

Club AGORA international

PART OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Digital Chartering of Cyprus

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Introduction

ACI PRESIDENT CHRIS HELSEN



**Hello ladies all over the world,
How are you all?**

It is been a while since our last newsletter but do not think that your International Board is sleeping or chill out!! When you follow us on Facebook or Instagram you have probably seen that we are busy. Busy busy bees.....

Our main and most important heart-warming event was indeed the Charter of AC Cyprus. The preparation with the ladies in Cyprus and the board was a stimulating, inspiring adventure. What a joy!! The charter ,30th of January gave us such a positive vibe. So many ladies who attended the charter on Zoom , the interest of the members of the Round Table Family was really appreciated. Thank you ladies of Cyprus to go for your goal, and started the first Agora Club in Cyprus. Congratulations president Dora Artemi 😊, Dora mou, as we say in Cyprus (which means my Dora)

Three Board meetings in January: and four Board meetings in February, thanks to Zoom.

Legal structure, new guidelines and application for travel fund grant, AgoraClub.World, Wikipedia, Individual members are a few topics we discussed.

February and march are also the months for the Mid Term Meetings(MTM) of Ladies Circle International, on zoom this year.

Side by side, we attended alternately the MTM of the Southern European, African, Middle European and APAC Region. Congratulations ladies, your meetings are very professional and well organized. Empower to Grow, as this is the motto of LCI

And we keep in touch with the Round Table Family, LCI/TCI/RTI and 41Club int.

In our newsletter you can read about the following items:

- Charter of Agora Club Cyprus
- Letter of Ladies Circle International
- President, Femke van Raam-Schuurbiers
- Ladies Circle International Day/ End the
- Stigma
- Waste Challenge of the Round Table Family
- ISP, # KeepAGirlChildinSchool update



Enjoy reading and keep us updated about your projects and events. We still keep on working in the virtual world. Reaching out a helping hand to those who need it, give you energy to go forward!

We Dare To Grow More for another year! Keep in touch ladies

A big virtual hug from your president,
Chris Helsen

And do not forget to smile because:



a smile is the shortest distance
between two people



Charter of Agora Club Cyprus

Hello from AGORA CLUB No1 CYPRUS

..... yes that's right, one more club in the Agora family world, one more country!!!! We are finally with you and we are so proud, so happy... We felt so honoured to welcome you all, to our Virtual charter in the 30th of January 2021.....thank you for being there and support us...this gave us power and strength to be established and to grow more. We were so happy and honoured for that moment ...

Since I was a national president of Ladies Circle Cyprus and represented my club to an LCI AGM, it was then that... in a bus to a welcome party with my dear friend Veerle who I just met, start discussing about Agora.....ideas and procedures for starting of what we needed and how we could follow . When the time-age comes ...she told me ,she would be there for us to help us start,.... and she did.

The time passed and after getting not old ☺ ...but older ☺ and after I became an honorary member of the Ladies Circle Cyprus , my beautiful friends, Zoe, Nayia, Maria, Aristi....my national board now....started with me procedures for the 1st club. Past President Veerle, and Immediate PP Anna Tabone , Chris and Mihaela that they both visited us in Cyprus and help us with the start-up, were here for us.... all the way. Jill and all of the Agora Belgium member friends accepted our invitation of becoming our godmother countrywhich made us so honoured and happy..... different circumstances and then Covid19 and restrictions... we delayed for a while. But, ...finally the time has arrived for the 1st Agora Club Cyprus.

