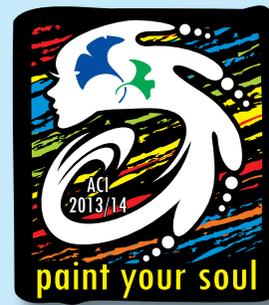


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What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

Nelson Mandela

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Blue is the color of inspiration, sincerity and spirituality

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Hello Dear Friends

In the Chaos of the New Year – and the run up to yet another month end, I could do with calming energy. A few tranquil hours to restore my inner peace. That is why I have chosen the colour blue. In it's softer hues blue can embody sunny skies and the soothing ocean. An Image of a not too distant summer holiday, or a reprieve from the snow and wintery days. Blue is also the colour when wanting to send a message of calming beauty and inner peace. So This Blue rose is for you my dear friends.



It is said that Blue is so soothing it's a good colour for pajamas. The funny thing is I am writing this letter rather late at night... in my pajamas – that just happen to be blue!

A pure blue is the color of inspiration, sincerity and spirituality. Reading all the amazing service projects that have been undertaken in the AGORA world makes me realize that Blue is a good colour for AGORA and as it happens a prominent colour in our logo. Your stories of charity and service have touched me deeply and the barometer is growing swiftly as one Euro after another is added to the total.

2014 has started with a bang and as I plan my travelling diary I realize that there are just not enough weeks in a month. Planning my trip to Europe in February, I am overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiastic invitations from Agora clubs and am looking so forward to meeting each and every one. I am being thoroughly spoilt and am loving every minute. Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, The Netherlands and Romania are destinations –whew those blue PJ's are going to come in handy!!

The MTM Southern and Africa regions was recently held in SA 24-26 January 2014. Nikkie and I attended both the conference and the Saturday evening social. Meeting up with Circlers both Past and Present is always such a joy and it was so great to be able to represent AGORA and shed some light on our organization, as well as emphasizing our support for LCI as we continue in friendship and working Side by Side

Wishing you a happy Valentine's Day for 14 February - may it be a day filled with love. Love for yourself, love for your family and love for your friends

Yours is friendship

Love Sandy



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**Wishing you all a
bright and colourful New Year**

**Sandy, Kelly, Veerle, Karin and Nikkie.
ACI Board 2013-2014**



**Tangent Club
DEUTSCHLAND**



Freundschaft bewahren,
Vielfalt genießen

Tangent Club Deutschland

The last important event of TC Germany took place in November 2013 – it was our Half Year Meeting.

About 46 members took part in the conference and with our husbands or/ and partners, we were nearly 80 persons during the Gala.

It was a very fruitful conference and a tremendous and harmonic weekend!

It took place in my Tennis Club in Berlin – this club is a very special place, not only for sports, but also for social events – like our HYM!

The Tangent Ladies were welcomed by my “Ex-Boss”, the former Senator for Education, Mr. Klaus Boeger, and Christoph Joeckel (RT44), President of RTD- District No 16, who introduced the Service Project “X-Mas in the Box”.

So we could again intensify the contact to OTD and RTD!

For the Gala, I organized a raffle. All the handicraft object were either hand-made or donated by the wives of OTD 1 Berlin and my former school mates!

The proceeds of this raffle were about E1000. I gave E500 to the LCD-National Project and the second half I will soon transfer to the ACI account for the International Project “Children of the Dump”.

Yif

Barbara TCD-President 2013/2014

Caring Friendship, Enjoying Diversity



**Tangent Club
DEUTSCHLAND**



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Ten active Ladies recently decided to form a new TCD-Club.

They invited the TCD-Board to celebrate the foundation ceremony with them on January 18th.

To start the event, everybody had to show her/his ability in sports (a kind of Curling).

As the Ladies and their partners were very successful, they then could switch to the delicious dinner with speeches, chattering and laughing.

It was a very interesting and entertaining evening reflecting the sense and spirit of ACT.

