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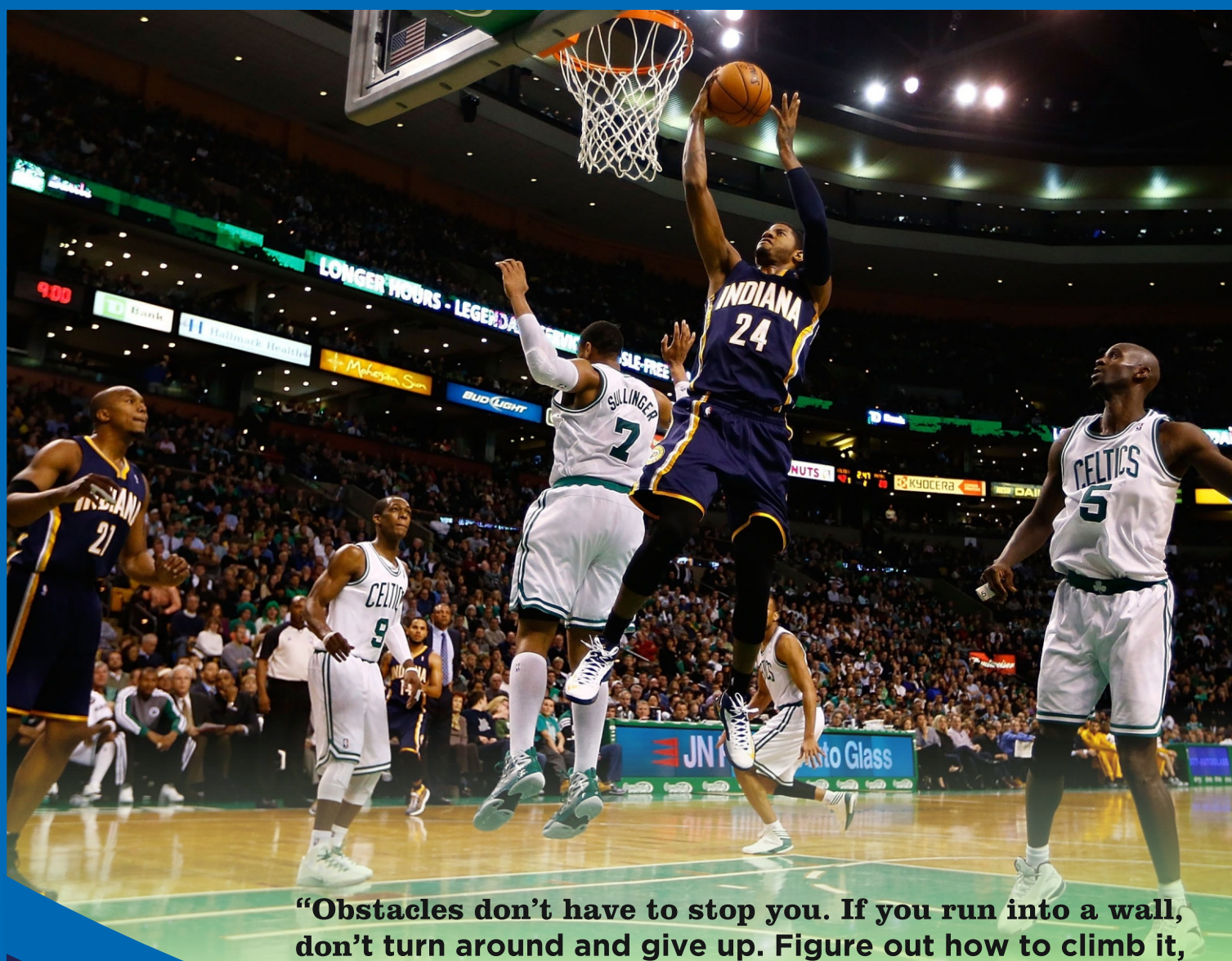
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PIVOT CONTROLLING THE GAME



"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Michael Jordan, NBA Champion

Message from RLI Chair

Rtn. Mike McGovern

It is time to get a Booster. Our minds are all preoccupied today with Covid-19 with talk of variants, available vaccines and with the sadness of hearing that friends we know around the world have been impacted.

The impact is not only in a medical sense but has also impacted our businesses, our mental well being and so many of the activities that are important in our lives including Rotary. We all need boosters to increase our immunity from the coronavirus, but we also need them to boost our morale and find ways to adjust to the changes we have all experienced. In early 2020, I decided I needed a booster. My booster in this instance was not a vaccine; it was to finally become a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute. My first Part 1

course was in the year 2000. As RLI was just beginning in the area, I was recruited to join the faculty and thus never completed RLI as a student participant. Thus, on February 29, 2020, I attended an RLI Part II session as a participant. It was refreshing and inspirational to sit with other Rotarians to hear of their hopes and aspirations for their clubs and what they could do for their communities and the world. It was just the boost I needed. But the evolving world hit like a brick as I returned a phone call in the parking lot just after the session ended. The call was to discuss cancelling a Rotary meeting as there were a couple dozen coronavirus cases in the USA. It seemed a bit unreal that day as it has ever since. It was not until November 2021, that I finally attended my Part III course albeit virtually and finally became an RLI graduate.



The Rotary Leadership Institute is all about boosting Rotary clubs and boosting us as individuals. We are enriched as we hear the experiences of other Rotarians. We better understand Rotary's mission and the values we share that are included in the Object of Rotary. We are inspired by others who follow Rotary's ideals and who see change as an opportunity to provide service. Rotary changes all the time while our core values never change. RLI is an opportunity for all of us to boost our Rotary clubs and to enhance our Rotary service.

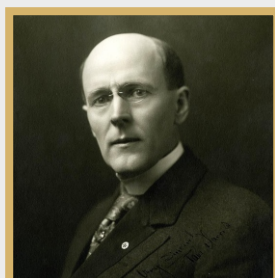
Whether you or an RLI faculty member, an RLI officer, a District Governor, an RLI graduate, or someone who took an RLI course years ago, 2022 is a great time to get boosted. We learn every time we listen to other Rotarians. Maybe I will sign up for Part 1 again! And for those who have never participated in RLI, 2022 is a great time for everyone to get a first dose.

Happy New Year!

Rtn. Mike McGovern

RLI International Chair

Pearls of Wisdom - Paul P Harris (Founder, Rotary International)



As long as grass continues to grow green, as long as water continues to flow downhill, so long Rotary will continue to worship its ideal, the ideal of service.

- Paul. P. Harris in 1934 convention.

