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**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR  
2011**

Dear Ladies,

Well here we all are in 2011!

I do hope that you all have a wonderful, exciting and positive year. We all on the ACI Board send you lots of greetings.

We had a very good Board meeting at the beginning of this month at Elisabeth's home, in Germany. (Our new 5 star accommodation !!!). Elisabeth spoilt us all and looked after us very, very well! The meeting was held in harmony and with great spirit. We all got to know each other a little better and we were very productive.

I am looking forward to the Charter of Agora Club USA, in March, very much. A historical moment for me as Kelly is my cousin and her mother, my aunt is also a member of Agora Club Seattle. How exciting!!!

The in June we have the Charter of Agora Club Poland, another milestone for Agora Club International.

This year I know will prove to be a very memorable one for us all.

May you all be blessed this year and may your dreams come true.

Much love

*Nikkie*

# News from around the Agora World...



## CHRISTMAS CHARITY CONCERT IN AC BRASOV - ROMANIA

**Gabriela Voinea, President Agora Club Brasov reports :**

This year we decided to organize in December a charity concert in the benefit of the local Hospice of Hope, a worldwide known establishment providing services to patients and families facing end of life issues. This is intended to be the first step in a line of annual Christmas charity concerts.

In Brasov the Hospice was set up in 1992 by Graham Perolls and since then they have treated more than 10,000 patients and are doing an extraordinary work there.

The Brasov Philharmonic, Opera and the Reduta Cultural Center embraced with enthusiasm our project, and accepted to perform for free, one of the local TV Channels - MIX TV made all the advertising and promotion, and we were very glad to see their deep and generous involvement in our community's life.

The concert took place on the 10-th of December and we are very glad to tell you that all the feed-backs are amazingly positive.

We had enjoyed classical music, ballet and opera and, last but not least, the good feeling of selling a number of 330 tickets!

Club 41 number 1, Club 41 number 3, Club 41 number 7, Ladies Circle number 1, Round Table number 1, Round Table number 6 and Round Table number 11, all organizations in Brasov were together with us in friendship and it was a really beautiful event, not only for our clubs but also for our town.

And the most important thing of all is that the funds raised with this concert were finally of more than 2000 EUR!!!

We'd love to share this experience with you, all our friends in Agora, and that's why we will send you some pictures, in order to enjoy it with us!

Yours in friendship,  
Gabriela Voinea, President Agora Brasov



In addition of Gabriela's and Sorina's report I would like to mention the special participation of a few ladies from our club, namely:

**Elena Teslaru** - our treasurer who kindly took care of promoting the event to the other clubs in Brasov (RT 1 , LC 1 , Club 41 no.1, Club 41 no.7) ;

**Domnita Ratiu** - our secretary who took care of leaflets program and posters (she is a skillful designer!)

**Gabriela Voinea** - our president who sold more than 25% of our tickets.

**ALL THE OTHER LADIES** - who participated in selling the rest of the tickets.

**And finally (but not least) Sorina Barbu** - the idea promoter of this concert, which next year will be bigger and more well known in our city and why not – our country.

The main idea from Agora's point of view was to promote the collaboration between all four clubs (LC, MR, Agora and Club 41 ) the "4 Clubs 1 Vision" idea.

Silvia Souca  
Founder President of LC Brasov and LC Romania  
Founder President Agora Club N°2 Brasov Romania

# How's our first individual member doing?



Gill Young reports :

Hello Agora ! (sounds like the Eurovision Song Contest!)

I was very touched by the presentation of the LCI Sweden Charity Project supported by Agora Club International when I visited the ACI AGM in Tallin-Estonia with 2 friends from Southend, and decided that we wanted to raise some money for ECPAT.

We decided to host a bacon sandwich and bucks fizz breakfast, where we raised £210 which converted to 250 Euros.

To help you recognize the **Swedish Circlers and myself**, I attach a photograph from the LCI conference in Bruges which includes me (we all look as if we have had too much to drink, which is probably true!) and a picture from the kitchen where we hosted the event so you can see Louise, Julia and myself (before we drunk the buzz fizz!).

I hope the funds continue to grow and well done on an excellent service project.

Yours in continued friendship and love

Gill Young, Southend Tangent and Individual Member ACI

Julia Jackson, past LC Southend on Sea

Louise Worsfold, past LC Southend on Sea



## ACI Boardmeeting 3 Walsrode-Germany



The board with "Little Miss Sunshine" : Elisabeth's granddaughter Merle



Brigitte Colberg, President Tangent Germany, paid us a visit



Elisabeth's husband Bernd with little Merle

Elisabeth welcomed us with open arms in her beautiful and cozy house. During the weekend we were treated like 5-star guests with extensive breakfasts, typical regional "Hohzeit" (wedding) soup and gyros soup, sweets, cake... what a perfect host Elisabeth is !!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Boardmeeting started on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2011 and ended on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

We worked hard (see the minutes of this 3<sup>rd</sup> boardmeeting soon on the website) but had lots of fun too : we were treated to a nice dinner at Karen Von Kotchinsky's house (member of AC Tangent Walsrode), went to a spectacular show in Hannover and were invited to a birthday party where we met LC and Tangent members.



A wonderful dinner at **Karen's** house!

# Here they are again... Tales from the Jungle

## Nikkie's Tale

I had a lovely Christmas at the coast with family, a lot of walking along the sea front and just being with my sisters, and my partner Keith.

Sadly for me though the new year started with a farewell.

My daughter Leigh-Anne husband Philip and baby to be – Amy left South Africa to live in Canada.

A bitter sweet time, as we are so excited from them, beginning a new life and adventure in a new country but very sad for us, left behind.

Looking forward to an exciting Agora year ahead!

Love, Nikkie



## Veerle and Daniëlle's Tale

On the 17th of January I felt the luckiest girl in the world...and at the end of that day I certainly was the most relaxed girl... Daniëlle treated me (and herself ☺) to an afternoon in a Wellness centre.

mmmm.....Hammam,scrubbing, massages,...  
What a way to start 2011 !

Thank you dear Daniëlle, this was a day to remember!

Xx Veerle



## Elisabeth's Tale

### The new Year started...

Jungle Report January 2011

... with so many positive thoughts and good wishes sending by emails or cards; thanks to you all, dear ladies of ACI and friends!

2011 is only some few days „young“, but it was very busy up to now. Nikkie, Veerle, Nicole and Daniëlle spent some days in Bernd's and my home for our 3rd BM. We worked much but we had a lot of fun, too: Karen & Dieter invited us for a fantastic dinner, we met most of my TC 31 ladies on a birthday party, we visited a variété show, we walked in snow and ice and had always a good time in harmony and laughter! Family-event: we celebrated the *first birthday* of our little granddaughter! It is so wonderful to experience the development of a child's life!

Enjoy the new year, warm regards and many cheerful sweet hearts

Elisabeth



See you again...

in our next newsletter!

Reports of events?

Always welcome!

love,

Veerle