This has been a perfect opening for Tangent Germany in 2014 – three important events will follow :

Charter of TC 27 Mölln and TC 21 Weserbergland in June and of TC 107 Lübeck-Bad Schwartau in September

Barbara Arend-Kylling
TCD-President 2013/2014
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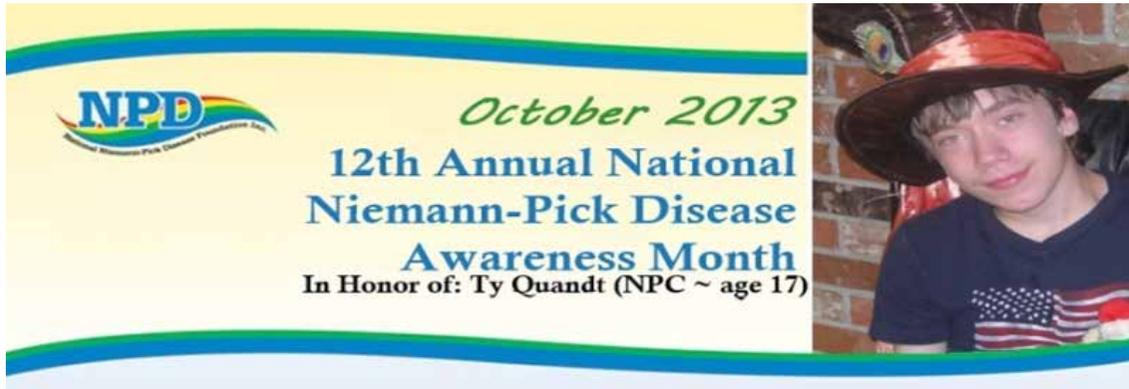
The older I get,
the less I care
about what
people think of
me. Therefore
the older I get,
the more I enjoy
life.

TCD 154
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**Positive thoughts
generate
positive feelings
and attract
positive life
experiences.**

AGORA CLUB USA – Giving



Ty Quandt in advertisement for Niemann-Pick Disease.



Agora Club Seattle member Karen Quandt continues to volunteer her time and expertise to Persevere a cure for NPD. Agora Club Seattle supports her endeavours by volunteering time and participating in events

Karen is pictured here with another committee chair attending the NNPDF conference in Baltimore



Ty at Annual family fun dance held at Mt. View Elementary school, Edgewood, WA

~ Funds raised for NNPDF \$3,000~



Libby Lovell volunteers for the Ark of San Diego, California. The ARK is an organization that assists people with intellectual disabilities. Without this organization many people would not get the help that they need to just to as ordinary a life as possible. They do many different types of activities from spending the weekend doing the “roar and snore “ at the San Diego wild animal Park to just hanging out on the beach for the afternoon



Roar and Snore Camp Site

AGORA CLUB USA – Giving



Uma hosted a party for AGORA Seattle members and some of her friends. Seattle club gathers to fundraise for the general charitable fund at Debra's PartyLite Fundraiser in November & for the ISP at Kelly's open house Lia Sohpie Jewelry Fundraiser in December



AGORA Club Seattle – Holding Fundraisers & Hanging Out

Members posed for a fun picture at Red Robin in Federal Way, WA with replica of the Statue of Liberty



Agora members meet for dinner at Thai Bistro in Federal Way, WA



AGORA Club Detroit – Hanging Out & Giving



Our Detroit ladies took part in the “Angel Tree Program” at the St. Luke AME Church in Roseville, Michigan. Twelve children from needy families were adopted to be provided with Christmas gifts



And so we continue on in our journey in friendship and service, as in the colors of our flag; red with energy, passion and action, white in our sincerity and blue in harmony... may we leave it better wherever our footprints have tread...



Agora Clubs USA agreed to toast at 1pm on ACI Day – member Debbie Cote takes a sip as her dog watches.



Before Christmas, our ladies participated at a wonderful party at the house of one of the Agora ladies.

Andreea Bordeian, party host, proved to be a great cook on heels.