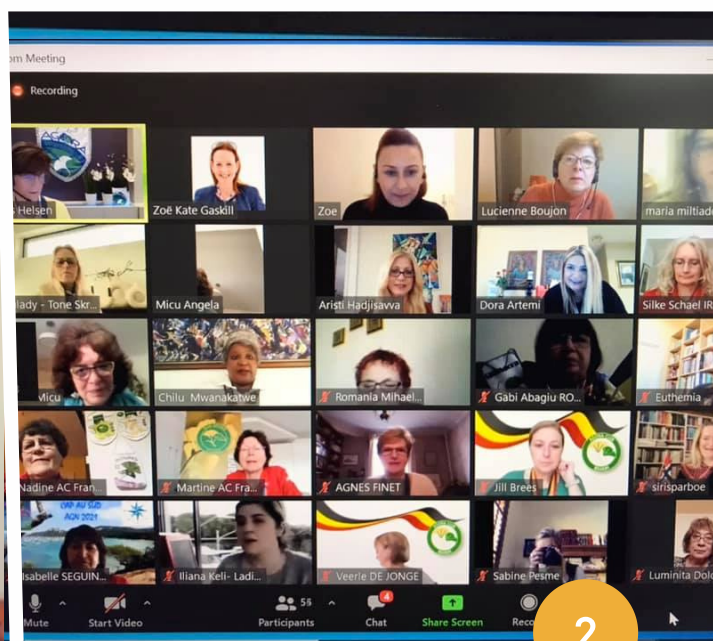
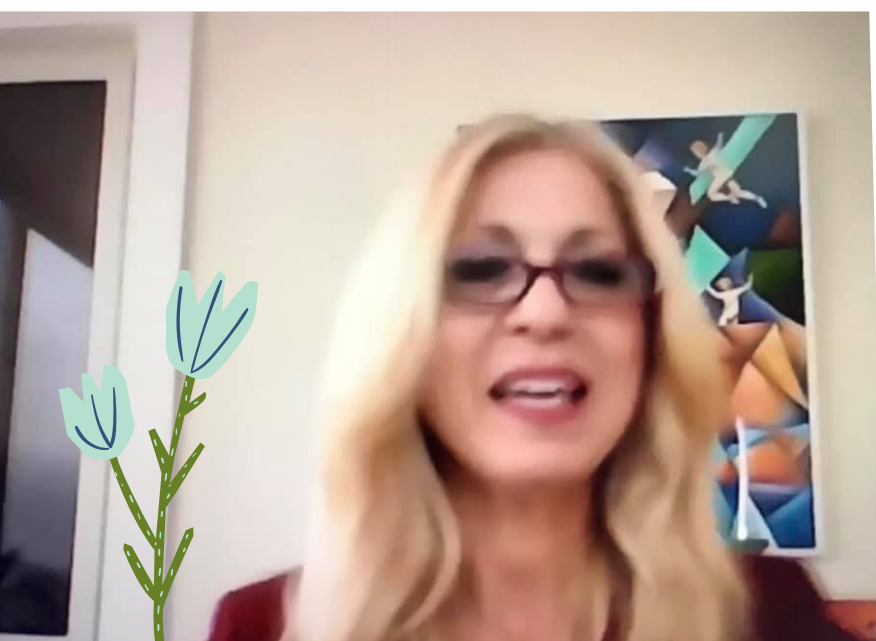
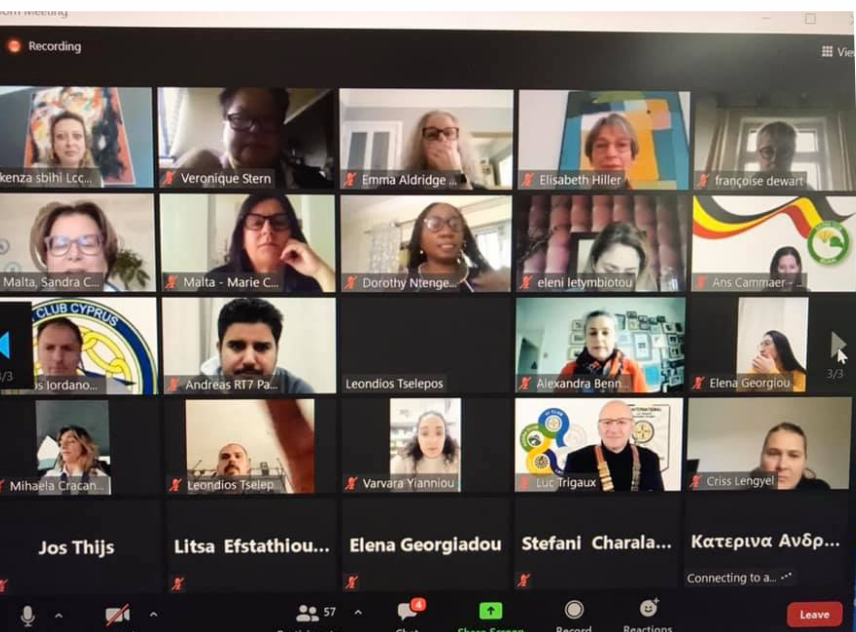
It was a virtual charter , but dont worry...we will have the welcome and celebration party as soon as the restrictions of the pandemia allows it. We will be waiting for all of you to celebrate it here in Cyprus. Be sure that...we will carry our name with pride and dignity .. we will follow the rules and constitution of our club.....and we will definitely, try to have the best cooperation and friendship between the clubs ...I would like to send a warm and huge hug to my beloved friends , without them i wouldnt be able to organize and start the club..... Zoe, Aristi, Maria, Nayia..thank you ladies so so much