Leader's Talk

PRID. Kamal Sanghvi

Chairman, Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia
World Membership Chair

My dear warriors of Rotary Leadership Institute,

I am glad to meet you all again through the pages of RLI South Asia's quarterly newsletter. As you all know, we are doing extremely well in our Zones doing several RLI programmes. The demand for

conducting RLI sessions in Districts has increased a lot. We now find many people who are elected to District Leadership roles having an RLI background and training. This augurs well for the Institute and we are well on our way to develop leadership skills and enhance knowledge of

Rotary as the basis of a strong and viable organisation. When we have a strong base, we can collaborate more and do bigger, bolder and brighter projects. We can fulfil our first strategic priority of increasing our IMPACT. We don't have to go any further than our flagship programme, Polio Plus. We planned it big, understood it thoroughly and collaborated with the right kind of partners. Today we are at the threshold of eradicating just the second disease from this world.

When we do huge and meaningful projects, we would reach more people in and out of Rotary. Engagement becomes an automatic outcome of bigger and diversified project. Knowledge again prepares us to adapt to changes and make suitable course corrections.

All the components of Strategic Planning I have mentioned above will become an easier task once we embark on preparing the Rotarians with the right kind of leadership and instilling Rotary knowledge.

Rotary Leadership Institute has the singular responsibility of shaping the members both new and old alike and making them true Rotarians. This year, membership increase in our part of the world is tremendous and it is apt that our RLI is working pretty hard to retain all those who come into our fold making our base attractive and strong.



May this New Year bring hope and joy and usher a world free of Corona virus. Let us meet to discuss Rotary in person soon and hug and shake hands with our friends all over the world.

PRID. Kamal Sanghvi
RLISA Chair

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From the Editor's desk

My dear Rotarians,

I am happy to meet you again through this RLISA quarterly news magazine. We are proud that our magazine has been appreciated by many people including our world chair Mike McGovern. Please circulate the magazine more in your clubs and the districts. We as a vibrant unit want to be seen and heard by many people for the good of Rotary.

Those days, when we played basket-ball, we played positional game and not the "man to man" marking which is in practice today. There used to be 2 players at 45-degree positions in the front taking fast breaks, shooting from under the basket, taking rebounds and scoring baskets from every opportunity created for them. There will be 2 other players at 0-degree positions defending their own citadel and feeding the ball to the centre and the players upfront. The central position is held by a key person known as the "PIVOT." He controls the game. He goes back to defend when the need arises and hurries again to the forward position to help the shooters. He himself pivots around to shoot at crucial stages and usually is an expert taking long range shots scoring 3-pointers. It is exhilarating to see the centre moving about and pivoting around and controlling the game with grace and poise. You may compare the RLI facilitators to such beautiful central players.

The RLI Facilitators will have to train the grass root level Rotarians to see that they understand the wonderful concept and purpose of Rotary and strengthen the Rotary at the club level. The facilitators will have to pivot around, go forward and train the Rotary leaders to see that our organisation is taken to greater heights and prepare the leaders to achieve the goals and targets set forth with the knowledge and skills gained through RLI. Our training should indeed be pivotal to herald a bright future for Rotary and a sustained growth which does not wilt.

In South Asia, we are doing extremely well for the past 2 years. The pandemic instead of dampening our spirits, has kindled our interest and enthusiasm and has opened the new vista of training online. Though we were very reluctant to try it out in the initial stages, we have mastered the art of virtual training to a great extent now. In the years bygone, we used to have about one or two RLI sessions for a year. But now



we are doing about 25 programmes in South Asia in just one quarter of a year. While we are happy about the tremendous progress, we understand our responsibility of keeping up the standards and the quality of training. This is exactly why our RLI South Asia Chair Kamal Sanghvi has insisted on having the Trainers training programme wherein the Facilitators would be given refresher courses to learn about the changes which are taking place in Rotary day after day. We also have to look at the changes which might be needed in the training modalities. Due caution will have to be exercised by the various Divisional Leaders with regard to the selection of candidates for Faculty Orientation Training. Time allocated for the sessions should be sufficient. The junior facilitators have to be monitored and assessed by the senior leaders. The number of people that we train in this part of the world is very important since 80% of the membership growth is in our Zones in Asia and many people have to understand and follow Rotary in the right way around here. But achieving these numbers should definitely not be at the expense of quality. We have to maintain the capability of the trainers to the highest standards. The District Governors, Governors Elect and Governors Nominee have mostly been impressed by our training and it is also good to know that many of our RLI graduates and facilitators have been elected as DGE's and DGN's!

Knowledge indeed is power. With the right knowledge, Rotarians become confident and leadership skills flow into them pretty easily. Let us strive hard to produce more of these quality Rotary leaders, strengthen Rotary and make this world a better and peaceful place to live in.

Love ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Sundararaj".

George Sundararaj

Executive Director - Rotary Leadership Institute, South Asia

Expert Speak

PP Binod Khaitan

Regional Vice Chairman

RLI South Asia Region (India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka & Maldives)

Leading through discussions is a leadership competency



Earlier this year a RLI Discussion Leader wanted to know what was needed to be successful. My first answer is the ability to listen because it's at the heart of influence, creating relationships, dealing with doubts, questions, complaints, and demonstrating responsiveness & empathy. My second answer is process skills—the ability to participate in and manage group conversations. Individuals can improve their influence and impact by sharpening their process skills. Here are six reasons why doing so is a worthwhile investment of your time..

- **You'll set yourself apart.** The ability to manage RLI Course Sessions so they are productive, inclusive, and focused on rotary activity is an organizational skill that transcends expertise. Being really good at a core discipline is important, but being an expert only gets you so far. If you can add the ability to facilitate conversations to your repertoire of skills, you'll add more value to RLI and your Rotary Club.
- **You'll gain stature.** Your fellow Rotarians will respect your ability to make their time in RLI Sessions productive even more so if you can manage the conversational processes with very little attention on your own views. You are not doing this to get noticed, but it never hurts to be known for having a critical skill set.
- **You'll create productive relationships.** The entire process of determining what should be on the agenda and interacting with Rotarians about the best way to have a successful RLI Course Session gives insight into what matters to participants. relationships are built on a series of conversations where people can express themselves fully and be heard. If you can do this, you'll build a network that you can depend on outside of the RLI Courses as well.