AGORA LEAVES OUR FOOTPRINT

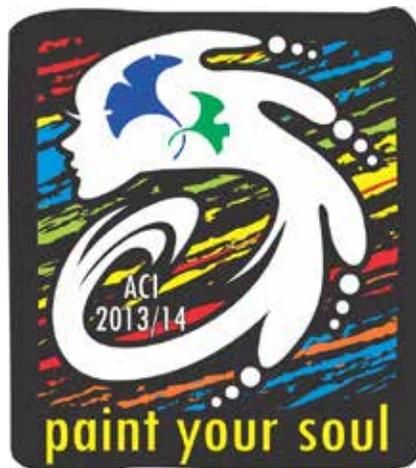
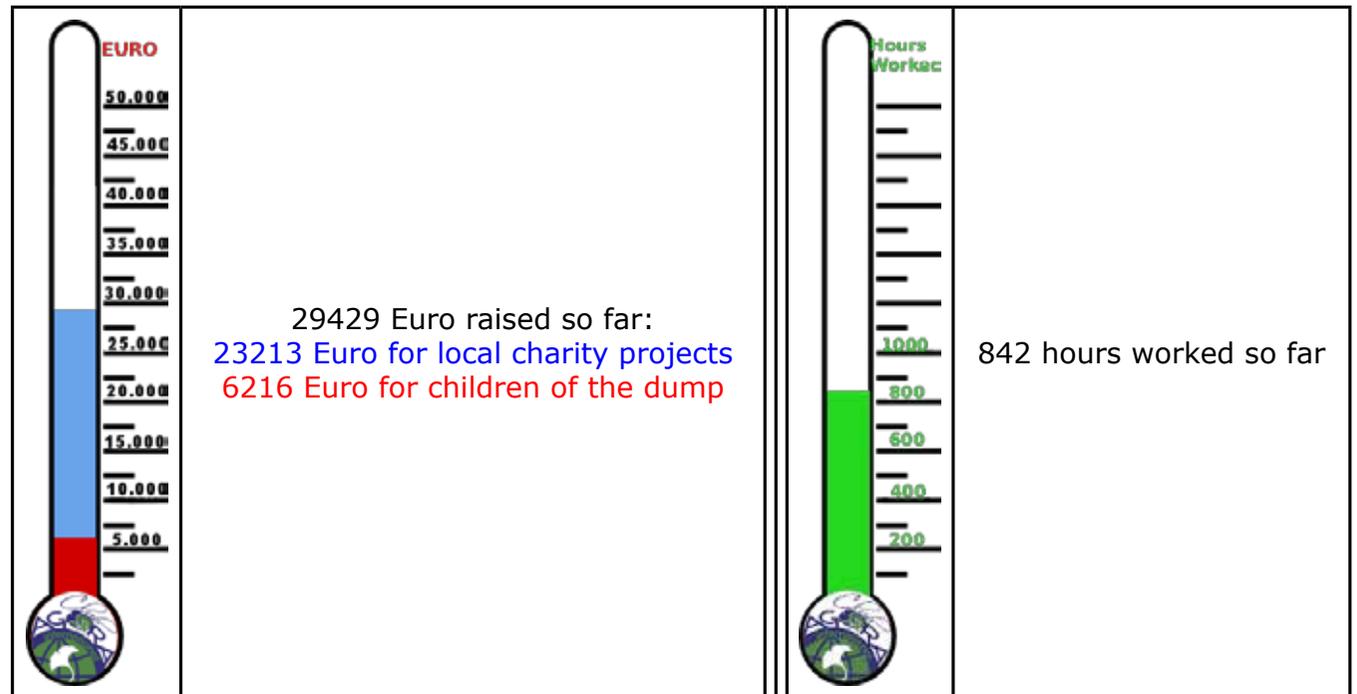
Our Service Barometer is growing ever so swiftly – thank-you AGORA !!

We have raised 23213 Euros to date for our local charities and 6216 Euros for Children of the Dump, a total of 29429 Euro

How have we done this?

By taking rice to the elderly, packing Santa Shoe Boxes, X-MAS in a Box projects, having boot sales for Christmas Hampers for the poor. Donating money to the homeless and for children's sports funds. Cooking a delicious traditional dinner for our men – and making them pay handsomely!! Side by side projects with Ladies Circle RT and 41ers, contributing toward the **LCI ISP CHILDREN OF THE DUMP**, visiting Stroke patients, organizing dances and concerts for charity, Angle Tree project for gifts for the less fortunate, SOS Future Mama's, Raffles of handmade crafts, a night at the theatre raising funds, donating a Christmas meal, DARK IN THE PARK – a project donating self adjusting glasses worldwide, a traditional Christmas concert for an autistic child and helping terminally ill cancer patients. Time 4 Life International, collecting cash donations, medicine, clothes etc, for children in war-stricken Syria. This my dear AGORA is just the tip of the iceberg!

