



Newsletter issue 2 December 2017

Dear Agora friends,

First of all I want to thank all of you that did send reports and pictures for the newsletter 2. Because of that the newsletter is full of interesting, inspirational and fun stories of our Agora members activity.

May this Christmas bring peace and joy for you all and your family.

María Erla Hilmarsdóttir

ACI Secretary

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Words of President Isabelle

Dear Agora Ladies, my dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all your nice reports you sent us to make this Newsletter a very nice warm and funny one.

The main subject of this second Newsletter is our ACI Day on 14th November, the charter anniversary of the first Agora Club in the world, AC1 Lille, France.

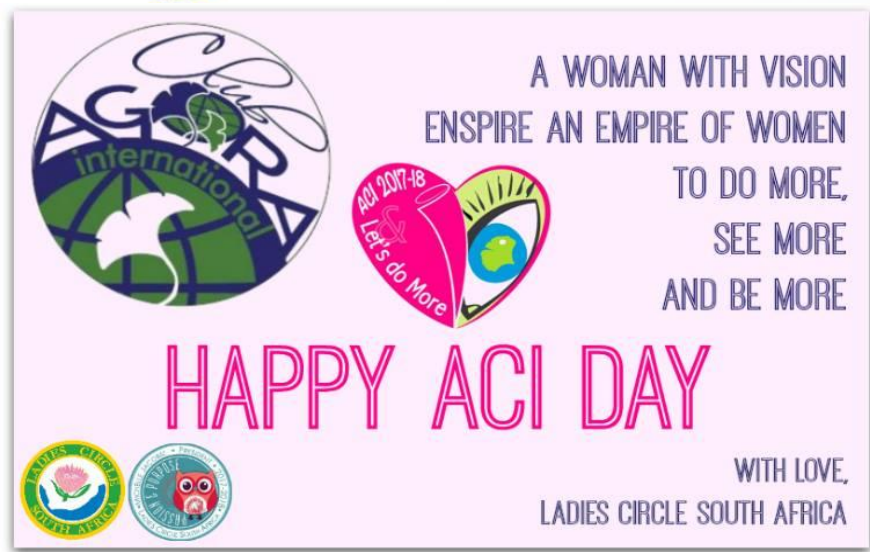


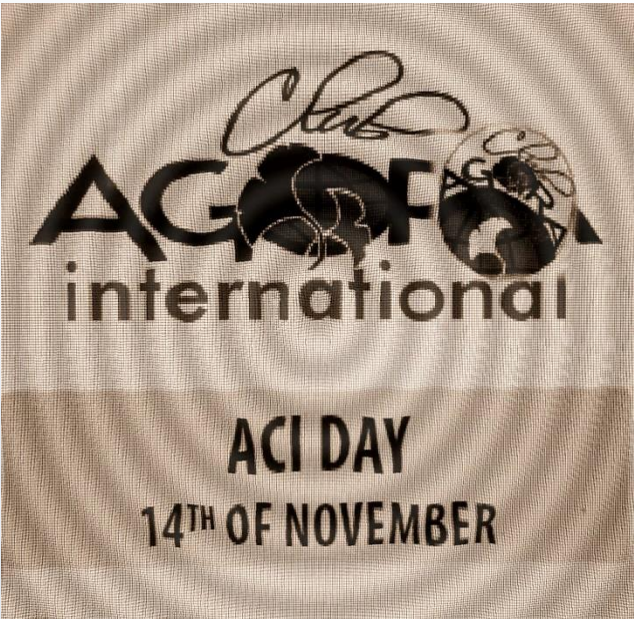
Some of you didn't send us reports about what you organized on this special day, but have pictures on Facebook... Then I copied them and you could find them below...

Enjoy reading all the reports of this Newsletter and don't forget to send us other report for the next newsletter, especially the country that didn't send anything this year....

