



PART OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Keep in touch ladies!

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Introduction

ACI PRESIDENT CHRIS HELSEN



Hello ladies, all over the world,

How are you all, really? Unquestionably a simple question but so important to ask!

When I look back at 2020, I see a different life, a different life style. This worldwide pandemic brought pain and loss for some people. The situation in the different countries are not the same but what I have seen on social media is the positive energy of our Agora Club members. We managed to sail through this difficult year and we will keep on sailing through the next difficult months. Even though in a lot of local clubs it is not possible to organize monthly physical meetings, everybody is getting more creative on Zoom nowadays. Well done ladies; keep going! Our International Service Project, #Keepagirlschildinschool with Palesa Pads is still going on. Not with large missions at the moment but we decided to have many 'mini' missions. Our barometer is coming along nicely. Today we have helped 628 girls. And we hope to have many more 'mini' missions. If you, as a country would like to apply for a mission, please feel free to contact us.

"Helping one person might not change the world , but it could change the word for one person"

We received some sad news from AC USA. They closed down the AC Club in Seattle. Very sorry to hear the news but a few members of this club will stay on as individual member. Thank you ladies for your commitment.

In our newsletter you have the opportunity to read about the next items

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- How to start Agora Club World in your country?
- 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 Chris Helsen

Sometimes all you really
need is someone to hug you
tight and refuse to let you
go until you feel better.

You are VERY Special





HAPPY

ACI DAY

14TH NOVEMBER

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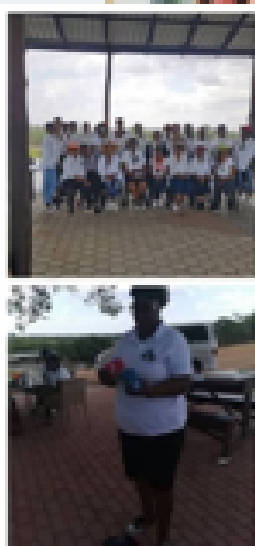
ACI DAY - WORLD OF AGORA CELEBRATE

Dear ladies,

Every year 14 th November Agora club members worldwide celebrate their special anniversary. This year we have a different way to show we care, and we are proud and happy to be part of our Agora Clubs I did find a lot of ACI Day Greetings on Facebook, Thank you I will share them with you, for all our friends who do not have a Facebook account or are not yet part of our Facebook group and page.

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AC AUSTRIA
Happy Agora Day,
dear ladies !!!



AC Zambia
Side by side Agora
and LC Zambia





AC UK

Happy ACI day to all our Agora friends from AC UK, looking forward to seeing you in person in 2021



Nous vous souhaitons 'a happy ACI-day' !

Wij wensen je een 'happy ACI-day' !

We wish you 'a happy ACI-day' !

Jill, Ans, Marleen, Françoise, Yvonne



AC Belgium

Happy ACI day



AC USA

Happy ACI Day to all Agora Friends worldwide from Agora Detroit!



Happy ACI Day to all Agora friends worldwide from AC 7 Suceava-Romania 🇷🇴 ❤️ ❤️ 🥰 🥰



AC Romania



AC The Netherlands
Happy ACI day from
Agoraclub 8 Voorne Putten
The Netherlands. We had the
zoommeeting of all boards
of ACNL. It was a very good
meeting and we felt very
connected in this
extraordinary time





AC Nepal



AC France
Happy ACI day
from Paris



ATC GERMANY

Happy ACI-Day to all
my friends around the globe! Miss
you all! Ursula Lejeune

Happy ACI Day to all Agora friends worldwide from AC 7 Lokeren-Waasland (Belgium) ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

AC Belgium



AC South Africa

Happy ACI Day to all our International sisters from Agora Club South Africa. We masked-up to show our gratitude to healthcare heroes who risk their lives to care for those infected by the virus. 2020 has been a year to remember!s



