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**AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL
HAS WINGS!**





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WELCOME TO (SADLY) THE FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR THIS YEAR.

But it is a BUMPER edition so well worth the wait!!

Many thanks to you all for all the positive feedback for the newsletters this year and to Veerle for the editing and artistic set out of each newsletter –

I think they have been WONDERFUL!!!!

So there goes !!!!!!!

Enjoy and see you all in Italy in October for the ACI AGM!!

Much love to you all

Nikkie

Agora Club International has WINGS indeed!

AC MOROCCO is ready to join us!



Our Moroccan ladies are very busy preparing a fun filled charter weekend !

25,26,27 November 2011 in Casablanca



We all hope to see you on our charter weekend!

registration form attached to this newsletter



**Also locally Agora Club has wings :
About 14 new clubs are ready to charter this year !**



ELISABETH REPORTS on 3 of them

News from AC Tangent Germany

Foundation of 3 more Clubs



■ **TC 18 Dresden i.F./17.03.2011**
10 Ladies coming from the world's famous town Dresden (East Germany) with the „Frauenkirche“ and who met since years now decided to continue with Tangent.

■ **TC21 Weserbergland i.F./03.05.2011**
Three ladies are living a town/region where rats are caught in the past (a story after an old fairytale of „brothers Grimm“). After a telephone call with President Brigitte they quickly decided to this „official“ step!

■ **TC47 Mölln i.F./28.05.2011**
Ladies' Circle adé - Tangent ok!
4 ladies celebrated their foundation with our national President Brigitte who wears a very funny hat with the logo „club of old sacks“

*** Very special:
All founder presidents are called „Sabine“!



MORE CHARTERS !

TC 18 Dresden (G)

AC 6 Livorno (IT)

AC 7 Modena (IT)

AC 14 Arlon (B)

AC 15 Marche-en-Famenne (B)

AC 44 Vitré (F)

AC 45 Angoulême-Marguerite (F)

AC 46 Amiens (F)

AC 47 Lorient-Océan (F)

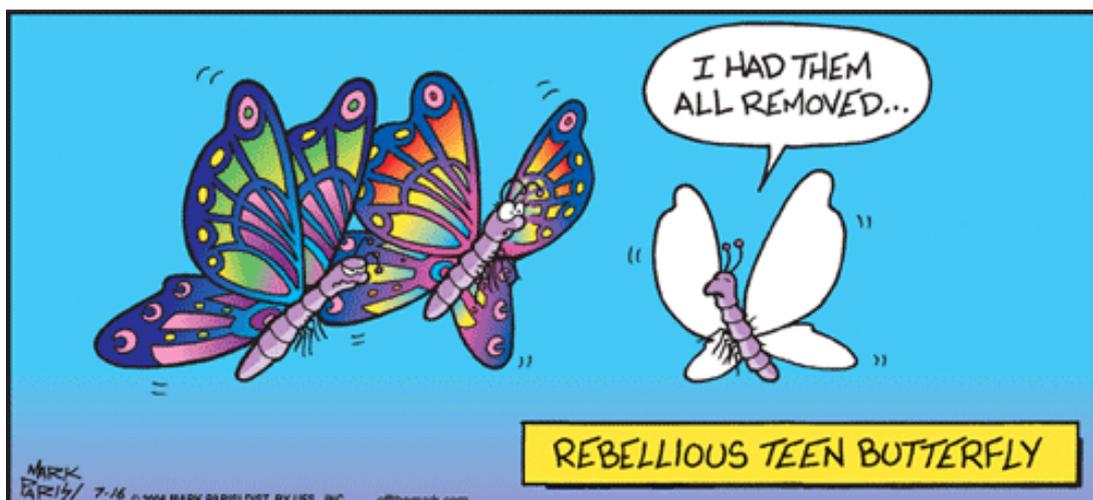
TC 3 Kiel (G)

TC 21 Weserbergland (G)

AC Haifa Club (Israel)

AC Venlo (NL)

TC 47 Mölln (G)



**FROM MAY TO JUNE
THE MEMBERCOUNTRIES
ORGANISE THEIR NATIONAL**

AGM'S

AGORA CLUB SOUTH AFRICA AGM 28 may 2011 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

FOUR CLUBS ONE VISION A REALITY!!