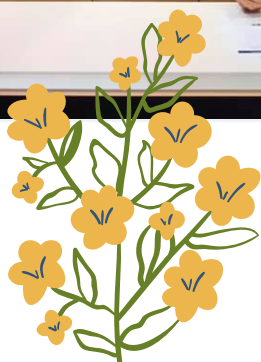
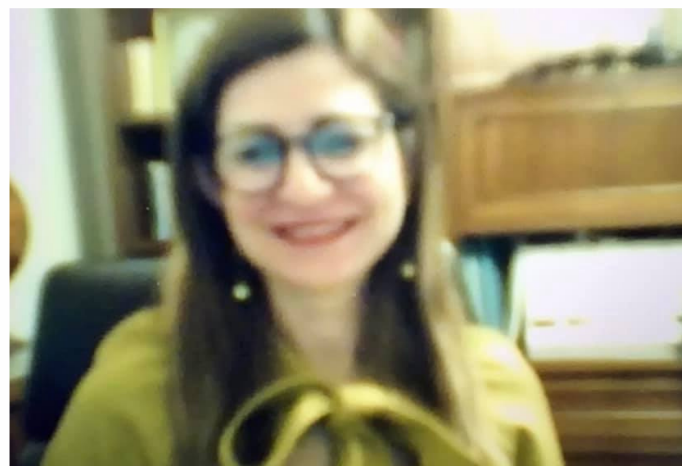
I also would like to thank the national board of the godmother country and its president Jill for the beautiful gifts that we received earlier, umbrellas, pins and Leonidas chocolates of course..... the very pleasant surprise with the beautiful card wish, wine, chocolates and roses from Chris and Mihaela and all the Int Board....thank you my dear friends, you are always in our heart.....So touching my dear friends, thanks so so much for your warm heart, friendship and support xx

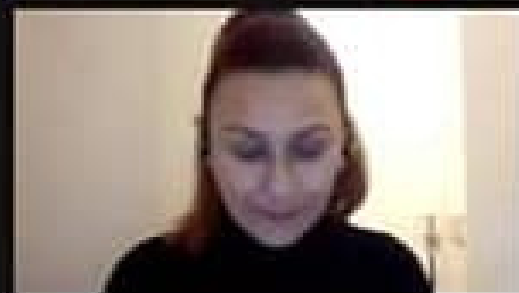
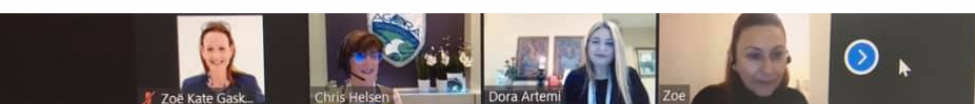
From deep inside my heart I wish you all, an enjoyable and lovely Healthy covid19 free 2021
See you soon in Cyprus!!!!