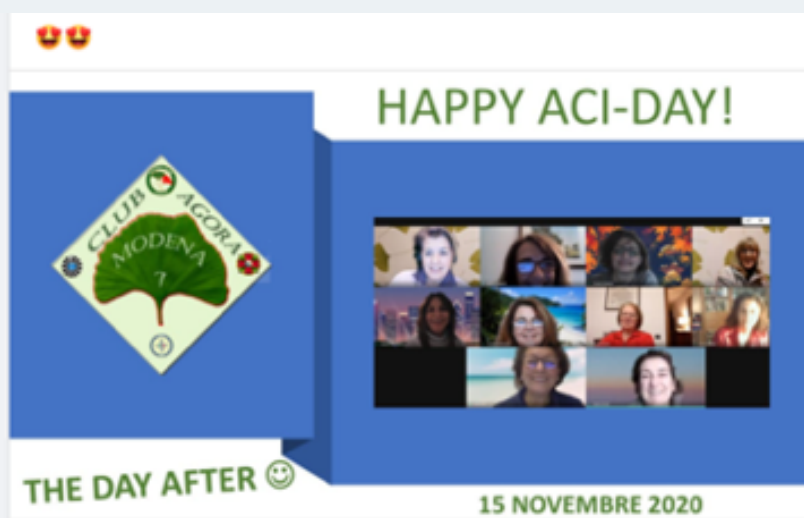


AC Botswana



AC Marocco

D-Day avec Club Agora Maroc
#SeeWithYourHeart, with
#CAMaroc, and
#DareToGrowMore in a
#FriendshipAndTolerance #ACI
way



AC Italy





**AC Cyprus
In formation**

Happy ACI Day from
AGORA Club Cyprus i.f.
Dear friends from AGORA
Club International, stay
healthy and safe and hope
to meet you the earliest
* Friendship-Service-
Tolerance *



AC France

ACI Day to all Agora
Friends worldwide from
AC39 Hyères !
Une très belle journée
de l'Agora à toutes mes
amies Agora dans le
monde, de la part du
Club Agora 39 Hyères



AC Iceland

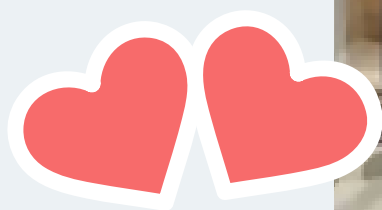
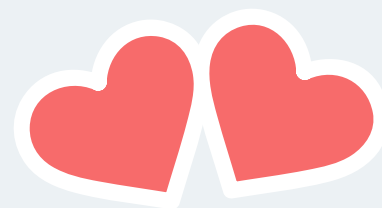
Best wishes from María
Erla Hilmarsdóttir, Svala
Stefánsdóttir, Ingveldur
Frímannsdóttir and
Guðbjörg Guðbjörg
Sigríður Snorradóttir
Agora 3 Iceland



AC GB&I



C41 International



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To our Agora sisters 😊

Happy ACI day to our AGORA SISTERS We feel blessed,
because our friendship is a true gift of life
May your day be as wonderful as you are!!



Round

Table International

To all the ladies, family & friends at Agora Club International, Happy ACI Day!

Here's to many more side-by-side celebrations in the near future & beyond.



APAC Region - Ladies Circle International

We wish all the members of Agora Club International a very Happy Agora Club International Day!



Happy ACI Day

14 November 2020



Happy Agora Club
International Day!
We wish you all a very special
celebration and
especially to our dear friends
from the Agora Romaniaac
Clubs.

Virtual hugs from us,
Ladies Circle Romania



Kalyani
Reynolds West
Have a
wonderful day
ladies!



Sara Hammam
ACI DAY Happiness
benevolence Friendship



Frieda Vanden Hende
Dedeurwaerder
ACI DAY Happiness
benevolence Friendship



Thats all folks!



AC MADAGASCAR



A very special ACI Day celebration

Happy ACI DAY 2020 all Agora ladies around the world.

The Agora club Sariaka Madagascar for this year 2020 after the confinement since the 22nd of March didn't had any party time at so when the lockdown was finished we were all inspired to do something special to celebrate the ACI DAY 2020 .So we decided to do the Agora Moto Raid 2020 to Ampefy where we will travel and have a happy weekend holidays with our family and friends in the Quatalagor family.



AC MADAGASCAR

Ampefy is 120 km from Antananarivo the city, where the weather is just super good so for those who want to ride motorcycle can ride it and those who want to drive their car can also come with their car. We made the appointment at 8h30 doing the listing of the participants and started to go to Ampefy. We arrived at Ampefy at 12h and we had our lunch outside with barbecue of fish and chicken with a big buffet of salads and of course with a good chilly wine.