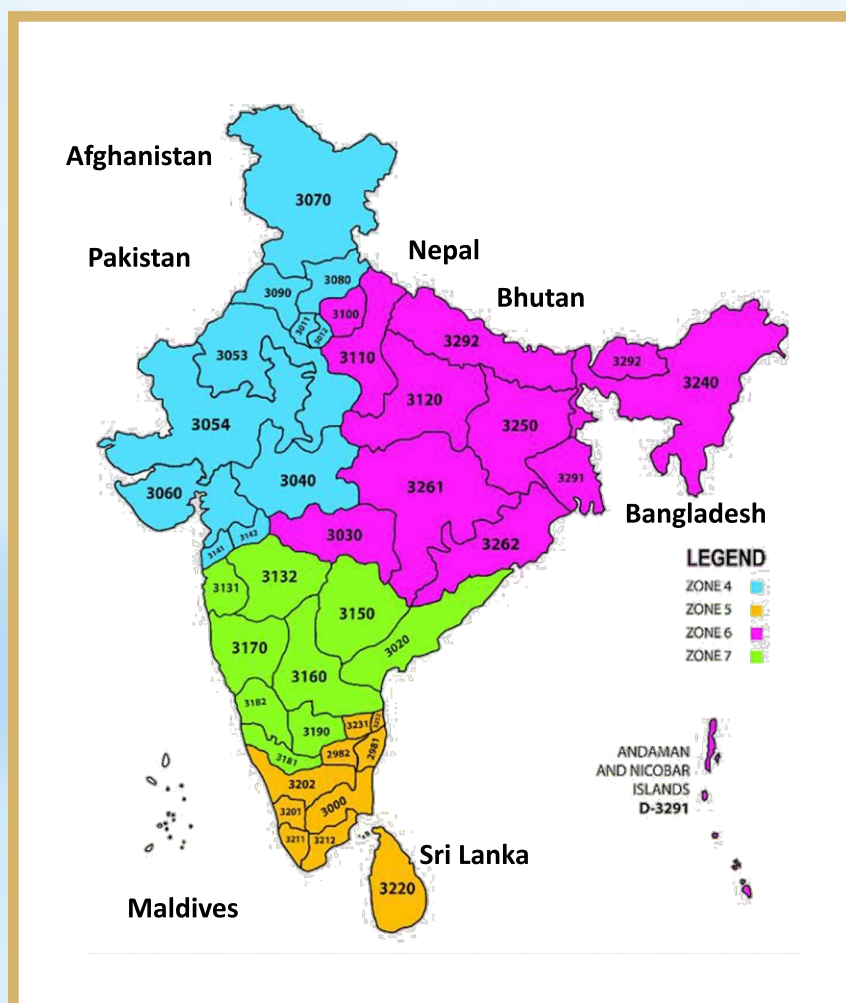
- **You'll enhance your powers of observation and learn to stay out of the conversation.** Managing a RLI Session requires careful attention to the dynamics in a room for example, whether someone needs to be brought into the conversation or an action item needs to be assigned or the discussion has gone off track. Facilitating a Session also requires learning to withhold your own ideas and questions and focus on the input and thoughts of others. Many of us need turn the conversation to our own views or experiences. These are important leadership skills in and out of Sessions.
- **You'll become valuable beyond your own Rotary Club.** If you become known in Rotary as someone who can manage conversations effectively, you'll likely be asked to help with other Training programs. You may not be interested in becoming a professional facilitator, but even leading one or two training Sessions for other parts of the organization will build your network and knowledge of other functions.
- **You'll contribute to Rotary's success and respect.** Offering to design and lead RLI Course Sessions, is a gift in several ways. Many Rotarians simply don't have the time to determine what needs to be done and how best to get the broad participation required for alignment. Being able to focus intently allows a Discussion Leader to pick up on the nuances people express, verbally and nonverbally, and to listen for any organizational perspective or background the group needs. Trust and respect are based in our ability to be effective in conversations. It might be time to devote yourself to mastering group conversations.

“Listening is a master skill for personal and professional greatness”

Robin S Sharma, Canadian Author

Zonal Activities

RLISA Coverage : Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka



RLI activities summary (Oct - Dec 2021)

Quarter	Zone	Sessions conducted	Total Participants
Oct-Dec 2021	4	2	33
	5	9	235
	6	14	267
	7	8	148
	Pakistan	9	316
		42	999

Zone 4 Activities

Districts (11) - 3011, 3012, 3040, 3053, 3054, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3090, 3141, 3142

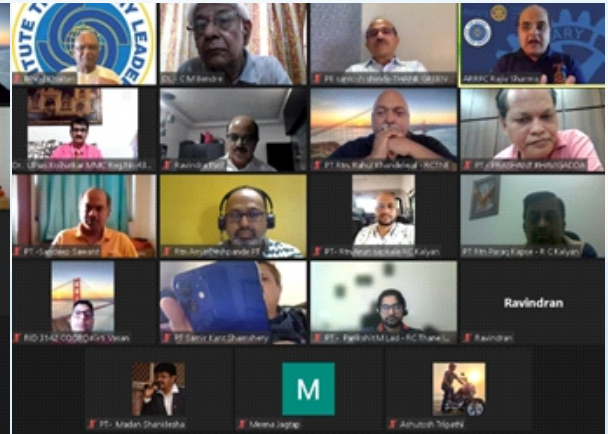
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Sl #	Host District	Dates	Language	RLI Part	Participants	Mode of training	Facilitators
1	3142	30th & 31st Oct 2021	English	Part 2	20	Virtual	PP Rtn. Sudhindra Mohan Sharma, PDG Dr Ulhas Kolhatkar, PP Rtn. Ajay Narakesari, PP Rtn. Dr Seema Singh, PDG Dilip Patnaik, PP Rtn. C M Bendre
2	3142	20th & 21st Nov 2021	English	Part 1	13	Virtual	PDG Rajeev Sharma, PP Rtn. Subash Sajane, PP Rtn. Dr Seema Singh, PP Rtn. Ajay Narakesari, PDG Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar, PP Rtn. C M Bendre
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D-3142 - RLI Part 2 - 30th & 31st Oct 2021



D-3142 - RLI Part 1 - 20th & 21st Nov 2021



Zone 5 Activities

Zone 5 Districts (11) - 2981, 2982, 3000, 3201, 3203, 3204, 3211, 3212, 3220, 3231, 3232