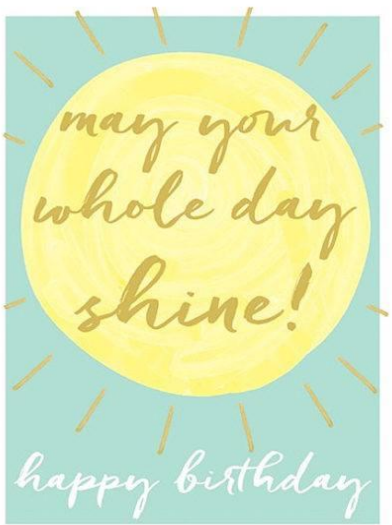
Yours in Friendship and Love,

Isabelle Séguinot











Club AGORA LILLE 1 - 30 years old !



Dear Friends,

As written in the History of Agora Club International, a group of former members of Ladies'Circle created the first Agora Club in Lille (Marcq-en-Baroeul), France, in 1987. Then the French National Board was founded in 1988 and, after the foundation of the first Clubs in the Netherlands and in Belgium, the first International Annual Council took place in Strasbourg, France, in June 1996...



To celebrate these 30 years of friendship in service and tolerance, Agora Club of Lille 1 is very happy to show you the photos illustrating these very first great Agora events!

Let's discover the beginning of Agora Club...

1987, November the 14th : the very first day!

City Hall of Marcq-en Baroeul : French Ladies' Circle Club National President, French Club 41 National President, International Club 41 President, numerous French Round Table members and many friends, chartering AC Marcq-Lens 1... (to become AC Lille 1 later on...)

Annick Thiery Founding President, presented with the AC Marcq-Lens 1 President necklace, by Nicole Charlot.



Nicole Charlot entering new AC Marcq-Lens 1



The all members of AC 1 Marcq-Lens!



1988 : French National Board :

Colette Gourni, Annie Ferdinand, Nicole Charlot, Annick Thiery

1996, June the 8th: first Annual International conference



Annie Ferdinand, presented with the ACI President necklace, by Nicole Charlot...



First ACI Board with Nicole Charlot, Founding Member of AC Lille 1

AC Lille 1 recent events:

2014, March: Gospel Concert for “Solidarité Femmes”



Welcoming song...



AC Lille 1 members took part of “Les Rivières de l’Espoir” (“Rivers of Hope”) for disabled children of our Area. We funded and made breakfast and snack during the all weekend of this boat trip.



New Board 2017-2018:



Summer lunch after protocol handover

AC Lille 1 for his 30th Anniversary in November 2017!



Nicole Charlot, founder member of AC1 Lille and Maryse Dechappe, AC France National President 17-18



AC France National Board and Areas' President 2017-2018



Micheline Geneix, IPP & Maryse Dechappe, NP AC France



Some founder members with Isabelle Cryspin, President of AC 1 Lille 2017-2018

ACI Day 14th of November

Agora Club Iceland

The ladies of Agora Club 1 in Akureyri gathered to listen to Edda Björgvinsdóttir, an Icelandic comedy actress. Her lecture was how to use humor in the workplace and to increase happiness in our lives. We also had guests from the national board of Ladies Circle Iceland.



Meanwhile in Reykjavík the ladies of Agora Club 2,3,4 and 6 gathered in „Veröld“ house of Ms. Vigdís Finnbogadóttir in Reykjavík. Vigdís is the first female in the world to be national elected to be a nation leader. She was our president for 16 years. Vigdís’ house is dedicated to promoting knowledge in foreign languages and encouraging greater understanding between cultures. Our great guide told us all about this institute and led us through the exhibition on the works and interests of Ms. Vigdís.



ACI Day UK – charity and celebration

A wonderful charity lunch was attended by some of the UK Agora Members in support of an excellent charity 'Southend Women's Refuge'. We had a very lucky table as five of us won a raffle prize! Lots of money was raised for this worthwhile cause.



Our ACI was celebrated in evening at the local pub where we enjoyed good company and a little 🍷. Coincidentally we met an ex ladies circle member from our year who may now be interested in joining Agora. Thank-you Alison for taking the photo.