We have volunteered our time towards the Niemann-Pick Disease project in an endeavor to finding a cure, at the ARK of San Diego – a home for intellectually disabled people and so many, many more hours doing good deeds.



LADIES, as AGORA we **are** “Painting our Soul” all over the globe, leaving our footprint in someones’ life. We **make** a difference, and together each day we leave an impression in someone’s life – somewhere in the world.

These are just a few of your stories...

Eyes for the world: Fund raising 5000 euros!

Eyes for the world is an important non-profit foundation and believes that everyone all over the world has the right to see well.

People in all corners of the world can be helped with self-adjustable glasses.

Last year Agora club 7 Lokeren Belgium supported a project in Soweto, South Africa.

Now the 21st of December Veerle Dejonge, Carine Everaert, Laurence Daman and Lieve Buysse organized a wonderful ball in the castle of Beervelde.



*The theme was: 'Dark in the park'. It turned out to be a huge success and they managed to raise a **5000 euros** for the "eyes for the world" foundation.*

Congratulations Veerle, Carine, Laurence and Lieve with your great initiative!!



Xmas in a box

Since several years all Agora Clubs in Belgium support the operation Xmas in a box started by the Samaritans. The 4C1V : Ladies Circle, Agora, Round Table and 41 gather presents in boxes and label them with: boy ,girl ,male ,female . the idea is that people less fortunate in life can also have a nice Xmas with presents. All Agora clubs in Belgium reacted with great enthusiasm to this nice project;

In Lokeren the service clubs joined forces and donated a Xmas meal.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY GALA DINNER – 4 CLUBS 1 VISION VICENZA

“In the fashionable evening of Xmas greetings of assembled clubs Agora, 41, Ladies’Circle and Round Table, some money has been collected for charity being the beneficiary TIME4 LIFE International. The objective of this organization is to collect cash donations, food, medicines, clothes etc for those less fortunate especially children war-stricken in Syria. TIME 4 LIFE International organizes awareness campaigns over the whole nation with dinners and events of public interest.





Romania leaves their footprint

Together with LC no.1, RT no.1 and Club41 no.1 - all from Brasov – for many years (since 1995, next year we will celebrate 20 years), we organize a Christmas party for our children and grand-children; this is an opportunity to meet with our families and reinforce our club-bonds.



Charity activities Agora 2:

Some of us participated in a charity Christmas traditional concert, organised by another association, for the benefit of an autistic child, who needs special treatment.

Charity activities Agora 3:

Girls organised a charity show for the benefit of CASA SPERANTEI Brasov (the third one); this association is taking care of terminal cancer persons.

Put some blue in your life when you want:

- calm and relaxation to counteract chaos or agitation
- to open the flow of communication
- to broaden your perspective in learning new information
- solitude and peace

Club Agora 2 Lausanne, Switzerland

Our club held its third charity lunch in November 2013, and thanks to the generosity of the 75 people who attended and the additional 92 kind and generous donors, we managed to raise CHF.11'000 (+/- E9000) for our chosen local charity, SOS Futures Mamans. This organisation, which has set up a number of centres around Switzerland, aims to provide, free of charge, efficient, discrete help for pregnant mothers who find themselves in difficulties of varying natures. The support provided can be moral, material, financial or administrative.

We aim to organise a special fund-raising event every two years, and in the intervening period our club also donates smaller contributions to various other causes, either through the actions of other local service clubs or to respond to other requests for help which we receive.