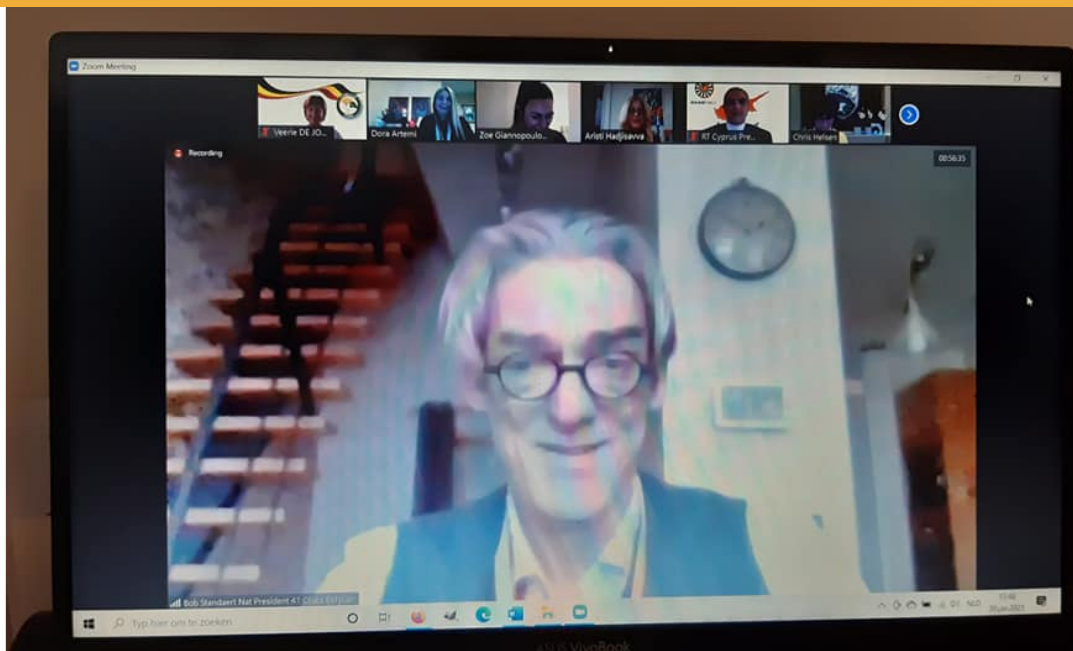
Dora Tsioli Artemi
President
Agora Club Cyprus













Dear ladies,

First of all, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic 2021! Hopefully it will be a year with many beautiful moments, with lots of love and above all in good health. My name is Femke van Raam-Schuurbijs and this year I have the honor to represent Ladies' Circle as the International President, and what a year it is. Obviously, I don't have to explain everything is different, but different doesn't always have to be a bad thing.

With the start of 2021, and this LCI year being well on its way, I realized that we can be so proud of ourselves. In a few months we have managed to open up to a whole new world of opportunities. We found ways that we probably wouldn't even have explored. I would love to share some of the beautiful things I've seen in the past few months.

Maybe you have heard of our International Service Project, Project Crimson. It is a project similar to your International Project, Keep a Child in School. With donations we set up units to produce sanitary products for underprivileged women. Many of the inaugurations of these units are done virtually. This gives us the option to attend these special moments.

On the 11th of February we celebrate LCI day. Connecting with our sisters is more important than ever. That is why we want to do something special by putting period poverty and period in general on the agenda all over the world. We want to create awareness on this topic. That is exactly where our two projects meet each other! It would be great if ACI and LCI can create this awareness together and show the world that a woman's period is very normal. It is not dirty or to be ashamed of. It is part of normal life.