After we took a little nap and then went to the swimming pool having fun and talk, talk. In the evening we had our campfire party on the middle of the mountain where we can see the beautiful view of Ampefy all around. Everybody danced, sang, laughed, had a wonderful time. Later on we all went back to the nice hotel for a good night sleep and in the morning a warm and delicious breakfast waited for us and after we went back to Antananarivo. It was a beautiful ACI DAY party we ever had and we project to do this moto raid from now on.

**Lots of love and sunshine from Madagascar.
Dominique Gontare.**



ATC GERMANY



On the magic date

On the magic date of 10th of October 2020 Agora Club Tangent 38 Coburg from the Bavarian area celebrates a delightful charter evening.

We experience a perfectly organized charter event according to the applicable COVID-19 rules: lovingly set tables with the allowed distance to each other, a delicious 4 course menu by star* kitchen chef and castle's owner Andreas Rehberger, a little "wine trip" with sommelier Alexandra Rehberger and some background music by a DJ. But above all - we are surrounded by cheerful laughing and highly motivated ladies!

After some small talk club president Barbara in smart "Tangent Red" welcomes all the guests: national president Birgit, members of godmother club AC Tangent 14 Kulmbach, the town's representatives from LC, RT, 41 Club, some few guests from Munich, Mönchengladbach, Hamburg and Walsrode, partners.

Elisabeth from Walsrode lights the candle of friendship and Brigitte from Hamburg reads the aims and objectives.

It follows Birgit's "début"! Birgit finds heartwarming and open words and it is completely quiet in the room. After her charter speech all ladies get a little red heart balloons, the German Pin and some frills. Because of the distance regulations she hands the gifts over with a boat hook. Additionally, for saying cheers, she gives some bottles of prosecco and red wine. In connection, the national president Birgit, the club president Barbara and the godmother's club president Heike sign the charter document!

WELCOME in AC Tangent Germany, Ladies! It is done!

After the official part the godmothers start with a nice round of presentation in form of self-composed and personal rhymes and lucky charms which causes a lot of laughter. All other guests and friends continue with their greetings. And it is curious, but true – all guests seem to have the idea of a "liquid" gift or sweets. What does it say to us?? The only exception is a banner with the Coburg club number...

Last but not least Eva from Mönchengladbach presents the German "Charter-Travel-Lady Tessie. Tessie is a blonde in life size and she wears the red national dress. She is travelling from charter to charter and a "real challenge" for transports...Perhaps next time we will have Tessie as a Barbie doll??

The evening ends with cheerful laughter, informal conversations, good humor and spirits.

Despite of COVID-19:

WE HAVE AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING! WE HAVE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

Lots of love and friendship,
Elisabeth Hiller, club president AC Tangent
31 Walsrode



ATC GERMANY



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ATC ROMANIA



International Prematurity Day

AC Romania – Side-by-side Agora Club- LC Romania

On 17 November worldwide is International Prematurity Day, a celebration of the victory of the little warriors borne before term, who succeed to survive and bring happiness to their family by growing and becoming normal and healthy children. One of the members of Ladies Circle Brasov, told us the story of her babies "one of them was big as a loaf and the other as a croissant".

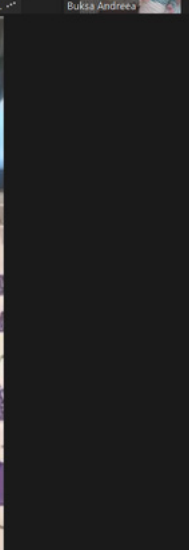
A premature baby have special needs, a secure nest, warm in an incubator, with oxygen and all kind of special tubes, transfusions, special food and surveillance, for months, before he become a normal child.

Since a few years Ladies Circle Romania took the initiative to help some maternity hospitals by donate some incubators and every year they organize fund raising and collect as donation all kind of materials as diapers, special moistures, baby-bottles, clothes, etc and the most important they organize in the hospital a meeting between mothers who gave birth recently to premature babies and mothers with children who were also premature, now grow-up. Purpose is to encourage, give emotional support and maybe advices. Also doctors are always very pleased to see how their ex-patients are running around, healthy and happy . Of course this year the meeting was on Zoom...

