

# Featured Division:

# Lone Star



**Lone Star Division RLI has  
their  
first Rotaract Graduates**

Rotaractors are global citizens that want to expand their leadership skills, and RLI provides them with a better understanding of how everyone benefits from them being part of Rotary. They learn the “who, what, how, and why” about Rotary which gives them a better understanding about the organization and how their voice and vision for Rotary can be utilized.

In February, the Lone Star Division RLI graduated four outstanding Rotaract leaders:

- Stephanie Monique Picazo (Rotaract Club of Mission, Texas USA in District 5930)
- Kaylee Bragg (President of the Rotaract Club of University of North Texas USA in District 5790)
- Angelina Johnson (Immediate Past President of the Rotaract Club of University of North Texas USA in District 5790)
- Christina Tasng (President Elect of the Rotaract Club of University of North Texas USA in District 5790)

Clubs are always encouraged to have new member orientation programs which create a higher member retention rate, but encouraging Rotaractors to attend RLI propels them to be Rotarians for life.

*“Rotary Leadership Institute has been life changing as a first-generation Rotarian. It has helped me grow my knowledge and my passion of service. It has also paved my way and allowed my Rotary story to continue evolving!”* said Rotaractor Stephanie Picazo. Then she adds: *“Thank you to everyone who has invested and empowered me throughout my journey!”*

RLI helps Rotaractors connect and interact with other change-makers, gain skills for collaborating with community leaders, and find new, effective ways to build up communities.

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*"It has been a great honor to have graduated and participated in three Rotary Leadership Institute trainings! I was also informed that I am the first Rotaractor to graduate from Rotary Leadership Institute from District 5930! I feel so honored & blessed!"* said Picazo.

You make a living by what you do, but you make a life by what you give, and RLI empowers Rotaractors to unleash their leadership skills to make a positive impact both locally and globally. The leadership skills they have gained will help their career skills making them stronger and better leaders.

Cross-generational connections gives them the opportunities to share their skills with Rotarians and provides reverse mentorship opportunities. This helps Rotarians discover new and innovative leadership skills which nurtures personal growth for both groups of leaders.

RLI has a ripple effect. Rotaractors tell their friends about the leadership skills available in Rotary which opens the door and encourages their friends and colleagues to start their journey in Rotary.

Opening the door and encouraging Rotaractors to learn more about the world of Rotary through RLI gives them a place to share ideas and help solve important social issues.

*"Thank you to everyone who has invested and empowered me throughout my journey!"* said Picazo. We need to show them Rotary is a place to learn how to solve important social issues, and RLI is where we help them discover, grow and share their leadership skills.

The Lone Star Division RLI (Texas USA) serves Districts 5730, 5790, 5810, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910, and 5930.