Team of volunteers – SOS FUTURES MAMANS close to Lausanne - Switzerland

Wearing Blue

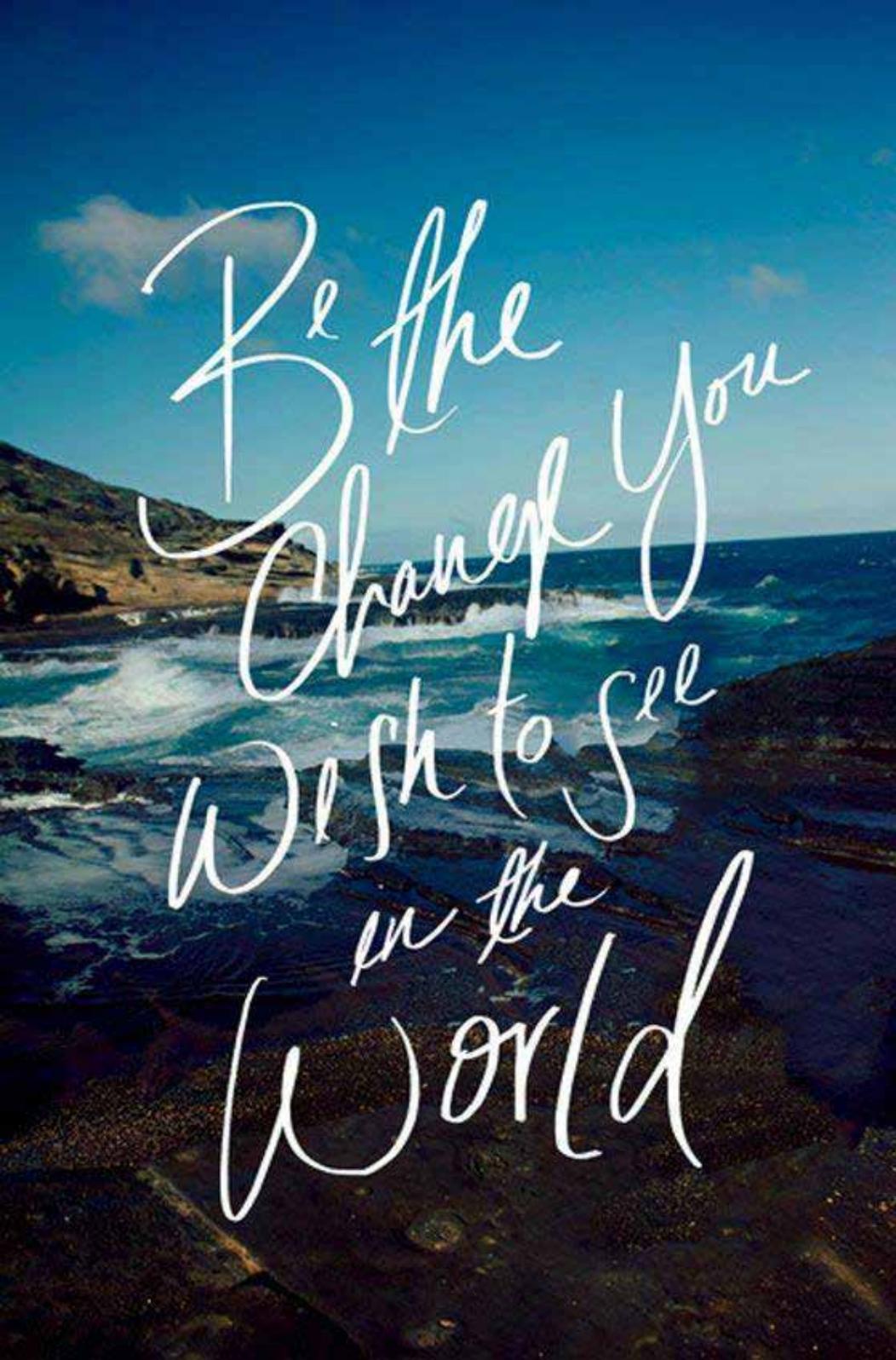
Wear dark blues for a stable, calm conservative feeling. All shades of blue will help to make easy communication, whether it is with yourself or others. Use blue paper for notes when you want help in remembering a speech or other information.



MTM LCI SOUTH AFRICA 2014







Be the
Change You
Wish to See
in the
World

**This month we colour our newsletter BLUE:
the colour of trust, honesty and loyalty.**

BLUE is the helper to the friend in need.

It's a giver not a taker.

That's what Agora is all about.