We have asked our members to do something that is suitable for their own country. This could be collecting sanitary pads for a shelter, but also an (online) informational session. It could be as simple as putting pictures on social media of yourself or your husbands buying sanitary products. It would be amazing if you would join us on (or around) the 11th of February.

Something completely different, is the way we see our members reaching out to each other. They visit other club meetings, they join online (service) events and they organize social activities with other clubs. This happens on national level but also on international level, and maybe even better: on a Side by Side level! Thank you for all ACI members who support our Circlers in so many ways. This is highly appreciated.

We might not be able to travel, but we can always visit each other. Together we can still make a difference, even from our homes. We can still celebrate friendship in many ways. And if you dare, you can empower yourself and the world around you and that will make all of us grow!



Yours in Friendship and Service
FEMKE VAN RAAM-SCHUURBIJS
 President 2020-2021
 Ladies' Circle International



Ladies Circle International Day



EVERY YEAR, ON THE 11TH OF FEBRUARY, CIRCLERS,
ALL OVER THE WORLD, CELEBRATE LADIES CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL DAY .

Circlers, all over the world, celebrate Ladies Circle International Day .

This year's theme was Ending Period Poverty. One would ask, what is "period poverty?" Period Poverty, is not being able to afford period products such as pads, tampons, panty liners, period cups etc to help manage monthly periods. Some women and girls end up using pieces of cloth , paper towels , toilet paper to help during this period . Others, especially, the girls, simply close themselves up in their homes for fear of messing up their clothes in public and being laughed at, or bullied by their peers.

Agora Club Zambia (ACZ), had the privilege of working Side by Side with the Ladies Circle Africa Region Chairperson, Idah Samulola, Ladies Circle Zambia and Tangent Club Zambia. We attended the celebrations in Lusaka and visited the Vision of Hope Orphanage which also cares for abused children. ACZ, donated 5 cartons of sanitary pads to help end period poverty for the girls. Due to the Covid pandemic and the slow movement of goods within our region, our own Palesa pads, would not have made it on time. However , I am happy to report that I did gift my Palesa bucket to Esther , one of the girls at the Home . As soon as our Palesa pads arrive, we would love to go back and gift the remaining girls with Palesa pads.



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End The Stigma

Mihaela, Chris et 12 amis

☆ Ça m'intéresse



In the evening, Round Table International, spearheaded by their International Vice President, Graham Cornelissen, presented a live broadcast, #Endthestigma.

This initiative was done to educate members about periods and related matters. Some questions asked were:

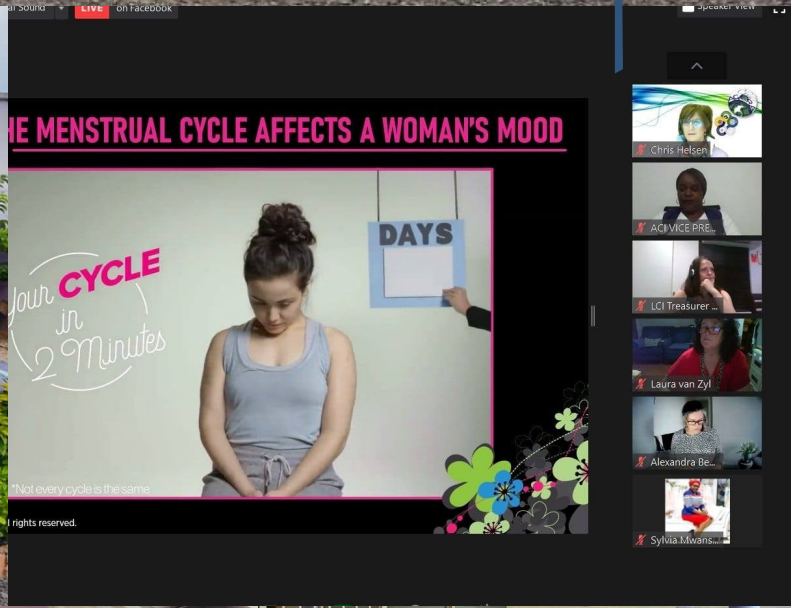
- why are some wives/partners such 'monsters' during PMS?
- when is the best time to try for a baby or avoid getting pregnant?
- is it ok to have sex during periods?
- can a woman get pregnant while on her period?
- how best can men help their women during this period?