Yicf

Tracey Metcalf

UK National President

ACI DAY - Italy

AGORA MEANS:

A=Action

G=Générosité

O=Ouverture d'esprit

R=Respect des differences

A=Amitié

Every year on 14th November it is important to remember what AGORA means and the values it implies. It is certainly an occasion to meet, have fun and strengthen our philosophy based on FRIENDSHIP AND MORE



Italian Agora Clubs devoted the 14th November to organizing events for their services.

Sorry, no significant or impressive pictures were taken. Most of them were taken in utter darkness....., but candle lights and rooms with log fire create a cozy atmosphere... sorry again.

Letizia



All three Romanian Agora Clubs celebrated the ACI DAY

For AC2 Brasov it has become a tradition for this club to organize a charitable prom on the occasion of the ACI DAY. Proudly to announce that was raised 12000,00 lei (2600,00 Euro) to support the children with autism.



AC3 Brasov had a special joint participation to the International Festival of Chamber Music SoNoRo, to celebrate both ACI DAY and AC3 Brasov 5-th anniversary.



AC4 Craiova participated together with members of LC8 Craiova to a charitable event at the Turkish Halloween Party. Having an important goal or to contribute to the acquisition of an incubator for born prematurely.



With all our friendship,

Rodica Mihaila

Agora Romania Secretary 2017-1028

Agora Day Austria



On this special day we went to Hermagor in Gailtal in Carinthia to the location the restaurant Bärenwirt!

We have two ladies, who always come to our meetings in Spittal from „far away“: Hermagor. So we wanted to spend this special day / evening at this special location! Wondervull dinner, super location and very nice meeting!



National Committee AC France

The Agora Club France in Lille, birthplace of the first AGORA Club in the world

There were two highlights on the Saturday 4th November at Lille for the AGORA Club France well organized by her President Isabelle Cryspin:



The holding of its annual National Committee. A day of working and Friendship led by the AGORA Club France National Board in the presence of more than one hundred AGORA Women including Yvonne HOUBEN, International

Treasurer, who represented Isabelle SEGUINOT, President of the AGORA Club INTERNATIONAL.

The National Committee was built around the motto of Maryse DECHAPPE, National President:

'Action and communication to grow up the AGORA Club'. First, French Agora women elected her new National Vice President, Christiane FIUMANA from AGORA Club Dole 26. Welcome to her in the National Board of Agora France!



The 30th anniversary of AGORA Club Lille 1 during the Gala dinner which is the first AGORA club created in the world!

A very friendly Gala Dinner closed this great week-end with a tribute of the founder Members of Lille1, good meals and few wild dances.



Maryse DECHAPPE
President National 2017-2018
AGORA Club France



HYM TC Germany

Half year meeting of AC Tangent Germany with a lot of news

This year the HYM of AC Tangent Germany took place on November 4th in Hannover.

We started with a brunch, so there was enough time for all participants to exchange the latest news.

The next topics on the agenda were two different workshops dealing with the new App or PR. The App was created and installed since the AGM in April and contains a big part of the German directory. So each member can easily contact another Tangent lady and get information concerning the rules.



In the workshop dealing with public relation, ideas were collected and a working group was founded to work on corporate identity, a flyer etc.



Afterwards the half year meeting took place with IPP Ursula Lejeune of ACI and IPP Gudrun Krüger of LC Germany among the guests. All members of the national board and the advisory board gave their report.

A very exciting and interesting report was given by Kirsten Malle about the German Christmas parcel convoy, which was started in 2002 by German Round Tablers. Nowadays it is a joined service project of Round Table, Ladies' Circle, Old Table and Tangent Club Germany. Locally the members of these clubs give information and ask for support in kinder gardens and schools. The motto is "Children are helping children". So the children are packing shoe boxes with small toys, pencils, sanitary items, sweets, games or clothes for children, who normally do not get Christmas parcels because of their poverty. The parcels are registered and signed with information for the recipients such as sex and age. The members of the service clubs collect the parcels and organize the transport to the central store. There they are packed and loaded on trucks.

This year 110 000 parcels shall be transported to Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova with more than 20 trucks and over 100 helping hands. At the destination the parcels are delivered to poor children in children's homes, hospitals and institutions for disabled children.

