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Living in the 21st century is like being at a buffet of opportunities – we get to pick and choose what we want from a variety of options. Do we go for a professional career, a handsome partner, a larger house, a dog or a cat, a new pair of shoes, or that delicious dish on the menu? And hey, somewhere in there, we also decided to join Agora Club. Because, you know, it's about time, why not? Each decision shapes our journey in unique ways.

When I first stepped into my Agora Club, I only knew my "godmother" Adela. The whole thing felt like stepping into an alternate universe where new regulations suddenly mattered – a stark contrast to how I usually roll in my family and business. Despite my initial hesitation, I was quickly surrounded by the warm embrace of friendship, a sense of camaraderie, and inclusivity. Before I knew it, I had homework assigned to me!

From my first travel for a club charter in Austria to the experience of hosting teams for 2 ACI AGMs, many charity projects, international initiatives like "Eyes for the World" and #keepagirlchildinschool, or SOS Survivors for Ukrainian refugees, creative workshops, magic parties, meeting friends from all walks of life and different cultures, even navigating through a pandemic, Agora opened up a whole new world of experiences and perspectives that I never knew existed.

Sure, it hasn't always been smooth sailing (or budget-friendly!), but the journey has always been a matter of choice. Now, after a decade of laughter, tears, and unforgettable moments, I find myself enriched with memories, a large tight-knit circle of friends all over the world and all over the Round Table Family, and a sense of fulfillment both for the collective good and my own personal growth.



FRIENDSHIPS



Once in the Republic of Moldova, I asked in a restaurant about a friend from Round Table – the waiter told me all the tables they have are squared! Today, Round Table Moldova is a popular, trendy, and desirable club. The world is changing, and we need to run faster to keep the step.

As for future plans? Well, once I've whipped my neglected business back into shape, my sights are set on exploring every corner of the world, enlarging my Agora horizon, embracing the joys of becoming a mother-in-law and hopefully grandmother, continuing my passion for charity work with our ISP 2023-25 Laptops4Hope, and sewing my own hand-embroidered traditional Romanian blouse!

Cheers to a rollercoaster ride of a journey, and here's to many more adventures ahead.

Mihaela Cracana
ACI IPP 2023-24

SIDE BY SIDE

SIDE BY SIDE – LET'S BE A VISIBLE PART OF THE RT FAMILY

In January and February our Board members accompanied by lots of other ACI members visited the MTMs of Ladies Circle International. This is not only a lot of fun, but also important to strengthen our bonds with the Circlers and to make them aware of who we are. We presented our new Power Point Presentation which you can find in the ACW soon. Please feel free to use it at your national LC AGM or whenever you held an info meeting about our organization.

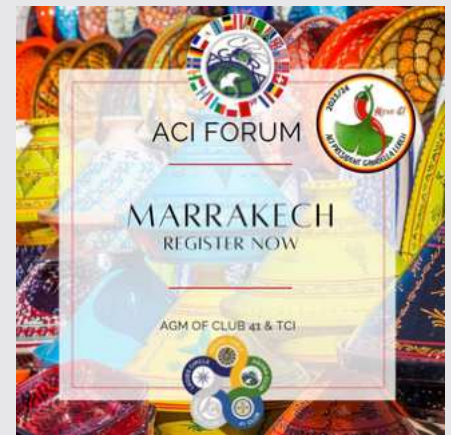




AGORA FORUM IN MARRAKESH

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE FORUM OF
AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL FROM
30/5 TO 2/6/2024 IN MARRAKECH:
PLEASE REGISTER SOON AND MOVE IT!
[HTTPS://WMAGM.COM/](https://wmagm.com/)

TOPICS WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS:
TRAVEL FUND/ VISIBILITY/ ACI REGIONS



PRACHIS REPORT AGM BRASOV

My heart is still full of gratitude towards you all and Chilufya, Sumaya for approving and granting the travel fund to me to witness the Agora splendour at the wonderfully held AGM in 2023. Foremost, my apologies to you all for sending this article so late as I conveniently forgot about this. Here I go....

