



Here we are! Your new board 2011- 2012!



Karen, TC Veerle, AC Elisabeth, TC Nikkie, AC Nicole, AC

Dear ladies,

being your new ACI board we are building bridges between Agora and Tangent, between clubs and individual members, between other female and male service clubs.

Especially for those of you, who did not have the chance to join the fantastic ACI conference in Cesenatico and get to know us personally, we would like to introduce ourselves.

If you want to enjoy some phorts of the fantastic event in Cesenatico, you can use the following link:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/dejonge.veerle/AGORAINTERNATIONALCONFERENCEINCESENATICOITALY?authuser=o&feat=directlink>

As I am the only newcomer in the board, Nikkie, Elisabeth, Veerle and Nicole made me feel very welcome during the first two boardmeetings and I want to thank them very much for this. Although I got the best handover from Veerle you can imagine, it will take a little more time to develop my own working structure. You will see the result in the future.

Now enjoy Elisabeth's introduction!

Karen, ACI-Secretary 2011/12

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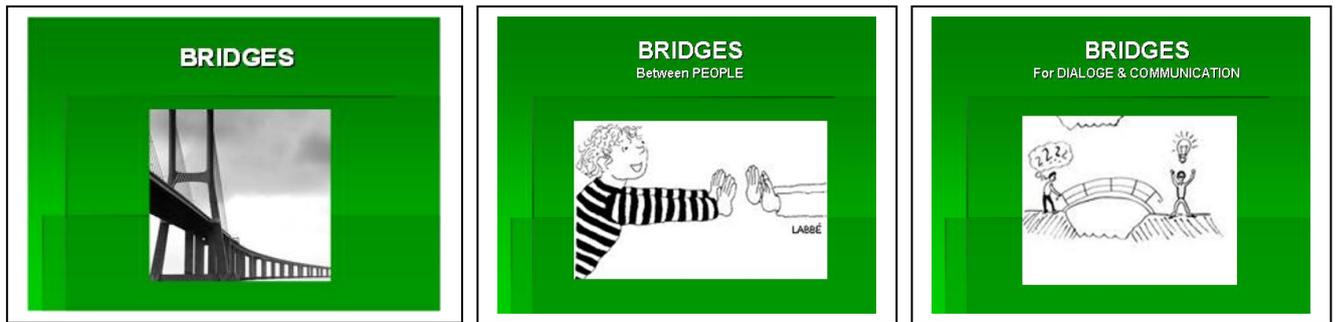
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“Building Bridges”

INTRODUCTION FROM ELISABETH

- It is a great honour and pleasure for me to write these words of welcome to you as the Agora Club International President for the year 2011-2012. What a privilege and what a responsibility!
- I started my international work last year under the guidance of Nikkie Grewar from South Africa, with secretary Veerle from BE, treasurer Nicole from CH and IPP and *honoured member* (since 2011) Danielle from BE - all with international experience in Ladies' Circle.
- I am fully in respect to them and to all previous ACI Board members, who steadily pursued the way of extension.
So, from 1987 till today we grew up to about 1400 members (incl. clubs i.F.) from Northern Europe to South Africa. AC Southend on Sea/UK No. 1 founded this year and these ladies spread of enthusiasm. And in UK, too, we have some few individual members. End of November AC Morocco i.F. is chartering Agora Club Casablanca No. 1. That is all fantastic news!
- In 2009 history was made when my country joined ACI as the first Tangent country. In the spirit of Ladies' Circle it will hopefully be a challenge for all Past Circlers, be Agora *and* Tangent, to follow this way of international past circling on a *common* platform! It would be my matter of heart and it was for this that I choose the motto BUILDING BRIDGES for my presidential year.
- BUILDING BRIDGES is so very important in life. It means living in peace, tolerating different confessions or habits, means getting in touch, shaking hands. It is help, confidence, tolerance and friendship.
- BUILDING BRIDGES between both our associations Agora and Tangent is past circling in continued friendship on international base. May we succeed for future times and follow up the steps of the 41ers, who have two associations' names under one roof since many years.
- In Cesenatico councillors and floor members decided and voted for future times to support the project of Ladies' Circle International which will be for the next two years “Viva con Agua” www.vivaconagua.org.
- YOU can do as well by buying my presidential pin 2011-2012.
- So, dear ladies and friends throughout the world, thank you once again for your support. Looking forward to being of service to you all during this coming year with “BUILDING BRIDGES...”

In continued Friendship
 Elisabeth Hiller
 ACI President 2011-2012

1st October 2011

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Elisabeth, President:

Together with my husband Bernd I'm living in the north of Germany. We founded our own company more than 30 years ago. We are busy in telecommunication, gas, and water. Our two children Christine and Marc are 30 and 28 years old, our little granddaughter Merle "Miss Sunshine" is nearly two. I am a member of Tangent Germany since 2004. I was national President in 2008/09. In my presidential year we "prepared" joining ACI as first Tangent country by keeping our name under the guidance of AC Belgium. Signing the charter document in Bruges 2009 was the beginning of circling in continued friendship on an international platform together with all past circlers and friends of Agora & Tangent. I choose for my year motto "Building Bridges" and I hope that more Tangent countries see Germany's step as a chance to follow as well as other in ACI interested countries to join us. *WE ALL* can "build bridges" and work on its process so that we will be *ONE* circle of friends in future.



Veerle, Vice-President:

I am a past Circler from Belgium and in 2008 I started Agora Club in my hometown Lokeren, in the north-west of Belgium. Ever since my very early steps in Clublife in 1994, I have enjoyed the many encounters with likeminded women, on local , national level and later international level. Luckily I could always count on a lot of support from my husband Dirk and our 3 children Tara, Steven and Mattias, otherwise I could never have combined Agora with my full time job as independent interior architect. These past 2 years have been wonderful working for you as ACI secretary, and now I am looking forward to the year ahead, building bridges together!



Karen, Secretary:

On my photo it looks like winter, but I always have the sun in my heart. I am diplomatic, structured and reliable.

I live in Walsrode in the north of Germany, only 10 km away from Elisabeth's house. My family consists of my husband Dieter and 5 children, three boys and two girls.

At work I am involved in the management of a surgical clinic, although I studied physiotherapy. My membership in Ladies' Circle Germany started 1996 and ended as national president 2007-08. I was always fascinated in the international contacts. This is my third year being a member of Agora Club Tangent Germany. I am looking forward to your e-mails, phone calls, letters, reports, and maybe even visits.



Nicole, Treasurer:

I had a lot of good times being a circler since 1996 and Agora since 2006. I am living in Switzerland and have 3 children, Céline 21 and twins Valérie and Philippe 20.

I love to play golf, skiing (snow is arriving!) and travelling. As I am miss Money Penny, I will be very happy, if all of you would buy the presidential pins from Elisabeth and in that way the countries are raising money for our social project. In Cesenatico, during the gala dinner, we were able to sell tombola tickets and we raised 770 Euros.

It will be an honour and great pleasure for me to receive the contribution of all member countries, in that way we will be able to support together with Ladies Circle International our common project "Viva con Agua".



Nikkie, IPP:

Living in the southern hemisphere in Johannesburg South Africa – we are fast approaching our summer time, lovely warm days ahead! I have two wonderful daughters and now two beautiful little granddaughters, the newest, Ryley Mae was born two weeks ago. My hobbies include Agora and American Tribal Belly Dancing . I am an avid reader as well! I have been part of Ladies Circle and Agora since 1989! I have loved being involved in Agora Club on an international level and know that this year we will grow from strength to strength, within a Circle of Friends Forever..