





**Rio Grande Academy (RGA)**

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**What is The Rotary Leadership Institute – Rocky Mountain Division?**

- Multi-district training program design to improve Rotarians'...
  - Rotary knowledge
  - Leadership skills
- Target audience
  - All District 5520 Rotarians, but especially...
  - Future leaders of clubs and the district



**What is The Rio Grand Academy? (RGA)**

- RGA will be the District 5520 part of the Rocky Mountain Division – Rotary Leadership Institute
  - Currently seven districts participate: 5400, 5440, 5450, 5490, 5500, 5510, and 5610
- Nearly half of all Rotary districts worldwide have established Leadership Institutes



**RGA is not the Institute for Leadership**

- Institute for Leadership
  - Personal growth and leadership skills development
  - Focus on benefiting the community, family, and business endeavors
- RGA
  - Rotary knowledge and leadership skills development
  - Focus preparing future Rotary leaders



**Why do we need the RGA?**

- Constant influx of leadership needed
- Club level Rotary training often insufficient
- Leadership skills required for voluntary organizations differ from business skills
- Success of clubs depends on quality leadership



**What will RGA offer to 5520?**

- Three full-day sessions, 4-8 weeks apart, covering such topics as...
  - the perfect meeting, membership, orientation, leadership, service projects, vocational service, effective committees, RI Foundation, Object of Rotary, International service, written communications, motivating Rotarians, and effecting change
- Coming – graduate seminars



## Course Offerings

- Session classes limited to 10-15 attendees
- Two facilitators per session
- Ideally, courses to be taught in different geographic areas to reduce travel
  - Each area to be semi-autonomous
  - Dedicated coordinator and instructors
- Number of courses per year based on demand and facilitator availability



## RGA Costs

- Fees are per registrant, per day, covering...
  - Breakfast, lunch, coffee breaks, course materials, meeting space, and equipment
  - Typical fees between \$25 and \$40 per registrant per day
- The Institute recommends clubs pay fees for their participants – two to four per year



## What's the next step?

- Faculty training to be held in Albuquerque, June 11, 2011 at the Marriott Pyramid
  - Day-long training for 20-30 facilitators
  - Food and Lodging (if needed) expense subsidized
  - Attendees responsible for their own transportation to Albuquerque
- Sessions to begin in RY 2011-12

## How can you help?

- Identify potential facilitators and coordinators from your club to your AG
  - Résumé
    - AGs have
    - Also, on-line at the District website training page
- Identify potential attendees – PEs, board, future leaders, et al
- Budget for 2-4 attendees per year

## Need More Information?

- Visit the Rotary Leadership Institute - Rocky Mountain Division website at [www.rmri.org](http://www.rmri.org)