We also discussed some myths surrounding periods.

These discussions were facilitated by Sherie De Wet, CEO and Founder of Palesa pads, our suppliers for our ACI ISP. Sherie did a good job explaining periods and she talked about the different products available on the market for use during periods, including our Palesa pads.

The participants were made aware that Periods are part and parcel of a woman's reproductive years and not something to feel ashamed about. Women and girls have been taught to hide periods and not to discuss them. It is time to end the stigma, break the taboo and end period poverty!





Waste Challenge

Let's clean up the world!
1 – 7 March 2021



A challenge run by

- Ladies' Circle International
- Round Table International
- Agora Club International
- Tangent Club International
- 41 club International



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With special help from

- The Green Ladies

GREEN LADIES

Green Ladies is a group of members of Ladies' Circle the Netherlands, that formed a few years ago. The goal is to make Circlers and their network aware of how we can improve our ecological footprint.

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HOW TO USE PALESA REUSABLE SANITARY PADS



Menstruation is often shrouded in secrecy, shame & stigma, taking a heavy toll on women's mental & physical health.

END THE STIGMA.

EDUCATE TO ELIMINATE THE STIGMA
11 FEBRUARY 2021

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Palesa Pads
Reusable sanitary towels



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#KEEPAGIRLCHILDINSCHOOL - UPDATE

ACI ISP Update



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FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM: @agoraclubinternational

#KeepAGirlChildInSchool

News...



Hello Ladies!!!

I hope 2021 has been treating you well.

The ISP has had a slow start this year, here in South Africa the children only went back to school in mid February as we are still on Level 3 Lockdown.

Behind the scenes, we have exciting plans to **expand the ISP to Zambia and Romania**, we will have more news on that once we have figured out all the logistics.



On LCI Day, we attended the **#EndTheStigma** event. Round Table International vice president, Graham Cornelissen in side-by-side spirit organized a Facebook event to sustain Ladies' Circle International and Agora Club International. Ladies Circle has an ISP called Crimson which promotes dignity for young ladies during menstruation. Sherie De Wet of Palesa Pads, was invited to give a presentation which went a long way in increasing awareness of Agora's ISP **#KeepAGirlChildInSchool**.



This awareness resulted in a R350 euro donation from RTI Shopkeeper Rajat Singhal. We are so grateful!

On that note, we would once again like to thank every one of you for your generous support of the ISP, we could not do it without you!

Thank You...



Agora Club
Germany



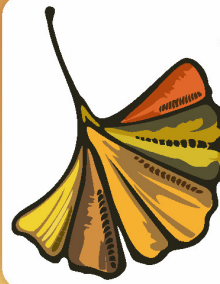
Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€1400.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ There is no exercise better for the heart
than reaching down and lifting people up.
John Holmes ”



Agora Club
The Netherlands



Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€ 900.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be
compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.
Ralph Waldo Emerson ”



Agora Club
France
in honour of Anita Figved



Thank You!

Your kind donation of
€50.00
to help keep a girl child in school
is sincerely appreciated!