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Sl #	Host District	Dates	Language	RLI Part	Participants	Mode of training	Facilitators
1	RID 3232	01st - 03rd Oct 2021	English	Part 1	24	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PDG Rekha Shetty, PDG George, PP Rtn. Sudhindra, PP Rtn. Prakash
2	RID 3231 & 3232	02nd & 03rd Oct 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	35	Hybrid	PDG Subbu, PDG George, PDG Rekha Shetty, PP Rtn. Mohan, PP Rtn. Harish, PP Rtn. Usha.
3	RID 3201	08th - 10th Oct 2021	English	Part 1	26	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PDG Rekha Shetty, PDG George, PP Sudhindra, PDG Shyamashree
4	RID 3220	15th - 17th Oct 2021	English	Part 1	25	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PDG Rekha Shetty, PDG George, PP Sudhindra, PDG Shyamashree
5	RID 3220	22nd - 24th Oct 2021	English	Part 1	25	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PDG Rekha Shetty, PDG George, PP Sudhindra, PDG Shyamashree
6	RID 3203	05th - 07th Nov 2021	English	Part 2	26	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PP Prakash, PDG George, PP Sudhindra, PDG Shyamashree
7	RID 3232	10th - 12th Nov 2021	English	Part 2	23	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Mohan, PDG Subbu, PDG George, PDG Rajiv Sharma, PP Rtn. Prakash, PP Rtn.Sudhindra.
8	RID 2982	03rd - 05th Dec 2021	Tamil	Part 1	27	Virtual	PP Rtn. Mohan, PDG Subbu, PP Rtn. Priscilla, PP Rtn. Harish, PP Rtn. Mythili
9	RID 3232	18th - 19th Dec 2021	English	Part 1	24	Virtual	PP Rtn. Ajay, PP Rtn. Prakash, PDG George, PDG Subbu, PP Rtn. Sudhindra, PP Rtn. Mohan
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Zone 5 Activities

D-3232-RLI Part 1 - 18th & 19th Dec 2021



D-3232-RLI Part 2 - 11th - 13th Nov 2021



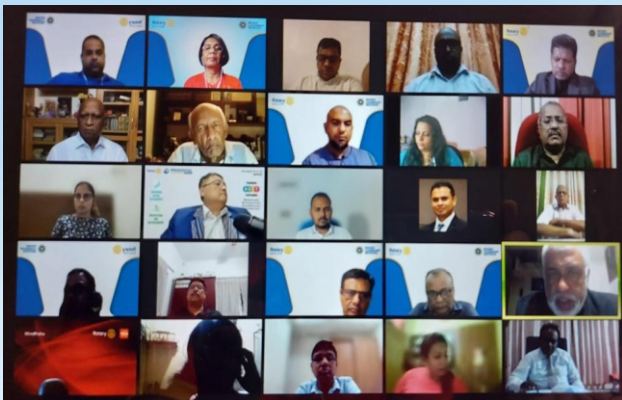
D- 2982-RLI Part 1 - 5th Dec 2021



D-3201-RLI Part 1-10th Oct 2021



D-3220 SL-RLI Part 1 - 22nd to 24th Oct 2021



D-3203- RLI Part 2 - 5th to 7th Nov 2021



Zone 6 Activities

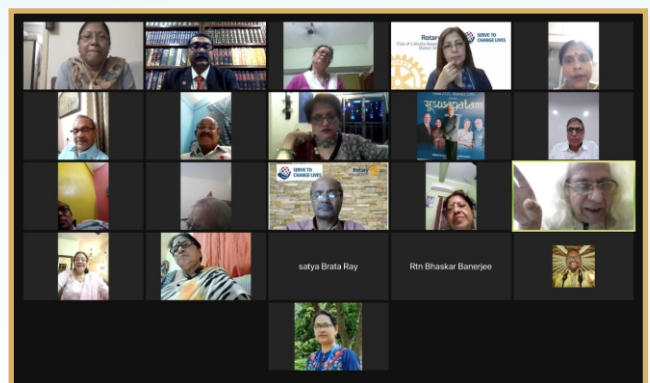
Zone 6 Districts (10) - 3030, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3240, 3250, 3261, 3262, 3291, 3292

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D-3240 - RLI Part 3 - 31st Oct 2021 - Guwahati



D-3291-RLI Part 1 & 2-29th & 30th Oct 2021 - Kolkata



Zone 6 Activities

Sl #	Host District	Dates	Language	RLI Part	Participants	Mode of training	Facilitators
1	RID 3100	03rd Oct 2021	English	Part 3	17	Virtual	PP.Rtn. Sudhindra M Sharma, PP Rtn.Mohan, PDG L.M.Gupta
2	RID 3100	20th Nov 2021	English	Part 3	10	Moradabad (UP)	PDG.Angshuman Bangapadhyay,PP Rtn.Sudhindra M Sharma
3	RID 3100	21st Nov 2021	English	FOT	10	Moradabad (UP)	PDG.Angshuman Bangapadhyay,PP Rtn. Sudhindra M Sharma
4	RID 3240	30 & 31st Oct 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	33	Guwahati (Assam)	PDG.Sandeep, PDG George, PDG.Subhashis,PP. Rtn.Debjit Goswami, PP. Rtn.Jayabrata Banerjee, PP. Rtn.Sailesh Sharma,PP. Rtn.Usha Ajit Prasad
5	RID 3240	31st Oct 2021	English	Part 3	29	Guwahati (Assam)	PDG.George,PP. Rtn.Sailesh Sharma, PP. Rtn.Jayabrata Banerjee
6	RID 3261	02nd & 03rd Oct 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	24	Rourkela (Odisha)	DG.Sunil, PDG.Shambhu,PDG.George,PDG.Nikhilesh, PDG.FC Mohanty, PP Rtn.Anjana Maitra
7	RID 3261	03rd Oct 2021	English	Part 3	9	Rourkela (Odisha)	PDG.Shambhu,PDG.George,PDG.Nikhilesh, PDG.FC Mohanty, PP Rtn.Anjana Maitra
8	RID 3261	22nd & 23rd Oct 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	21	Bhilai (Chhattisgarh)	PDG.Shambhu, PDG.Nikhilesh, PDG.Rajiv Sharma PP Rtn.Anjana Maitra, PP. Rtn.Sudendra Sharma, PP. Rtn.Ranbir Singh Marhas
9	RID 3261	13th & 14th Nov 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	16	Raipur (Chhattisgarh)	PDG.Rakesh Dave, PDG.Dr.Nikhilesh, PP. Rtn.Sudhindra Sharma, PP. Rtn.Anjana Maitra, PP.Rtn.Ranbir Singh Marhas
10	RID 3261	27th & 28th Nov 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	15	Jabalpur (M.P)	PDG.Rajiv Sharma, PDG.Dr.Nikhilesh, PP. Rtn.Arun Gupta, PP. Rtn.Anjana Maitra, PP. Rtn.Ranbir Singh Marhas
11	RID 3261	28th Nov 2021	English	Part 3	10	Jabalpur (M.P)	PDG.Rajiv Sharma, PDG.Dr.Nikhilesh, PP. Rtn.Anjana Maitra
12	RID 3291	07th - 09th Oct 2021	English	Part 3	23	Virtual (Kolkata)	PP. Rtn.Mohan, DGN.Nurul Kabir, PDG.Dilip, PP. Rtn.Binod Khaitan, PDG.Rajani, PDG.Angshuman
13	RID 3291	29th - 31st Oct 2021	English	Part 1 & 2	25	Virtual (Kolkata)	DG.Prabir, DGN.Nurul Kabir, PDG.Dilip, PDG.Rajani, PDG.Angshuman, PDG.George, PP. Rtn.CM Bendre, PDG.Rajan Gandotra, PDG.Sandeep, PDG.Ajay Agarwal
14	RID 3291	26th - 28th Nov 2021	English	Part 2	25	Virtual (Kolkata)	PDG.Rajani, PDG.Angshuman, PDG.Dilip, PDG.Rajan Gandotra, PDG.Ajay Agarwal, PP. Rtn.Binod Khaitan, PP. Rtn.CM Bendre