AGORA CLUB SA recently held their 3rd Annual General Meeting in conjunction with Ladies Circle SA on 28 May 2011.

This was a superb weekend of fellowship and friendship.

The highlight of the weekend was the fact that for the **VERY FIRST TIME** in the history of SA we had the full attendance of the Ladies Circle SA National Board, Agora SA National Board and Round Table SA National Board. **WOW!!!** All in one room!!

Although the 41'er board could not make the event we had a number of 41'ers at the AGM as well. How exciting this was, mostly because Round Table National President, Johan Lindeque and his board were so positive about Ladies Circle, and of course AGORA, after being introduced to the beautiful and dynamic ladies of AGORA SA.

SIDE BY SIDE just got bigger in SA and has a new meaning for all of us!!

Four Clubs One Vision has finally taken off and we could not be more proud.

Sandy Van Niekerk

IPP Agora Club South Africa



Sandy, NP Round Table SA Johan Lindeque and Nikkie



With Guy Crichton, VP Round Table SA



Sonel Prinsloo - President LC South Africa, Nikkie, Sandy and Pam Schoeman President Agora Club South Africa



On the Friday night there was a dancing competition – secret until the night and we only had 20 minutes to put together a gumboot type of dance. The Agora ladies see below asked to go first for the judging “in case we forgot what we were meant to do!!” (☺)

Go Girls!!!!

Nikkie

The winning team ! →

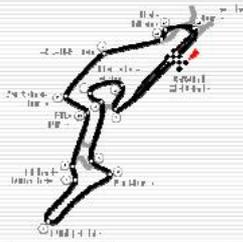




I like Speed!

AGM at the NURBURGRING

Report June 2011



AGM at a very special location!
 This year we celebrated the German Ladies' Circle and Tangent AGM next to the world famous NURBURGRING!
 And – you can imagine – many husbands took part, too, this year. It was an AGM full of power, speed, fun and laughter and an AGM which showed once again the good „side by side“ amongst LC and TC.
 I wish you all a good summer time and remain „Together in Friendship“
Elisabeth



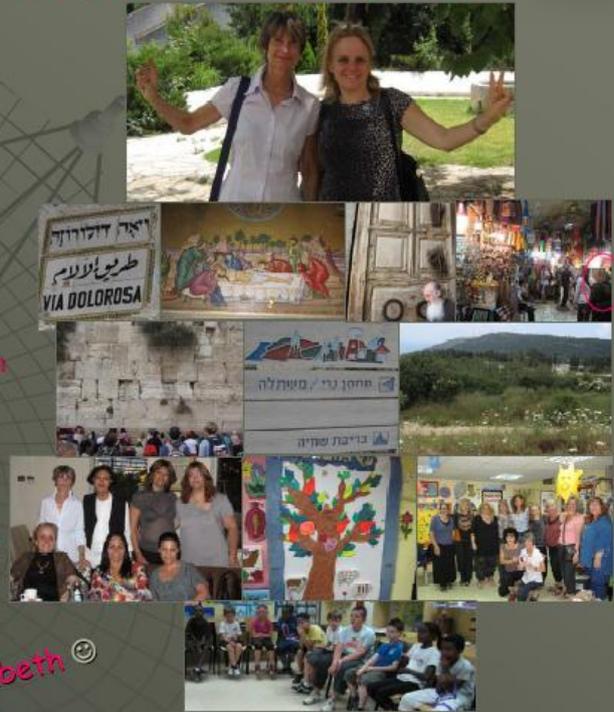
Elisabeth also went on a personal trip to Israel, where she met Yifat, National President AC Isreal.