“ So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart,
I shall say that life is good.
Helen Keller ”



**Thank
You!**



ROUNDTABLE

Thank you Rajat Singhal

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“ I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.
Edward Everett Hale ”





✱ Sherie de Wet



✱ RTI VP - Graham Cornelissen



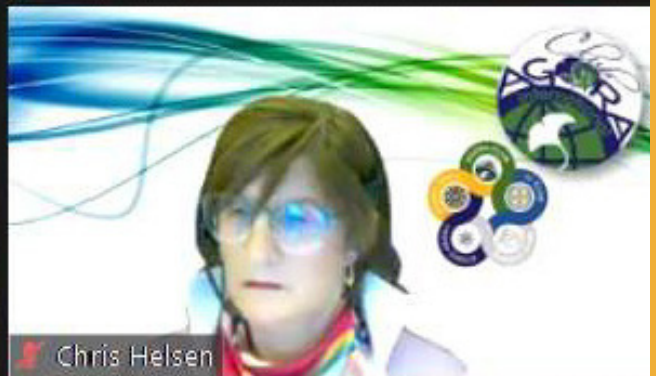
✱ Laura van Zyl



✱ LCI Treasurer - Yvette Cornelis...



✱ Mihaela Cracana



✱ Chris Helsen



✱ ACI VICE PRESIDENT CHILUFYA...



✱ Alexandra Bennett

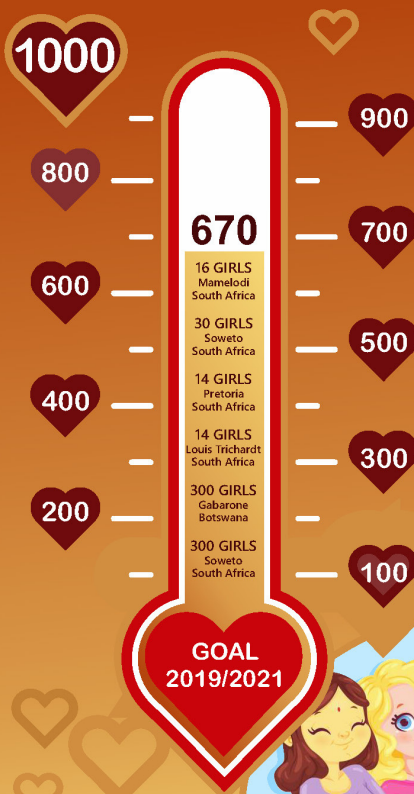


✱ LCI President - Femke van Raa...



✱ Sylvia Mwansa Past LCI P...

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Help us reach our goal to keep 1000 girl children in school!

€15 helps 1 girl for 5 years

Donations can be made to the ACI account:

Agora Club International
IBAN BE 25-001-6811249-82
BIC/SWIFT: GEBABEBB

Reference: ISP DONATION
+ your name / club name



#Keep A Girl Child In School

Contributing to help us with our goal of Keeping a Girl Child in School is very much appreciated. Your donations make it possible for us to continue to help more girls. Thank you for being involved and supporting this life changing cause.

Please channel all donations for the ISP through the **ACI Treasurer** for easy accountability.

Agora Club International
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ACI INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

We are so exceedingly proud to have an International Service Project(ISP) which is endorsed and supported by all the members of Agora Club International

Our first ISP was Eyes For The World for 4 years, the next ISP is KEEP A GIRL CHILD IN SCHOOL.

It seems like we just started with this heart-warming project, nevertheless it is already in our second year.

According to our rules (see below) : every full member country can propose a new project or the chosen project can be re- elected.

The Application form can be downloaded from our website and they should be sent to the ACI Secretary before the 30th of June prior to the ACI AGM.