Since a few years also Agora ladies joined Ladies Circle's initiative and get more and more involved, so this year, despite Corona crises, Agora Club 5 Sacele obtained a sponsorship of 1100 baby-body of premature size and encouraged Ladies Circle 1 Brasov to distribute the little cloth to all Agora and Ladies Circle clubs in Romania to encourage to organize themselves similar charity actions, on benefit of their own town maternity.

In plus Agora ladies organized a a workshop, ordered 50 m cotton soft fabric, brought their sewing machines and sewed sheets for the little incubators. The two ladies from LC Brasov, Cristina Lengyel (president of LC Romania) and Roxana Dobre, initiator of "Casuta Prematurilor ", sorted the little bodies and shared equally for all Agora clubs and Ladies Circle in Romania. It was such a nice afternoon. Of course not everybody could participate physically in the same time because of the pandemic, but we shared the tasks so everybody was involved one at a time.

Like last year this year the donation continue by organizing presents for mothers with new-born babies where we'll add also little hats , knitted by hardworking and talented Agora ladies through the Knitting Project.



ATC ROMANIA



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ATC MAROCCO



Service Actions in November!

AgoraClub 1Casablanca - social action in the village: AMELN

In the great Atlas of Morocco, in village Amlen, ladies from Casablanca identified the opportunity to develop a classroom where to train village women in sewing and embroidery. These women will create a cooperative that will allow them to produce and sell items , being able to get over these difficult times caused by Covid 19 pandemic.

The donation consist in : 6 sewing machines, 300 m of fabric, 3 large table for cutting and many sewing accessories. The classroom will be soon ready to be used!



Club Agora Rabat 4 – Kitchen project

From our extraordinary friendship are born our most beautiful solidarity actions. Saturday November 7, 2020, we had the immense joy and great pleasure of inaugurating the Kitchen Project, located at the El Menzeh / Rabat Multifunction Center.

A solidarity project in favor of poor women that Club Agora Rabat 4 has funded to the tune of Dh50,000.00, at the request of the Nabta Maroc Association for a partnership.

A kick-off delayed by the health situation, in application of the measures taken by the Moroccan public authorities as part of the fight against COVID -19

From now on, the first team will start the training and learning sessions.
Food hygiene, culinary art and pastry making will be on the menu.
Good luck to the beneficiaries and every of this challenge.

Extraordinary together 🌱❤

ATC MAROCCO





AC USA



Thanksgiving - supported local grocery to bring some happiness to homeless people.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated on various dates in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States and Brazil, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate with family and friends, but also a time of thinking of the ones less fortunate than us. This year, an year with less people at the Thanksgiving table but more loved ones in our thoughts and prayers, Agora Detroit Clubs 2 and 3 supported Lighthouse Food Drive. We've collected over 200lbs (91kg) of groceries that were donated with the hope to bring some happiness to homeless people.