After the meeting in the evening a charity gala took place in a big top to raise money for the support of the convoy.



Karen von Koschitzky (IRO)

AC Tangent Germany

Charter Twente 9 The Netherlands



Fruitful board meeting in The Netherlands



On 11 November 2017 the National board of The Netherlands received two representatives of the boards of all the local Agora clubs.

President Marlies welcomed the ladies in the beautiful B&B Mollenvlied of owner Marijke, a member of Agora Vale Ouwe. Although this club does not exist anymore, we did keep in touch with each other and now we are using her B&B for already three years. She is really a fantastic hostess.



There was a special welcome for two new clubs, Voorne-Putten 8 and, recently appointed official member, Twente 9.

This meeting should be an informal event, so everybody has to feel free to say something. Therefore no board decorations (Thanks ACI for this idea, I have seen this on the Councilors meeting in Malta).

The subjects were: Our General Meeting and the way of making annual reports, communications, social media, activities, expansion, upcoming charter of De Kempen and filling the ACN board vacancies.

Surprise, surprise, 2 members offered to be candidate for vice president and treasurer. Waauwwww!

Next to this of course the AIGM and the decisions to be taken, the new ACI board, Malta report of Marlies en Els, the Agora data App, the next AIGM in Gent, and our contact with Ladies Circle. Enough to speak about.



Afterwards we enjoyed a tasty lunch, while Kalinka, secretary of Agora Twente, showed the pictures of the Charter.

The purpose of this meeting is to keep in touch, to consolidate friendship and keep our members more informed about AGORA, locally, nationally and internationally.

In friendship,

Marlies Withagen,

President Agora The Netherlands 2017-2018



Charter Ascelo Picena 9 - Italy



NEWS FROM ITALY

CHARTER MEETING

CLUB AGORA ASCOLI PICENO 9





You might ask : < Where's Ascoli Piceno? I've never heard of it? Is it nice?>

Ascoli is not far from the Adriatic Coast. It's a pleasant little town rich in history and full of wonderful places. I love it. People are very friendly and generous. Any time I visit Ascoli, I feel I have received something valuable: a sip of true friendship, a lesson of genuine brotherhood.

It is in this unique frame that on 11th November I had the privilege to charter a new Club Agora in Italy, the third one this year!!!



On the left: (me) Letizia Iulli, N.P Agora Club Italy and Club Agora Modena 7 godmother President

On the right: the N. VP Maria Luisa Baruffato

In the middle: Laura Gibellieri, president of the newborn Club Agora Ascoli Piceno 9.

It was a great emotion to welcome Laura and the members of the club in our Agora Family which is getting bigger and bigger, but above all closer and closer despite the geographic distances.



The 13 new members of Club Agora Ascoli Piceno 9 and the Italian National Board:

Cristina Calgaro National Secretary, Letizia Iulli President and M.Luisa Baruffato Vice President.

Surrounded by the warm and protective friendship of Club 41 Italy and local:



Three Past National Presidents and Claudio Onofri National President club 41



All together, 4 Clubs 1 Vision



Club 41 Ascoli

The just born Club Agora was cheered by the representatives of the Italian Agora Clubs, by Ladies' Circle National President Daniela Bergantino, the National Treasure Eleonora Frascione, Martino Santoro National Weblady and Ladies' from Milan and Verona, by the N.I.P.P of Round Table Franco Alletta and by a joyful multitude of 41ers.

It was nice and satisfactory to see the 4 Italian Clubs hug Agora Club Ascoli Piceno 9 and wishing them a long and enthusiastic life in our association.

After the ceremony, the great gala dinner was in an unusual place: a deconsecrated church where, beside lovely food, the night was delighted by 7 skillful dancers and the presence of a proud Mayor.





The Mayor

And.... Everything ended in glory and in a state of bliss with a gorgeous cake!!!!



Thank you AGORA CLUB ASCOLI PICENO 9! It was great to perceive your energy, your enthusiasm and your desire to share Agora Values.

Go on like that!

Your Friend Letizia

Charter Agora Club St Quentin 54

On the last 25th November 2017 took place the **charter of the AGORA Club SAINT QUENTIN 54** under the chairmanship of Maryse DECHAPPE, National President of AC France.