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D-3100 - FOT - 21st Nov 2021 - Moradabad



D-3261-RLI Part 1 & 2 22nd & 23rd Oct 2021 - Bhilai



D-3261 - RLI Part 3 - 03rd Oct 2021 - Rourkela



D-3261-RLI Part 1 & 2 - 02nd & 03rd Oct 2021 - Rourkela



Zone 7 Activities

Zone 7 Districts (09) - 3020, 3131, 3132, 3150, 3160, 3170, 3181, 3182, 3190

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Zone 7 Activities

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1	3170	1st -3rd Oct 2021	English	Part 1	20	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Ajay Menon, PDG Rajiv Sharma, PP.Rtn.Vasuki Sanji, PP.Rtn.Harsh Gupta, PP.Rtn.C M Bendre
2	3170	22nd-24th Oct 2021	English	Part 1	18	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Subash Sajane, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes, PP.Rtn.Dr Gaurish Padukone, PP.Rtn.Ajay Menon
3	3170	29th - 31st Oct 2021	English	Part 2	19	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Sudhindra Mohan Sharma, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Mohan Kumar, PDG Sameer Hariani, PDG A Subramanian, PDG Rajiv Sharma
4	3170 (Rotaract)	29th - 31st Oct 2021	English	Part 1	18	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Ajay Narkesari, PP.Rtn.C M Bendre, PDG Rajiv Sharma, PDG Rajani Mukerji, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Mohan Kumar
5	3170	12th-14th Nov 2021	English	Part 1	20	Virtual	PP.Rtn.Subash Sajane, PP.Rtn.Nagraj Joshi, PP.Rtn.Belegaj Jayasimha, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Dr Gaurish Padukone, PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes
6	3170	19th-21st Nov 2021	English	Part 2	19	Virtual	PDG Sameer Hariani, PDG George Sundaraj, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PDG Jorson Fernandes, PP.Rtn.Ajay Narkesari, PP.Rtn.CM Bendre
7	3170	4th & 5th Dec 2021	English	Part 1	18	Virtual	PDG Shyamashree Sen, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Dr Lenny Da Costa, PP.Rtn.Ajay Narkesari, PDG Rajiv Sharma, PP.Rtn.Dr Gaurish Padukone
8	3170	19th Dec 2021	English	Part 1	16	In-person	PP.Rtn.Nagraj Joshi, PP.Rtn.Prakash Saraswat, PP.Rtn.Dr Gaurish Padukone, PP.Rtn.Vasuki Sanji, PP.Rtn.Hemendra Porwal, PP.Rtn.Ajay Menon

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D-3170 - RLI Part 1 - 19th Dec 2021



2022-23 Presidential theme:



Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones

RI President-elect Jennifer Jones imagines a Rotary where she urges members to:

- Imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.
- Dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality and make the most of their club experiences.
- Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.
- Engage more with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world.
- Ask members what they want to get from Rotary and give them meaningful responsibilities.



PAKISTAN & AFGHANISTAN

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1	RID 3271	10th Oct 2021	English	Part 1	40	Live - Karachi	Trustee Rtn. Aziz Memon, RIDE Faiz Kidwai, PDG Iqbal Qureshi, PDG Pir Ebrahim Shah, PDG Ovais Kohari, PDG Saleem Rao, PDG Irfan Qureshi, DG Dr. Aftab Imam, DGE Tehzeeb Kazmi, DGN Hanif Khan, PP Rtn. Muhammad Owais, PP Rtn. CM Bendre, PP Rtn. Atiqua Vally, PP Rtn. Waqar Shaikh, & PP Rtn. Syed Kashif Rafi
2	RID 3271	10th Oct 2021	English	Part 2	11		
3	RID 3271	10th Oct 2021	English	Part 3	15		
4	RID 3271	30 & 31st Oct 2021	English	Basic Rotary, My Rotary and Grants Step-by-Step	8	Live - Inner Sindh (Hyderabad)	
5	RID 3271	31st Oct 2021	English		13		
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Knowledge Corner

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Sustainable Empowerment Through Gift of Hope!!!

Rotary is a grand opportunity for service. As Rotarians we are always on the look-out for service initiatives that are most needed and make a positive impact on the communities we serve.



One such opportunity was the meeting of the LN-4 team in Bangalore at a Rotary District event in the year 2008.

LN-4 team in Bangalore at a Rotary District event in the year 2008. Loss of limb is emotionally devastating for most. Each person deals it in their own way until they reach a stage of acceptance. The acceptance and hope in the grieving period, post the loss of a limb loss is a very traumatic experience.

With some estimates of those who have lost their hands below the elbow either due to congenital issues or amputations is pegged at about one lakh twenty thousand and with a few thousand being added every year in India.

It is in this background, our endeavour of doing good in the world, by providing free below elbow mechanical prosthetic hands has triggered a ray of hope to over twenty-four thousand.

One of the top two reasons people join Rotary include connect and give back to the community. Rtn Mohan Kumar K V, a Global Ambassador for the program has capitalized on the Rotary Network by regularly speaking at District Conferences, District Assemblies, PETS and Rotary Clubs. Being a Master Trainer for Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia and its Joint Secretary, he leveraged on the opportunity to reach out and build capacities across India and its neighbouring countries that include Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Mauritius, Nigeria and Tanzania.

The project is featured in at least 300-400 magazines, newspapers, television channels and radio stations resulting in increased visibility for Rotary in the region as it enhances the public image and awareness of Rotary. The family of Rotary that includes Rotary Community Corps, Rotaractors, Interactors through their involvement in this project, have indeed proven that we are the largest skill bank of volunteers out there to make a difference in the spirit of our motto "Service Above Self".

Expanding our Reach is one of our Strategic Priority. University of Mauritius has signed a MOU with Rotary Club of Flacq in Mauritius to enhance the functionality of the product and make it available to the common man. Chandigarh University has signed a MOU with Rotary Club of Chandigarh Central to provide its infrastructure and resources as a permanent center in reaching the unreached.