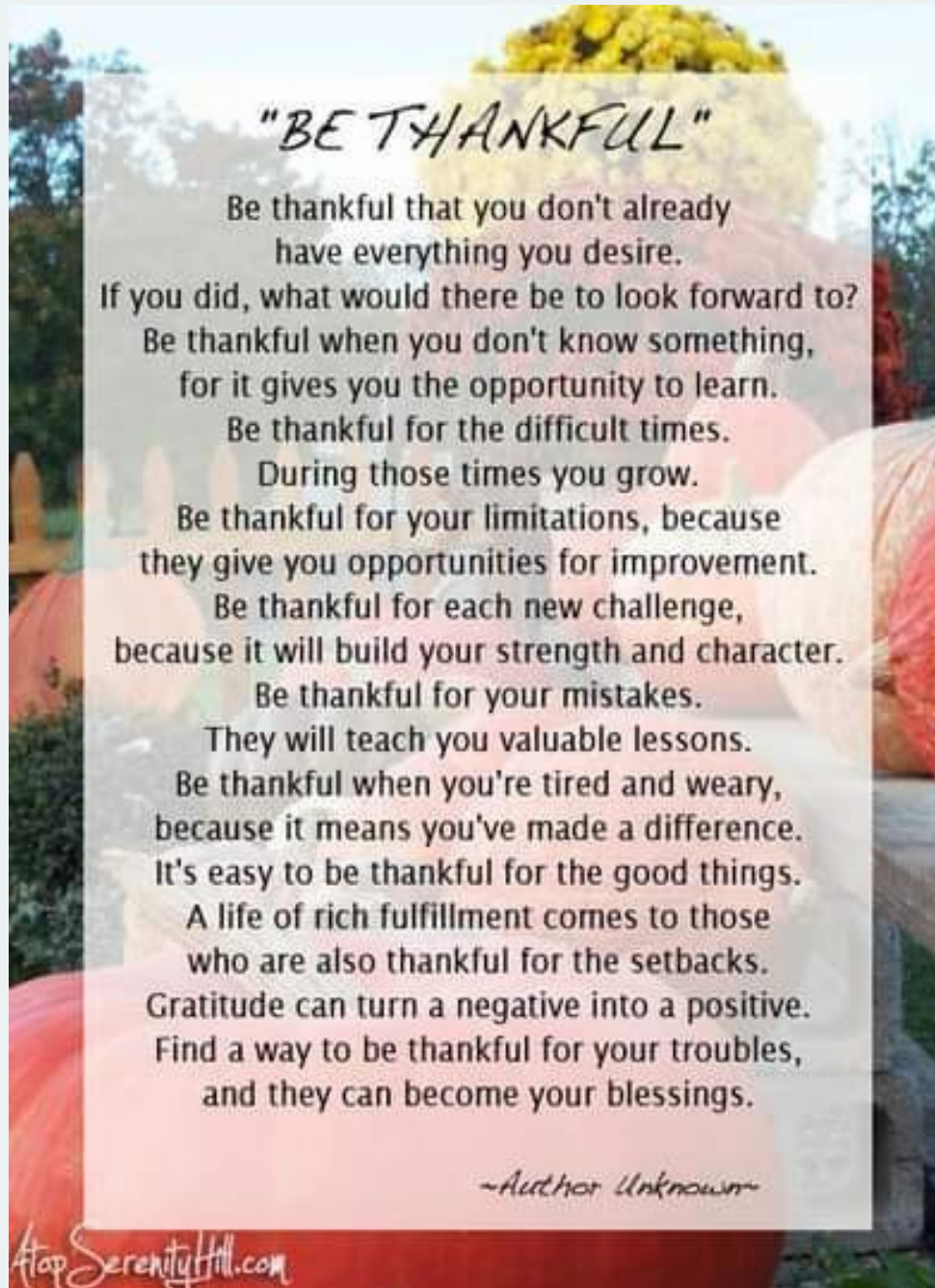
Lighthouse's vision is to solve the problems of poverty and homelessness by building affordable housing in local communities and by providing people with the resources, relationship and skills they need to better themselves.
<https://www.lighthousemi.org>

Here are some pictures taken at the time of food delivery to the Lighthouse place in Pontiac, Michigan.

AC USA



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD, HERE ARE SOME REMINDERS
TO BE THANKFUL FOR, THIS SEASON AND ALWAYS:



HOW TO START AN AGORA CLUB WORLD IN YOUR COUNTRY ?

Benefits of AGORACLUB.WORLD



 **AGORACLUB.WORLD**

How to start ACW in your country

- Sign an adherence in accordance to Framework Agreement – All Families Data Exchange (1 is for the data exchange with RTI/LCI/41..., the other is for the Agora contract)
- Fill the migration file with your members data – if you need support, I'll be here to help you! (acw@tangent-club.de)
- Simple as that 😊

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Costs overview per country

0-50 members	€ 199,00	One time fee for data migration
51-250 members	€ 249,00	
250-500 members	€ 499,00	
501-1000 members	€ 749,00	
1001-5000 members	€ 999,00	
5000+ members	€ 1.499,00	
License fee per member	€ 1,00	yearly

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#KEEPAGIRLCHILDINSCHOOL - UPDATE



ACI ISP Update

#KeepAGirlChildInSchool

News....



Hello Ladies!!!

I hope you are all fine and keeping safe!