The AGM was another window to friendships across boundaries and borders propelled with the warmth of our magical AGORA World. Having been part of the ROUND TABLE FAMILY since 2000, most of it was familiar but I loved the experience completely and came back being enriched with heart-warming friendships and a heart full of memories that'll be etched in me forever. Mihaela and her family opening their hearts and home to me and 10s of others friends is something I'll never ever forget. From our inception and till today she continues to mentor me in every possible way and it's a quality I'm inspired with.



The pre tours in Romania and the entire AGM experience followed by post tour on our own with the Botswana girls will always be cherished. Each event more enriching than the previous. I loved the parade and in years to come in future I'm hoping that my fellow Indian agora members will travel for it.

I chronicled my experiences in details on my social media page to inspire people to join AGORA and yes it made people more aware.... We are slowly steadily growing and in future hoping to travel with more than just me to represent our ever growing country and experience warmth of our AGORA world I'm so very grateful to you all for extending the travel grant 🙏

Thank you so much
Warmly~

Prāchi Agarwāl
INFO TRAVEL FUND

ACI CONFERENCE IN HANOVER



We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our AGM! Our members from ACT 27 Hanover have prepared interesting pre- and post-tours and, of course, chosen wonderful venues for our AGM. Registration is open until mid-June: www.aci2024.com

AGM 2026 WHERE IS THE NEXT?

This is your chance to showcase your country's unique culture, hospitality, and leave a lasting impression, build bridges, and create unforgettable memories for us! No pressure - wherever we meet, it will be a wonderful time!

So, we offer you the opportunity to step up and invite us to your town/country for the

ACI Conference in 2026.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with our board members who, of course, will assist you and answer all your questions.



Charity March with LCI

Together with Ladies' Circle International and Tangent Club International we supported not only #Orange Day in November together and set a sign against gender-based violence, but also the LCI Charity March to do #steps4her and raise awareness for the LCI Service Project **Kvinna** till Kvinna.

Thank you to all who took part and made an impact!



ACI SERVICE PROJECT LAPTOPS4HOPE



ISP Laptops4Hope: April 2024 will be our ISP April on Social Media and we focus on #Laptops4Hope. #Laptops4Hope is our International Service Project 2023-25 which #AgoraClubRomania is in charge of, but of course of all of us should and can contribute to it.

This month is about presenting some activities and giving some ideas to your clubs how you could support this wonderful project on different levels: It is not only about donating money, finding sponsorship or giving out electronic devices to Mihaela for her to hand out to schools, young people or anyone else. You could also collect laptops and give them to local charities or wherever they are needed.

Please send in your activities for our ISP to some@agoraclubinternational.com



— SIDE BY SIDE —

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Another important step was made by AC Austria and ACT Germany who both signed #4clubs1vision agreements with their national RT, LC and Club 41. In these Memorandums of Understanding they agreed on how to improve their side by side projects and how to support each other in the best way possible. This can be joined board meetings, regional meetings or even AGMs, encouraging members who reach the age limit to continue their life in our club family,



NEWS SOCIAL MEDIA



ACT Germany created postcards which are given out to their circlers and especially to invite ladies who are getting close to the age limit to an AC meeting. This might be an idea for your club/ country as well – please don't wait for new members to contact you, just reach out to them or someone else might do.

Please help Sandra to show what we move and how colourful ACI is and send her photos and short texts on your activities or new clubs: so-me@agoraclubinternational.com



We try to be visible for all members of our Round Table Family, but especially to attract the Ladies' Circlers. On Social Media are presenting each member country this year and take part in different social media challenges. Please feel free to share them on your account – private or club – to make us as ACI more visible. We would love you to start a national or local Social Media Account and our board assistant Sandra is offering a second workshop on this (28.5.2024 at 6pm MET).

Online Workshops:

- 11.4. ACW Board Switch
- 17.4. ACW Board Switch
- 22.4. ACW Workshop Club Admins
- 23.4. ACW Workshop Advanced Ladies / Advanced Club Admins
- 07.5. ACW Workshop Floor Members / New Ladies
- 28.5. Social Media Workshop for everyone