A distribution program in Chandigarh University on November 14th 2021, resulted in bringing back smiles to over 1395, one of the largest of its kind in the world. Increasing our Impact is one of our Strategic Priority.

Rotarians are ordinary people doing extraordinary work is exemplified when Rotary honoured six members including Rtn Mohan Kumar K V as People of Action: Champions of Health on World Health Day 7 April 2021, in recognition of their work to improve the foundation of good health at home and across the globe.



A doctor, lawyer, and a Rotarian in charge of fundraising all die and arrive at the Pearly Gates about the same time. St. Peter tells them they may each have one thing to take with them to Heaven.

The doctor is first, and asks for \$1 million. This is given and proceeds to enter Heaven. The lawyer, not to be outdone, asks for \$2 million. "Very well," say St. Peter and opens the gate to Heaven for the lawyer.

Finally, it is time for the Rotarian, who had just finished a fundraising project for The Rotary Foundation. St. Peter asks him what he would like to take to Heaven. The fundraiser moves up very close to St. Peter, and in a soft voice asks, "It it's not too much trouble, could I just have the names of those two people who were ahead of me in line?"

Knowledge Corner

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Do we know enough about our FLAGSHIP programme : POLIOMYELITIS AND ITS ERADICATION

We are in the verge of wiping out the dreaded disease, Poliomyelitis and it is always good to know about the virus, the disease process and eradication strategies. We will be creating a record of eliminating only the second disease after Small pox from the face of earth. We began the race with an explosive start like Ben Johnson of Canada. We accelerated and swished past the middle part of the race like Usain Bolt of Jamaica. Now it is our duty to complete the race with the clinical finish of Carl Lewis of USA.

In Greek, “Polios” means grey, “Muelos” means marrow and “itis” is the suffix for inflammation. Polio virus is a non enveloped, single-stranded RNA virus and is a member of the Enterovirus genus within the family Picornaviridae. Poliomyelitis is an infectious viral disease that affects the central nervous system. It is caused by Polio virus and produces temporary or permanent paralysis of the lower limbs if the virus affects the spinal cord in the lumbar region. If it affects higher part of the spinal cord, it can paralyse the breathing muscles and can even cause death. The virus is generally transmitted through food or water contaminated by faecal matter. The virus enters the intestinal tract, multiplies there, enters the blood stream and goes on to affect the anterior part of the spinal cord and most commonly in the lumbar region. Since it affects only the motor nerves and not the sensory nerves, there is commonly paralysis of muscle groups of the lower limbs.

Poliomyelitis is also known as Infantile paralysis.

- There are 3 types of polio viruses. (Type 1, 2 and 3.)
- Type 2 and Type 3 viruses have been eradicated totally.
- Only Type 1 virus causes wild polio viral disease now.
- There is no treatment for curing Poliomyelitis. But it is eminently preventable by the administration of vaccines.
- There are two types of vaccines namely injectable polio vaccine which contains killed virus (IPV) and Oral polio vaccine (OPV) which has the live but inactivated virus.

- Specific individual immunization is better with IPV.
- High degree of immunity in the community is provided by mass immunization with OPV covering a large percentage of children.
- We will have to continue with the OPV in endemic countries till total eradication is achieved.
- IPV of course is being introduced in a phased manner in these areas. We will now look at our long and arduous journey.
- We started in the year 1979 with Polio immunization of 6 million children in Philippines.
In 1985 the seed was sown for polio eradication initiative in the world.
- In 1988, the immunization programme was started with our contribution of 247 million dollars with WHO, UNICEF and Center for disease control and prevention of the USA as partners.
- We had 1000 cases a day and about 350,000 in a year at that time.
- This year in the whole world, we have had just 5 cases so far.
- We in Rotary need at least another 2 billion dollars (Rs.15,000 Crores) to wipe out polio.
- Rotary has been giving 50 million dollars every year and Bill Gates has matched it 1:2 by giving 100 million dollars making a total of 150-million-dollar contribution annually from our side.

Now we will look at the progress that we have made till date in the eradication effort.

The total number of polio cases in the world for the year 2017 was 21. (Afghanistan-13 and Pakistan-8)

Total number of Polio cases in 2018 was 33 (Afghanistan- 21 and Pakistan - 12)

Total number of Polio cases in 2019 was 176. (Afghanistan- 29 and Pakistan- 147)

Total number of cases in 2020 was 140. (Afghanistan- 56 and Pakistan- 84)
In 2021 so far, we have had only 5 cases (Pakistan - 1 and Afghanistan- 4)
one of the important statistics that we always want to remember:



Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) Partners

- WHO
- UNICEF
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the USA. (CDC)
- The Rotary Foundation
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI)
- All the contributing Governments of the world.



POLIO ERADICATION, OUR FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME ON COURSE TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS

The best example of Social Return On Investment (SROI) probably would be our Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)

OUR INPUT

- 2.5 billion dollars already has been spent by Rotary and is likely to spend another 2 billion dollars.
- 150 million dollars contributed by Rotary every year
- 17 billion dollars spent by all the partners put together
- Collaborative effort by 7 major partners
- 1.2 million Rotary volunteers
- Millions of government Health workers and workers from our partners, WHO, UNICEF, CDCP of USA, Gates Foundation, GAVI and the contributing Governments of the world.

OUR SOCIAL RETURN

- A modest estimate tells us a gain of 1.5. billion dollars annually by way of non requirements of:
Callipers, crutches, wheel chairs and polio corrective surgeries
Cost of building of ramps, elevators and modified toilets.
Expenses on I.C.U. , Ventilators and other life saving measures.
- A recent study said that we could prevent 8 million polio cases and save about 40 to 50 billion dollars.
- The financial gain in the U.S.A. alone would work out to 180 billion dollars after the elimination of Polio in 1990.

DON'T YOU THINK WE HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB?

- We haven't had a single case of Poliomyelitis in Pakistan for a year as of 27th January, 2022.
- We had just 5 cases of wild polio cases last year in 2021.
- We haven't had a single case of Polio this year for almost about a month.

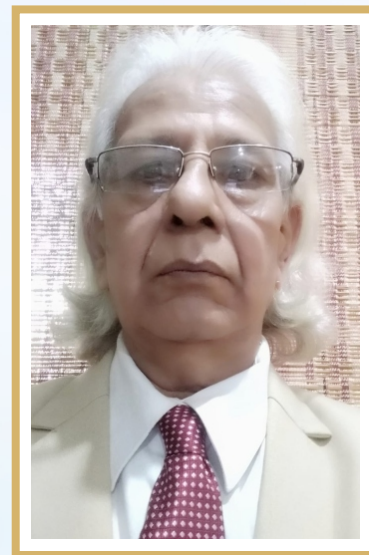
PAT YOURSELVES.