The club was honored by the presence of Isabelle SEGUINOT, President of the Agora Club International, Bruno CIARELLI, National President of the French 41 Club and Emmanuelle LECUYER, National president of the Ladies Circle France.



Many clubs of the Quatalagor (41 Club, RT, LC and Agora Club) came to accompany us for this memorable day in our club's life.

Thank you to all of you, for your participation and your messages.



That was a very good moment of shared friendship.

Agnès DOUARD

Founder President AC Saint Quentin 54

New member Agora Austria

We admitted Silvia Campidell to membership of our club!

Our president Christine Wernitznig gave her the Agora map, Agora button & Agora pin!

Our vice president Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler read the “AIMS & OBJECTIVES” – and we all welcomed her!!! - Afterwards we had a photo shooting!



HYM 41 International and Tangent Club International

For the first time, I attended a HYM of 41 and TC International.



At Bologna airport I could admire two Ferraris in the hall. And then I had the pleasure to meet friends from 41 Romania. It was fun to travel together to Rimini! There Mara Muggioli from Agora Club Rimini was waiting for me to bring me to my hotel in Riccione. Lucky me! Thank you Mara!

As I had registered early enough, I was part of the lucky ones who were invited for a private dinner at a 41ers home. What a nice evening with lovely people!



The Motto of the welcome was Romagna, traditional dress, food and traditional dance performance. What a fun evening!



I said greetings at the 41 International Conferences and then joined the TCI Conference.



Banner exchange and a fantastic Gala evening!



A perfectly organized Conference! I enjoyed every minute!

15 years celebration - Lady Circle 5 Spittal

6th November 2017 the Spittaler Ladies invited to their „birthday party “and presentation of the new calendar.

We took part in celebrating this wonderful evening in the Spittaler castle Porcia!

Super, we went there together in a group of 14 ladies! And we wanted be the good fairies!

First each lady wrote down a good wish on our “Agora-Post it”. We handed out these wishes to every lady of LC5 “dressed” with a pink fairy hat!

At last the founding presidents Ulli Steiner with founding members of Lady Circle 5 Spittal!



HJV Murtal - Austria „Half“- Annual Meeting Austria Lady Circle, Agora, Round Table & Club 41

October 20 – 22th, 2017 – our ladies took part – of course!

Christine Wernitznig and Sonja Penker are very grateful for the invitation and a „super funny evening“!



Friendship Fairy tail Morocco

A LADIES FAIRY TALE: ONCE UPON A TIME AT LC 2005, birth of friendly relationship at LCM6 between Hind and Dounia.

A friendship was born in 2005



Toghether at LCM6



Together at the creation of LCM12 in 2014/15



The launch of their
catering company:
Tasty Kech..



Italy - Special Christmas Food



For a special occasion from my town MODENA



tortellini



zampone

If you carefully avoid restaurants for tourists, it is really difficult to eat in a mediocre way in Italy, and,

if you look at my size, you can easily understand I'm terribly right.....

Modena, my town is famous for Pavarotti, for Ferrari cars, but also for Balsamic vinegar, for Cheese, for food in general. On Christmas Day we have tortellini followed by a couple of slices of zampone, some white beans and mashed potatoes.

Avoid blood tests after Christmas...

Letizia



Greetings - End of the year !

Recipe for Happiness

4 Cups of Love
2 Cups of Loyalty
Dash of Faith
3 Cups of Kindness
4 Cups of Understanding
1 Cup of Friendship
1 Cup of Agora Spirit
5 Spoonful's of Hope
1 Barrel of Laughter
Pinch of Forgiveness
Dash of Thoughtfulness



Take Love and Loyalty and mix thoroughly with Faith.

Blend in Kindness and Understanding, add Friendship and Hope.

Sprinkle abundantly with Laughter and Agora Spirit.

Garnish with Forgiveness and Thoughtfulness, bake with Sunshine.

Keep warm with a Steady Flame of Passion, Serve daily with Generous Helpings.