**We have two special events on our calendar
which we can paint in BLUE.**

**The Joy blue of a Winter Wonderland in Brasov
where we gather for the AGM and
the Installation of the National Board of
AC Romania.**

**Then there is the BLUE of a bright BLUE sky
and the deep BLUE ocean of Madagascar
where we meet the 28th-30th March for the
Charter of AC Madascar.**

**We hope you can join in the festivities and
give you the pamphlets for your participation.**

**An excellent occasion to renew friendships in
Agora and discover those beautiful parts of
the world.**



Advice From A Tree

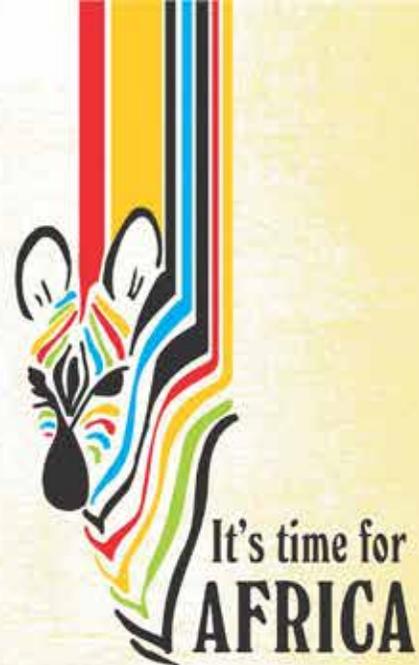
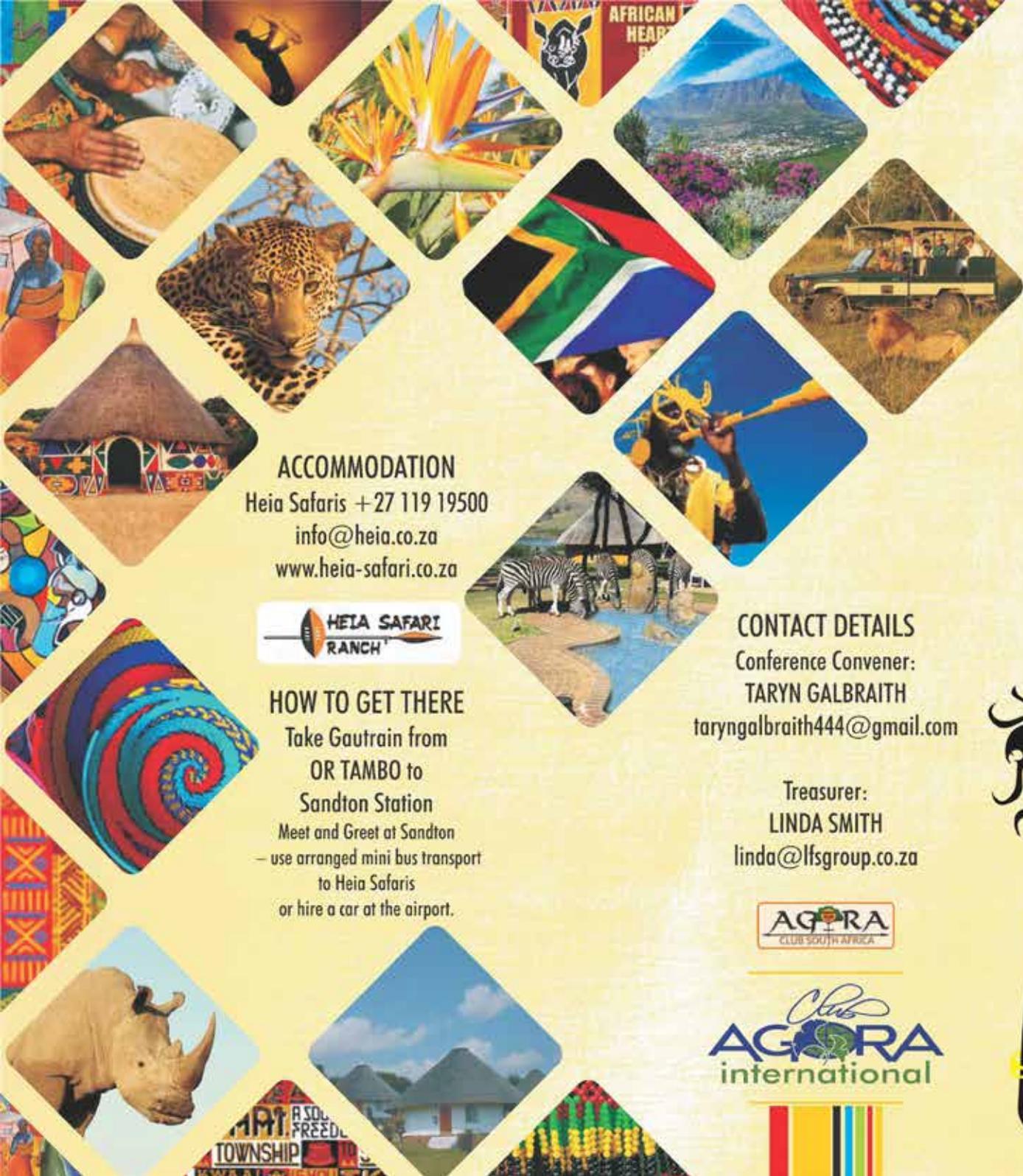
- Stand Tall And Proud
- Go Out On A Limb
- Remember Your Roots
- Drink Plenty of Water
- Be Content with Your Natural Beauty
- Enjoy the View