Event Showcase

PP Rtn. C. M. Bendre

RLISA SYMPOSIUM

Host & Convenor



The Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia (RLISA) – Symposiums

At the outset I thank Rotary Leadership Institute International and South Asia leaders for bestowing the rare opportunity upon me to be the host and convenor for RLISA

The year that has gone by, was both 'learning' and a 'sharing' experience, during which "adversity" was converted to "divinity"!

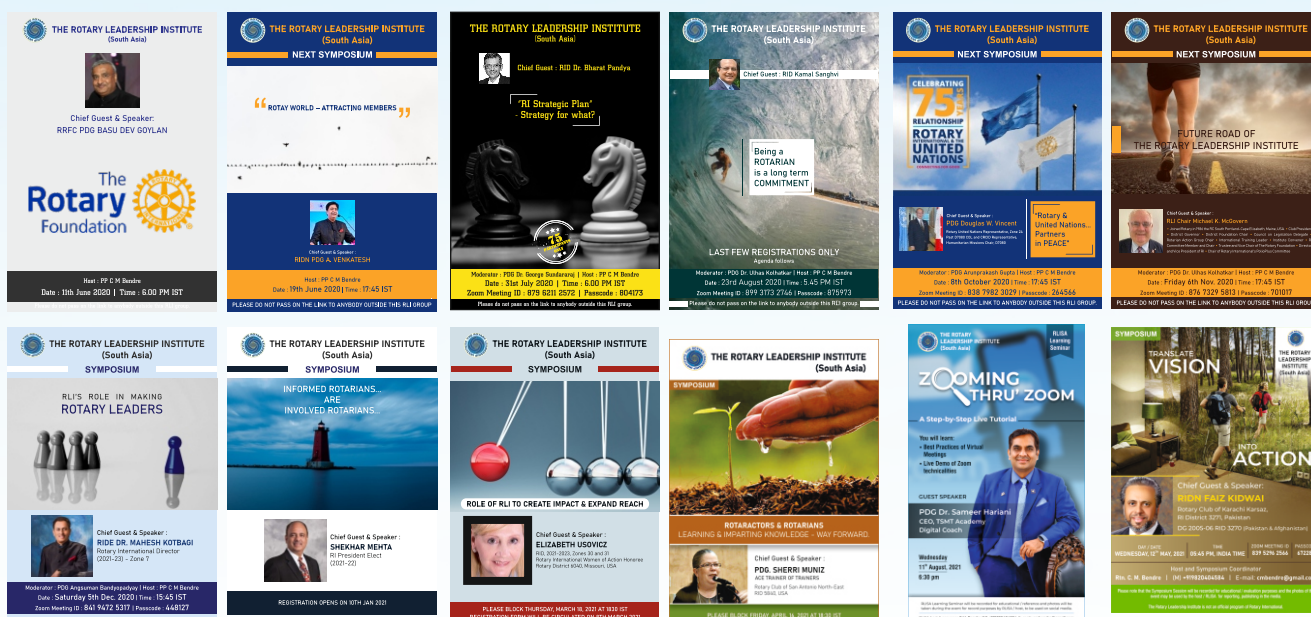
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It all started with the outbreak of the pandemic when we wondered how we could stay connected, continue our learning and share our journey in RLI. Few Zoom meetings paved the way. RLISA Symposium was the word coined for monthly interactive events.

The Symposium is divided into two parts, for 30 minutes the chief guest and speaker expresses his or her views on the topic of the programme and during the next 30 minutes are allocated to questions and answers. This is a moderated session. During each Symposium different RLI leaders have the opportunity to introduce the chief guest and speaker, recite Rotary prayer, propose vote of thanks. Summation and announcements are made by the Symposium host and convenor. The event is of 90 minutes' duration on digital platform.

I am pleased to inform that we have completed 19 RLISA Symposiums on various topics to enhance our knowledge and skill sets. Each Symposium was well acknowledged and attended by Rotarians not only from South Asia but from across the Rotary world. We hosted chief guests and speakers from Rotary International and from a service organization. Another highlight of the Symposiums is the participation of Rotaractors. Each chief guest and speaker has appreciated the efforts of RLISA through this new platform for Rotarians and Rotaractors to interact with Rotary leaders and update Rotary knowledge.

PP Rtn CM Bendre



Expert Talk

Prof. Howard Gardner

Vocations and Virtues

For decades, I have sought to make the point that intelligences are morally and ethically neutral. One can use the same intelligence for benign or malignant ends. The examples are familiar. Both Nelson Mandela and Slobodan Milosevic had plenty of interpersonal intelligence. Mandela used his interpersonal intelligence to inspire his fellow citizens as well as human beings around the world; Milosevic used his interpersonal intelligence to foster ethnic hatred and ultimately genocidal endeavours.

By the same token, both Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and Joseph Goebbels had considerable linguistic intelligence (in German). Goethe used this talent to write great prose and poetry; Goebbels

used his linguistic intelligence to create the vilest forms of propaganda. And one could make the same point about each of the remaining intelligences – musical, spatial, bodily, naturalist, logical – though it's quite difficult to delineate a malignant use of intrapersonal intelligence – perhaps masochism.

Of course, once one begins to discuss what is good, and what is not, we enter the domains of values – an area which scientists (as well as many non-scientists) are wary of. It's okay to minimize the issue of values when one is discussing atoms or genes – but that neutrality can be pushed too far. After all, atoms can be split to produce energy – and that energy can be used for benign or malignant purposes. So too, we can now create and manipulate genes – again, for positive or questionable purposes.

And so, as we touch upon these issues, we enter a domain that my colleagues and I have been working on almost as long as the study of intelligences: what it means to be good, and what it means to do good. This is the province of what we now call The Good Project. We have sought to identify the three components (the three Es, represented as a “triple helix”) of good work: good work is technically Excellent; it is personally Engaging; and it is carried out in an Ethical manner.

By the same token, we have identified the three components of good citizenship. Once again, the good citizen is excellent – he or she knows the laws; is engaged – cares about what happens in the society; and, again tries to carry out duties in an ethical way.

What of the spheres in which “goodness” is manifest? For thousands of years, individuals have pondered how to deal with others in their immediate circle – what we have termed “neighbourly morality.” The key tenets of neighbourly morality are captured in the Golden Rule, the Ten Commandments and other fundamental sayings, proverbs, tales and, in recent millennia, texts that arise and circulate within an identified community.

But over this period, societies have become more complex, Human relations have become increasingly transactional and are carried out over long distances. In this changed and increasingly global environment, it's important to delineate a new set of roles – which we call the role of worker/professional and the role of citizen. It becomes important to define the rights, but also the obligations, of those who spend a fair amount of their lives in a community of workers or a community of citizens. To encompass this terrain, and to complement neighbourly morality, we have coined the phrase “the ethics of roles.”