Thank you in advance,

The ACI Board

9. ACI International Service Project (the "ACI Project" of "ACI ISP")

- 9.1. ACI has an International Service Project, which is voted on at the ACI AGM every second year. Every full Member Country can propose a new project. The chosen project can be re-elected. The project is preferably, not mandatory located in an ACI Country, anyway an ACI Full Member Country must always be responsible for overseeing the Project.
- 9.2. The National Treasurers need to collect the monies raised in their Country for the ACI Project and pay them to the following ACI ISP Account whenever there is a reasonable amount to pay with confirmation of all donations sent to the ACI Treasurer.
Name Account [•]; Account No.: [•]; P.O. Box [•]; Country [•].
The ACI Treasury will transfer the funds to the ACI Project whenever there is a reasonable amount to ensure the continuing funding of the ACI Project.
- 9.3. The ACI Full Member Country hosting and/or responsible for the ACI Project must open a separate account for the ACI Project and is responsible to provide a written report on the progress of the ACI Project at least once a year (at the ACI AGM) to all the Full Member and Associate Member Countries.
- 9.4. Immediately after the ACI Project has been chosen at an ACI AGM, the ACI Treasurer will transfer an amount of Euro 1,000 to the ACI ISP account.
Respectively, at the end of each ACI Project, Euro 1,000 is left on the ACI ISP Account for the next project.
- 9.5. Applications for a new ACI ISP Project should be sent to the ACI Secretary on or before the 30th of June prior to the ACI AGM of that same year with a detailed description of the intended ACI Project





Looking for new challenge, a new opportunity?

THE ACI BOARD ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

PAST PRESIDENT (THIS JOB IS NOT VACANT)

PRESIDENT (THIS JOB IS NOT VACANT)

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

SUPPORTIVE ROLE: WEBLADY

You can find your nomination form on the website of ACI,
www.agoraclubinternational.com . If you have any questions or doubts, please
contact Chris Helsen, ACI President +32476221284 , helsen.c@gmail.com

Calendar of events 2020-2021

MONTH	Date	EVENT	PLACE COUNTRY, CITY
2020			
SEPTEMBER			
	5	RTI AGM	ZOOM
	20	HYM C41 international	ZOOM
OCTOBER			
	3	ACI CM	ZOOM
		ACI AGM	ZOOM
NOVEMBER			
	7	HYM LC+Agora France	canceled
	14-15	ACI Day Moto Raid to Ampefy with Quatalagor Madagascar Family	Madagascar
DECEMBER			
2021			
JANUARY			
		LCI – MTM Nordic	On zoom
FEBRUARY			
	13	LCI-MTM- Africa	On zoom
	13	LCI-MTM – SE Europe	On zoom
	11-14	RTI HYM	Sri-Lanka
	20	LCI-MTM-Middle Europe	On zoom
	27	LCI - MTM APAC	On zoom
MARCH			
APRIL			
	24	AGM ATC Germany	Germany, Osnabrück
		AGM AC Switzerland	Switzerland Lausanne
MAY			
	7-9	AGM AC Madagascar	Nosybe
	15	AGM AC Iceland	Iceland Reykjavik
	21	AGM AC USA	USA, Detroit
	22	AGM AC South Africa	Johannesburg
	22-26	BOARDMEETING ACI	Italy, Verona
	27-29	ACI FORUM	Italy, Verona
	27-29	C41 international AGM	Italy, Verona
	29	AGM AC The Netherlands	The Netherlands, Twente
	29	AGM AC France	France, Hyeres
	29	AGM AC Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe, Harare
	29	AGM Tangent International	Verona, Italy
JUNE			
	8	AGM AC Norway	Norway, Sanders
	12	AGM AC France	France, Cannes
	13	AGM AC Zambia	Zambia, Sanfya
	18	AGM AC Malta	Malta, Valetta
	26	AGM AC Belgium	Belgium, Tiennen
	26	AGM AC Botswana	Botswana, Gaborone
		AGM AC Romania	Romania, Dubova
		AGM AC Morocco	Morocco, Casablanca
JULY			
		AGM Israel	Israel, Tel Aviv

AUGUST			
	26-29	LCI-AGM	Morocco, Casablanca
SEPTEMBER			
OCTOBER			
	1-3	AGM ACI	The Netherlands, The Hague
	3	Handover Meeting BM1	
	14-16	HYM C41 international	Romania, Brasov
		HYM Tangent International	Romania, Brasov

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