Dear Agora Ladies, Dear Friends,

On this special period of the year, cherish all these nice moments you will spend with all your family and dear friends. which will give you precious memories for the future...

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas... On behalf of the International Board 2017-2018, Anna, Ursula, Maria Erla, Yvonne & Veerle, I wish you all great fests of the end of the year.

Yours in Friendship and Love

Isabelle



ACI Calendar 2018

CALENDAR AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL 2018

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
6-11 TH JANUARY 18	BOARD MEETING 2	GOZO, MALTA
26-28 TH JANUARY 18	MTM LCI	LUXEMBOURG
2-4 TH FEBRUARY 2018	MTM LCI	GABORONE, BOTSWANA
11 TH FEBRUARY 2018	LCI DAY	
12 TH FEBRUARY 2018	TCI DAY	
16 TH FEBRUARY 2018	CHARTER AC	HAIFA & TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
22-25 TH FEBRUARY 2018	HYM RTI	GENT, BELGIUM
3 TH MARCH 2018	CHARTER ACT	LÜNEBURG, GERMANY
8 TH MARCH 2018	50 TH ANNIVERSARY LC	HONG KONG
14 TH MARCH 2018	RTI DAY	
17 TH MARCH 2018	CHARTER AC CHARTER AC	BLOIS, FRANCE CASABLANCA, MOROCCO
27 TH MARCH 2018	AGM AC 2	LAUSANNE, SWITZERLAND
31 ST MARCH 2018	CHARTER AC	MEAUX, FRANCE
7 TH APRIL 2018	CHARTER AC	KEMPEN, THE NETHERLAND
11-15 TH APRIL 2018	LADIES CARAVAN	MOROCCO
19-22 TH APRIL 2018	PAST LCI OFFICERS MEETING	BRUGES, BELGIUM
21 ST APRIL 2018	CHARTER AC	BEZIERS, FRANCE
23-27 TH APRIL 2018	BOARD MEETING 3	SPITTAL, AUSTRIA
27-29 TH APRIL 2018	HYM 41 Int + HYM TCI AGM ATC GERMANY	PÖRTSCHACH, AUSTRIA LÜNEBURG, GERMANY
10-13 TH MAY 2018	10 YEARS AC BRASOV AGM AC MADAGASCAR (+LC+RT+EFTW)	ROMANIA MOHAMBO, MADAGASCAR
11 TH MAY 2018	5 YEAR CHARTER	ICELAND
12 TH MAY 2018	AGM AC ICELAND AGM AC LEMAN AGM AC BOTSWANA	REYKJAVIK LEMAN, SWITZERLAND GABORONE, BOTSWANA
12 TH -13 TH MAY 2018	AGM AC ITALY AGM AC MOROCCO	MARRAKECH
19 TH MAY 2018	AGM AC SOUTH AFRICA	LOUIS TRICHARD, SOUTH AFRICA
???	AGM AC MALTA AGM AC1 AUSTRIA	VALETTA SPITTAL
2 ND JUNE 2018	AGM AC ROMANIA CHARTER ACT	HERCULANE, ROMANIA OLDENBURG, GERMANY
8 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC UK	SOUTHEND ON SEA, UK
9 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC FRANCE AGM AC THE NETHERLAND	BAGNOLS DE L'ORME, FRANCE NOORDWIJK
14 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC NORWAY	SANDNES, NORWAY
16 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC USA AGM AC ZAMBIA	DETROIT, USA SAMFYA, ZAMBIA
23 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC BELGIUM	BEERVELDE, BELGIUM
27 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC AUSTRIA	SPITTAL, AUSTRIA
30 TH JUNE 2018	AGM AC ISRAEL	TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
30 TH AUGUST- 2 ND SEPTEMBER 2018	LCI CONFERENCE RTI CONFERENCE	HAUGESUND, NORWAY MOMBASA, KENYA
30 TH SEPTEMBER- 3 RD OCTOBER 2018	BOARD MEETING 4	TONGEREN, BELGIUM
5-7 TH OCTOBER 2018	ACI CONFERENCE	GENT, BELGIUM