Even carrying out neighbourly morality can be difficult. And once one contemplates the newer roles of worker and citizen, a determination of what is ethical, and what is not, constitutes a considerable challenge. There is no formula for ascertaining the ethical – in fact, an issue becomes an ethical one precisely because it does not permit of an easy, formulaic solution.

To make progress on tackling this terrain, on tackling specific ethical issues, we find it useful to delineate – in rough order of activation and application – several Ds:



- Dilemma (recognized as such initially or pointed out by a knowledgeable individual)
- Discussion or debate about the dilemma, how best to articulate and approach is resolution
- Decision (and resulting action or inaction)
- Debriefing, about what happened, and whether the dilemma could have been handled more effectively, and how to handle a similar one when it arises in the future.

It is easiest to think of the deliberative process as involving language. But one can also contemplate ethical dilemmas as they are portrayed in works of art – for example, dramas or documentaries or even scrolls or paintings. And of course, these are matters of the heart, as well as of the head.

Deciding what is good, and then pursuing the good, have never been easy. And in the time of the Internet, digital media, social networks, artificial intelligence, deep learning, and the like, it is harder than ever. Misinformation is more rampant than ever before, and it is often more widely circulated and more easily accepted than is well-researched, reliable information.

But unless we want to toss a coin, or disregard “the good” altogether, we have no choice but to marshal our strongest resources, seek to delineate and defend what we believe to be good, and then achieve it. And perhaps – and this is my fondest hope – we can mobilize our several intelligences to determine both what is good and how best to realize it.

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RIPN Gordon McNally's vision on future of Rotary.

MEMBERS

We must encourage and induct more young people. They are adventurous, innovative and technologically superior. They have the ability to think out of the box. We should never think that they are less qualified or capable than us.

The percentage of membership of women in the world of Rotary is only 24% We must increase the women membership and they must be given more leadership roles.

CLUBS

There should be opportunities for people with varied interests to join Rotary

Clubs may have regular traditional meetings

Clubs may not have a meal Clubs may meet only virtually

Clubs function for the purpose of some service only

Clubs may be smaller as long as they are efficient

Clubs accept to have diversity of age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, sociology, economic status and others

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The membership in North America, U.K. and Europe are going down. There must be an attraction for them to come into Rotary. People come into Rotary and get disenchanted and leave. We were talking about mentoring of new Rotarians to retain them. But it is more important to engage them in Rotary activities of the clubs to make them stay in Rotary. The average age of Rotarian in the U.K. is 74. We must get more younger people, engage them and make them take up active roles. Shekar Mehta has concentrated on adding members. It will be my duty and Jennifer's duty to retain these members by engaging them properly in their clubs.

- Excerpts from his talk in Africa.





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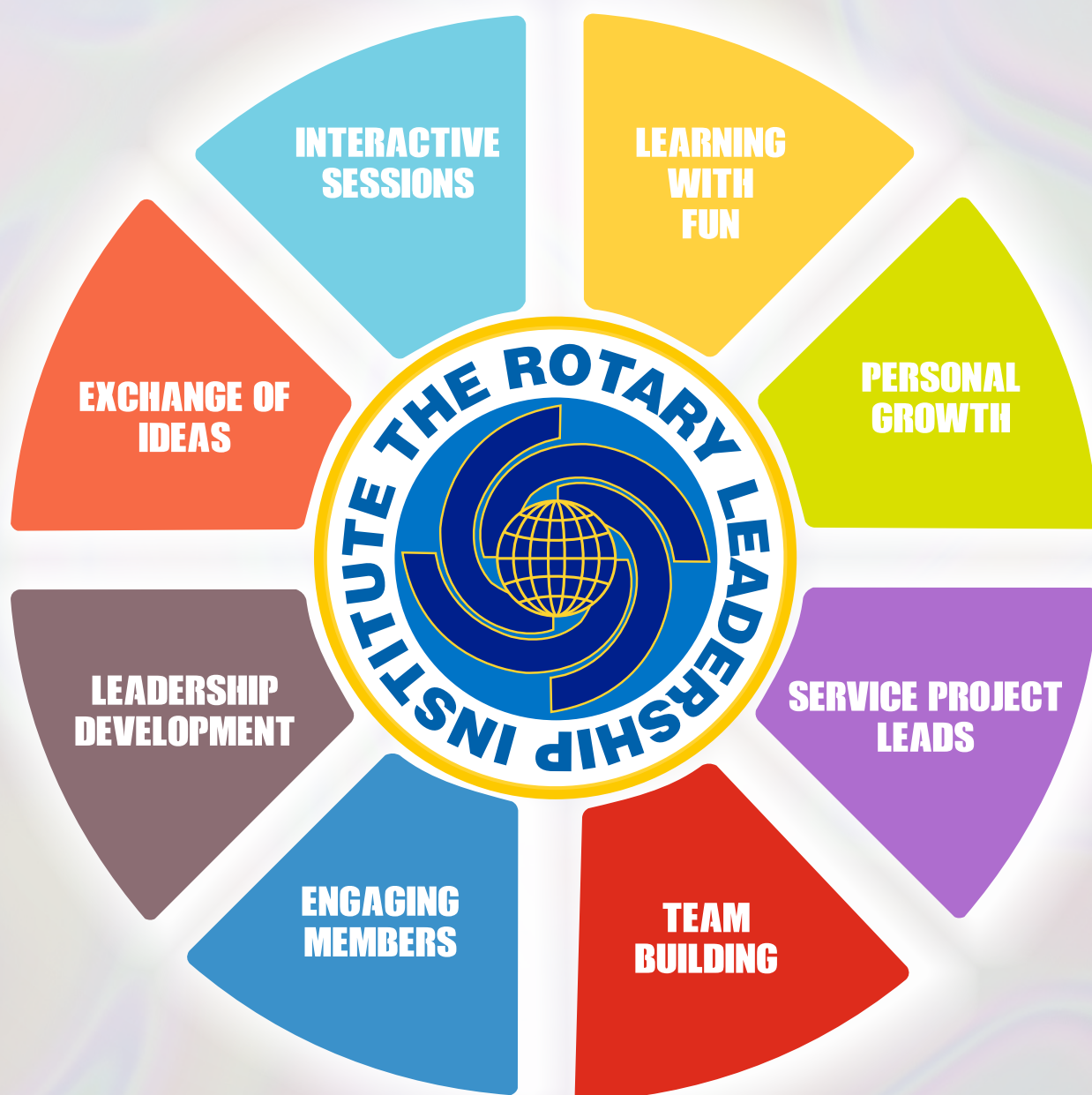
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