

Spring is in the air....!



Dear Agora Ladies,

Very warm and happy greetings from a warm South Africa!
It is so nice to be able to write this newsletter to you all.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all a little more about myself:

My full name is Nicola Grewar, but I have been called Nikkie for many years! I live in Johannesburg – South Africa where we enjoy a lovely temperate climate.

I have two beautiful daughters Leigh-Anne (30) who is married to Philip and Lyndell (28) who has a partner called Michael.

I am, as we all are, I think a very proud mother!

Both girls live in Johannesburg, but Leigh-Anne and Philip are looking at immigrating to Canada within the next year. Lyndell spent 5 years in the UK, but is home now to stay!

I had the privilege to be the first South African Ladies' Circle International President during years 1999 - 2000.

What an amazing experience that was and I cherish my memories during that time still to this day.

The friendships that have been made both in Ladies Circle and Agora are so very wonderful and unique and will last a lifetime.

I enjoy reading, dancing (when I can), and have a wide spread of other interests, including esoteric subjects and spiritual matters.

I love to learn new things and try every week to find something new or even a new word!

Looking forward to our journey together, over the next few years, in this amazing organization called Agora International.



an aerial view of my home town



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As you all know we had a very productive and special board meeting last month in Lausanne. It is so nice to work **together as one** with good friends.

I have received some articles from various countries and am so pleased that Agora Clubs are doing so well.

Some reports from across the globe:



AC Seattle in formation had a nice get together this month for their Christmas/Holiday celebration. They had a lovely appetizer potluck and then had a gift exchange. They have had a couple of fundraisers through a purse party and candle sales.



Well done ladies – looking forward to your charter soon we hope.



The Agora ladies in **The Netherlands** have had a New Year's gathering to with a visit to a famous sculpture museum in The Hague and a chamber –concert , with in the museum itself.



The Agora ladies in **Leman Switzerland** had a very nice end of year function where they made floral decorations for their Christmas tables and shared the evening with their husbands and partners...A most delightful way to end the year.



In **Estonia** the ladies are very busy planning for ACI - AGM in October 2010, thank you ladies in advance for what I know will be a wonderful conference and a great success.

However they are never too busy to plan another very impressive event – namely the organization of Piacere - the festival of French soloists during the 20th week of 2010 in Tallinn.

15 French musicians of classical music will go to Tallinn from Paris to play for this festival under the management of Daniel Glück and Guillaume Emmanuel Eveillard.

Advertising of this huge event will be on screen, TV, Radio and news paper .What a great coup for Agora Club Estonia and great exposure for Agora Clubs all over the world.





In **AC 7 Lokeren-Waasland** (Belgium) , the girls proved to have their heart at the right place : the club organised a fundraising for Haïti, and offered a cheque of no less then 2500€ to sister Clara Maria, who is working with the Sisters of Mother Theresa in Port-au-Prince. A family member of the sister will hand over the money to her in person !



Agora Club 2 Lausanne, also hosted for the first time in November a very successful charity lunch in favor of the association La Feuillere (This organization helps children and teenagers in trouble, who find at La Feuillere, a refuge specialized in helping their needs) in Mont-sur Lausanne. A sum of 11 190 Swiss francs was raised and handed over to this organization. Very well done ladies of Lausanne Agora Club no 2!



On my home front **Agora Club No 1 Amarula**, is planning a wonderful Wellness weekend. They are hosting the weekend up in the mountains not too far from the border with Zimbabwe. Sounds good to me!!

Your National AGM's are getting closer !

I would like to thank you all for the invitations received to date to all your AGMs. I am sure that you are all busy with the arrangements for these weekends. I would like to wish you all wonderful productive and creative meetings and a fun filled time with your fellow Agora (inas)? Looking forward to hearing how all the meetings went. Enjoy your Agora meetings and socials .

COUNTRY	WHERE	WHEN	Send wishes to president
AC Belgium	Aarschot	26 June 2010	amdelsaerd@skynet.be
AC Estonia	Talinn	28 August 2010	lana@webstore.fr
AC France	Brive La Gaillarde	5 June 2010	nouch_vaugeois@hotmail.fr
AC Tangent Germany	Landau	23-25 April 2010	baerbelbk@web.de
AC The Netherlands	Eindhoven	5 June 2010	i.f.peeters@gmail.com
AC South Africa	Louis Trichardt	29 May 2010	nikkie@dwalsh.co.za
AC Brasov	Brasov	1 May 2010	doragrighori@gmail.com

Dear members, this might just be the time to consider a position in your local or National Board. Don't be afraid to take that jump...**you get SO MUCH in return!**





I would like to leave you with these words and even though I haven't met a lot of you through this wonderful organization of ACI, I already consider you my friends:

You are.....
My friends,
Through good times and bad,
My friends,
Through happy and sad,
Beside me you stand,
Beside me you walk,
You're there to listen,
You're there to talk,
With happiness,
With smiles,
With pain and tears,
I know you'll be there, throughout the years!
You are all good friends to me and I am grateful to you.

With lots of Agora Love
Nikkie Grewar

ACI Vice President
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