48 Hours with Yifat – AC Israel

A fascinating Country & Impressions for 2 Weeks

- ♦ **ISRAEL –**
 A country of contrary war & freedom; history & hightech green & desert; mountains & plain
 religious –
 Jews, Arabs, Christs live side by side
- ♦ **Tel Aviv –**
 traffic, business town, never sleeping
- ♦ **Haifa –**
 hightech, busy people, green areas
- ♦ **Jerusalem –**
 modern & lively; history & culture
- ♦ **Kibbuz in 1900 –**
 foundation for agriculture & preparation for political & social development
- ♦ **Border to Libanon**
 living always with thought of danger
- ♦ **People –**
 young, modern, want PEACE!
- ♦ **Language –**
 all official books & signs in 3 languages
- ♦ **Charity –**
 many social projects for children and adults in general & Agora Clubs help
 THANK YOU YIFAT FOR ALL THESE
 INDESCRIBABLE IMPRESSIONS!



☺ Elisabeth ☺



Veerle reports : AGORA CLUB the NETHERLANDS AGM 4TH of JULY 2011



SUN and FUN FILLED!



A GREAT AGM at the famous ship wharf of the East-Indian Company in Lelystad-The Netherlands

Maartje National President, Veerle, Marja IPP





Daniëlle reports :

4 CLUBS 1 VISION IN TOULOUSE FRANCE

**AGM's AGORA CLUB, LADIES' CIRCLE, 41CLUB and ROUND TABLE
On the 4th of July 2011**



At 15.30h, on Friday the 3th of June, National President AC. Belgium Rita Van Belleghem, RTI. Vice President Stijn De Frene and myself left Brussels/south direction Carcassonne.

After a flight of 1.15min. a young Tabler picked us up and drove us toward the main conference hotel in Toulouse.

No time for registrations – a quick change in the rooms and off we went to the get together of 41 club international where we met all international delegations. We met a lot of old and new friends from all over the world....some men had spouses who were Agora members and others were Tangent ladies. During this evening a group of young opera singers gave the best of themselves, all of us were breathless while hearing them.



Saturday 4th of June was AGM's day – I had to be present at 3 AGM's – Agora Club France, 41 Club International and 41 club France.

I started off with 41Club international at 09.00h in the morning, where I was well received and where I was able to speak about our association and the fact that worldwide 4Clubs-1Vision was a fact, as in the northern countries LC –RT-Old Tablers and Tangent members worked side by side and in the more southern countries it was Agora that worked hand in hand with 41club, and the youngsters of LC. and RT. A lot of national 41 presidents expressed the feeling that it is time to close the circle internationally as well..... and that they hoped on the goodwill of all Past Circlers worldwide.

Around 10'o clock I arrived in the hall where AC. France held their AGM, a very busy moment as the ladies started to vote on different items like their national service projects, the international amendments and of course all national business.

During the break, the past and vice president of LC. France and the Past President of RT France joined us and spoke about their associations – and last but not least Rita Van Belleghem the national President of AC. Belgium.

AC. France had a good year, two new charters and some good fun..... the only dark cloud over their conference was the fact that Nicole Charlot, a Past National President had a heart stroke while coming to Toulouse. Luckily she was able to reach a hospital in the near of Paris where she is recovering now.... in name of the national board and all member countries, we wish you all the best Nicole and we really hope that all will go for the best.

The meeting went very smoothly and all matters were discussed, finally the AGM was finished by 13.30h. Good job, ladies !

By the time I reached the room of 41 Club France, the men had finished and were off to the restaurant for their aperitif....

In the meantime all other associations were following and about 400 persons had a nice lunch in the spirit of friendship, with lots of talks and laughs...

At 17h we were expected for the banner exchange were, all 3 presidents were present...it was a nice moment were everyone was thanked for the job they achieved over the year.



Roger Gautier
President 41-Club France



Micheline Vuillame
President Agora Club France



Matti Hintalla
President 41-Club International

Around 19h we were expected in evening dresses for the Gala dinner who was kept in " Le Parc Expo" a hugh place where about 2000 persons looked at their best to celebrate the 50th anniversary of 41Club France.

Lots of speeches and finally the official hand-over took place and the new international and national boards were installed.



A nice cabaret style "Moulin Rouge" was offered to us while eating and enjoying our table company. A terrific dance orchestra made our feet move by themselves so we always had a full dance floor.



I can only encourage our members worldwide to be present at their national and international AGM's, because only then we realise how special the Agora Virus is....