Since the ACI AGM in October 2020, the **ACI Board** and the **Convenors** of our **International Service Project** (ISP) Agora Club South Africa (ACSA) have found it imperative to **change our strategy** regarding the **ISP missions** to conform to Covid-19 regulations. Most of our countries are in and out of lockdowns and **large gatherings are no longer permitted**.

After the successful **launch of our first 'mini mission'** in Louis Trichardt, South Africa, where 14 girls from Sumbandila Scholarship Trust were helped in August 2020, it was decided that mini missions was the way to go!



The year 2020/21, kicked off with **14 more girls** from Sumbandila, based at the University of Pretoria, being gifted with Palesa pads. These mini missions are proving to be a hit, as there is a lot more sharing, participation and interaction among the girls, which is usually lacking in big groups.





Early in the second year of the service project, **ACI purchased 386 buckets** from Palesa pads and we got a **rebate of 102** more buckets, bringing our total to **488 in stock**. 88 buckets, will remain with ACSA for mini missions around South Africa. The ISP Team are working hard to get the 88 buckets to girls in need as soon as possible! On Saturday 5th December, AC Kopano will be helping 30 girls from Megatong Primary School in Soweto and on 10 December another 12 girls will receive Palesa pads in Mamalodi, Pretoria. The AC Kopano ladies are also planning a mini mission on the 12th of December. **We look forward to sharing these mini missions with you!**



I am delighted to announce that **100 buckets are on their way to AC Zimbabwe!** We are looking forward to the new activation in our **third country**.

In addition to the mini projects, some of the ACI ladies who attended the launch in South Africa were given (or purchased) a bucket to **donate to a deserving and vulnerable girl in their community**. On the next page are some of the first pictures of these special random one-off donations.

We are mindful that the ISP is an **international project** and as such ACSA are looking for the cheapest and fastest way to get the re-usable pads to **countries outside Africa**. If your country is interested in acquiring stock so that you can help girls in your community, please feel free to get in touch with the ISP Convenors for more information on how to host mini missions.



Our **Barometer** is coming along nicely!
 Todate we have helped **628 girls** and with
 so many mini missions planned, this
 number is sure to shoot up soon!

**We are eternally grateful for every one
 of you who has donated so generously
 - every little bit counts!**



Donations are still very welcome!

A little goes a long way in helping to keep a girl child in school.

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

Find below the account details for ACI.



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

Reference: ISP DONATION
 + your name / club name



Thank You
Chilufya Mwanakatwe ACI VP 2019/21



ISP Gifting...



Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.

During the ISP Launch Agora Ladies were given Palesa Pads to be used as demo kits for fundraising and later to be gifted to someone in need. Here are the first three stories of ISP gifting...



Bev Patterson gifted a bucket to Helen Chauke, founder of the Helen Chauke Foundation who in turn gifted it to her niece.



Bongi Mkhithi gifted a bucket to Tamar Chiliza who is attending school at tertiary level. Both Tamar and her mother were so happy and really appreciated this special gift. For them it means savings, comfort and they will be worry-free every month for 5 years!



Laura van Zyl gifted a bucket to Mukhethwa Mavhungu, a Sumbandila Scholarship student who is studying Bachelor of Nursing at University of Pretoria.

We look forward to reporting more of these personal and heartwarming ISP stories.

Calendar of events 2020-2021

MONTH	Date	EVENT	PLACE COUNTRY, CITY	WHO CAN ATTEND
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	France, Bordeaux	canceled
	6-9	HYM ATC Germany	Kulmbach, Germany	
	14-15	ACI Day Moto Raid to Ampefy with Quatalagor Madagascar Family	Madagascar	
	14	ACI Day		
DECEMBER				
2021				
JANUARY				
	29-31	LCI - MTM APAC	Nepal	Samta
		LCI – MTM Nordic	Denmark	
FEBRUARY				
	5-7	LCI-MTM- Africa	Zambia	Chilu
		LCI-MTM – SE Europe	Cyprus	
	11-14	RTI HYM	Sri-Lanka	
	19-21	LCI-MTM-Middle Europe	Malta	
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 Reykiavik	
	21	AGM AC USA	USA, Detroit	
	22	AGM AC South Africa	Johannesbourg	
	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	Mihaela Chilu
		HYM Tangent International	Romania, Brasov	

ACI EVENTS

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RTI EVENTS

TCI EVENTS



