registrant per day. (\$60 at selected low cost sites). The fees include breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks and considerable materials given to participants. Course fees also pay for meeting space, audio-visual equipment and promotional costs. We recommend that clubs pay the fees for their nominees.

Should our club participate?

If your club cares about its future, it will want the best leadership possible. This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people and to be exposed to new ideas of leadership. The exchange of ideas with other experienced Rotarians alone makes the courses worthwhile.

How do I register?

Visit District 7150's website's Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) page to download a registration form, or to register on line on the RLI website. You may also contact *PDG Ward Vuillemot*, or your Assistant Governor, for registration forms. The RLI page URL is:
<http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/LdrspInstitute.htm>