Yours in international friendship,

Daniëlle Gardin
IPP. Agora International

MORE '4 CLUBS 1 VISION' VISITS : Veerle attended the Ladies'Circle Belgium AGM



President busy Bee Cindy, Veerle and IPP Sophie

Also in the spirit of 4 Clubs 1 Vision, Veerle joined the Ladies'Circle Belgium AGM.

Sophie's dynamic Board said goodbye, and made place for Cindy's energetic and promising new board.

President's Cindy's pretty new theme "Be a busy Bee" was performed in a buzzing dance by her Club, with her 2 daughters and husband as star performers – very endearing!



OUR IPP DANIËLLE WAS VERY BUSY : HERE ARE HER REPORTS ON HER VISITS TO THE AGM'S OF AC ITALY AND AC BELGIUM



On Friday 10th of June I left home at 4.30h in the morning as I had to be at the airport of Charleroi by 06.00h for my flight to Bologna.

The flight went smoothly and the IPP of 41-Club Italia, Augusto Ferrari the husband of Elisabetta, founder president of Agora Bologna was waiting for me.

In the morning I did some shopping in Bologna as most of the girls were still at work.

We left in the beginning of the afternoon after we had a little lunch in "La Mareluna" my first Italian restaurant of the weekend.....

Elisabetta and I arrived in Cesena around 16.30h where the national president Anna Teresa was expecting us in the Casali Hotel. After being refreshed we drove together to Cesenatico where I checked the venues of coming ACI Conference. A very majestic hotel "Grand Hotel" is awaiting all of you ladies during the weekend of 30th of September until the 2nd of October.

In the meantime a lot of other Agora ladies and some of their husbands arrived and all together we went for a walk over the promenade of Cesenatico into the old fishermen harbour where we discovered the local fish dishes..... I can assure you ladies, you will be surprised because this was food straight from heaven !!!!!

The day after, I was expected at 09.00o'clock in "La Biblioteca Malatestiana" de Cesena. A beautiful old library who was granted "Memory of the world" status by Unesco. This because of the building itself and for the precious codes of its harbours.

This was the perfect place to have 'la primera Agm del Agora Italia'. Anna Teresa and Donata were a bit nervous to start off, but everything was under control. All clubs were represented and we officially started at 10.00h.

Everyone was welcomed, the candle of friendship lightened by the last chartered club Milano. The agenda went smoothly, reports were read and speeches given.



Two new clubs are ready to charter :
AC. Livorno 6 at 5th of November 2011.
AC. Modena 7 at 3rd of December 2011
Agora Italy finally founds its drive and I am sure it will only grow for the better.
The financial balance, the budgets and the amendments were voted on, and last but not least the new board 2011-2012 was elected. I hereby proudly present the new president of AC. Italy Donata Piccini and her new team.
Everyone felt the togetherness of this first official reunion. I felt the wisdom of the first Agora members and the change of wind by the younger clubs, eager to learn, to adapt and to improve.....I was so happy to realise that AC. Italy was no longer a little chicken but had become a nice and beautiful bird that flew on its own wings !
Auguri Agora Italia,
Daniëlle Gardin
IPP. AGORA INTERNATIONAL



AGORA CLUB BELGIUM

AGM 25-06-2011

We hoped that I would have been a Sunny day but unfortunately the weather Gods weren't with us Grey clouds and bits of rain were all around our location. The little city of Torhout who normally is so peaceful was that Saturday overcrowded not only by beautiful women but by hundreds and hundreds of horses as at the same day the yearly" horse market" took place.

Ladies from all over Belgium gathered together in " Het Bourgondisch Hof" where a team of my club dressed in green for the occasion, were welcoming them and treating them with coffee and butter cookies.



All ladies were chattering around, I was surprised to see so many new faces, as again we have new clubs in formation and the lades from Arlon drove for over 300 km to join us.

Next year we will be chartering the 3th club in the French side of Belgium, and I can assure that the youngster of AC. Namur Val de Meuse, will be scattering around the Agora virus.

We have the full support of Ladies' Circle Belgium who motivating their Past Cirdiers to join our association.... did you know that we in 5 years time we grow from 6 to 14clubs !