Joanne Ruffis

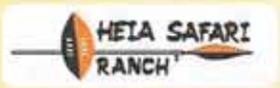


Dates to Diarise 2014

13 - 16 February	MTM Nordic and Middle European meeting LCI – Estonia
28 Feb - 2 March	AGM AC Romania and Installation of The National Board – Brasov Romania
11 March	AGM AC2 Lausanne Switzerland
	AGM AC1 Lemman Switzerland
28 March	Charter AC Madagascar
16 - 18 May	Charter AC Malta
10 - 12 October	AGM – HEIA SAFARIS SA



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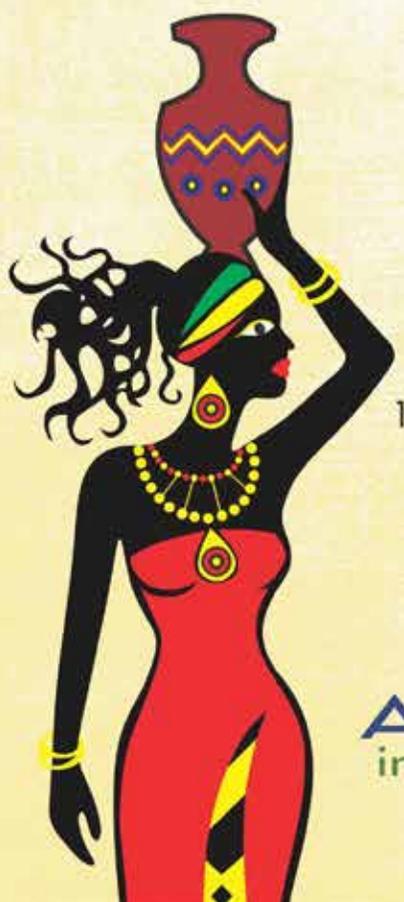
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If you are "true blue," you are loyal and faithful.
 Blue stands for love, which is why a bride carries or wears something blue on her wedding day.



A room painted blue is said to be relaxing.

Something "out of the blue" is from an unknown source at an unexpected time.

A bluebook is a list of socially prominent people.

The first prize gets a blue ribbon.



A blue blood is a person of noble descent. This is probably from the blue veins of the fair-complexioned aristocrats who first used this term.



"Into the blue" means into the unknown.

A "bluestocking" used to be a scholarly or highly knowledgeable woman.



The pharaohs of ancient Egypt wore blue for protection against evil.



The "blues" is a style of music derived from southern African-American secular songs. It influenced the development of rock, R&B, and country music.



"Blue laws" are used to enforce moral standards.

A blue ribbon panel is a group of especially qualified people.



Agora National Board Installation & AGM

28.02 – 02.03.2014





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PROGRAM

Friday, March 28th, 2014

Welcome party : at 7.30 PM

Saturday, March 29th, 2014

Tour of the city of Antananarivo at 9.00 AM
including lunch

CHARTER CEREMONY

at 4.00 PM

GALA DINER

at 7.30 PM

Sunday, March 30th, 2014

Brunch at 9.30 AM

PACKAGE (all program) 120€

(included accommodation fees and pre-tour or post-tour)

Would like to participate at : a Pre-tour

or a Post-tour

(depending of numbers of participants)

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