"Congratulations girls, keep up the good work !"

Our national President Rita, was anxious an AGM is the cherish on her year.... she wanted everything to be perfectand after a few coffees, some laughs and chattering around she started the AGM at 9.30h sharp.

The candle of friendship was lightened, the aims and objects raid and off we went for a fantastic AGM.



Report were given, national and international amendments discussed and voted on, and last but not least we had to choose a new national board. The club members of the candidates, were supporting and exposed their skills although I was sometimes wondering if to be a member of a national board you had to be a good cook or a party animal !!!!



One thing is sure, you have to have a heart for Agora, and wanting only the best for our association ! After the different showcases, a view votes and.... we finally had a new board



Marise, secretary – Karin, Vice – Mimi, President – Carine, Treasurer – Rita, IPP



← Amy, 4 months

Learning to swim with her daddy



On a more personal note my little granddaughter Amy is thriving in Vancouver Canada, I just feel sad that I can't see her. But Skype is a wonderful thing and second best! *Nikkie*

MEETING OUR SOUTH AFRICAN AGORA FRIENDS !



Veerle ... 'Out of Africa'



The first 2 weeks of July my husband Dirk and I went on holidays to South Africa and Mozambique and of course it was such a joy to meet the ladies (and old friends from Ladies' Circle!) from AC Amarula – up north in Louis Trichart.

They gave us such an unforgettable time – and yes, they might be surprised that I even forgave them (although it WAS difficult!) the chicken head and the big black Mopani worms they made us eat... my vengeance will be soooooo sweet when they will visit Belgium one fine day!! (I promise you : I won't feed them chocolates! ☺)



Lookin' dee cheecken in dee eye...!

Also AC Strelizia (Nikkie's Club) and LC Johannesburg got together for a brunch at the end of our trip. Lots of laughter under the South African sun – but in winter temperatures! We planned a skype cooking class together with my Agora Club in Belgium!

We've got internet-wings !

The South African ladies are such dear and welcoming friends! Thank you for an unforgettable time! Xx *Veerle*



Girlpower!



TREASURER NICOLE : OUT AND ABOUT !

After the charter of AC29 Dijon-France, I went to Beijing with my husband as he has to go there regularly for his work. We went some days in the rural parts of China and visit the region of Guilin (pictures from Guilin are famous, with their hills in shape of sugar bread).

Afterwards we took a domestic flight on which were only Chinese people I can assure you we felt like we were sitting in a « basse-cour » (chicken shack).

We really were afraid but never the less arrived safely to the biggest town of the world : Chongchingwith 32 millions of habitants... incredible !

In this area we had a 3 days cruise to see the dam of the Three Gorges.

In ten years they had to move 6 million people to built the dam and having so the equivalent of the energy of 17 nuclear central. It is so huge (about 650km long with a high of 175m). China needs so much energy and will need more and more that they have to find alternatives.





The first city who was completely rebuilt was Beijing this for the Olympics games in 2008. Afterwards it was Shanghai for the Universal Exposition in 2010.

There we took the fastest train of the world,- from the airport to the center of the Shanghai - 45km within 7 minutes ! And actually they are modernizing Chongqing, industrial center of China.



Later on this year I also attended the AGM from AC1 Léman and AC2 Lausanne in Switzerland and I also went to the National AGM of RT Switzerland who was organized by RT1 Lausanne as it was their 60th Anniversary. It was a fantastic Anniversary with the presence of more than 20 Past Presidents.



In July, I was more relaxed and I have played a golf tournament «The Swiss Golf week» which is 4 days competition on 4 different golf courses, this year it was in Wallis with 470 golf players. I was very happy to win the second place on the well known golf course of Crans, who is organizing each September the Omega European Masters with all the best golf players of the world.

Nicole – ACI treasurer

Next to all the previous, the ACI Board worked these last few months hard to keep ACI running smoothly !

On our 4th boardmeeting we prepared for the upcoming ACI AGM in Cesena : we worked on the proceedings of the very first Councillors Meeting on Friday the 30th of September, and the scenario of the AGM on Saturday the 1st of October. We spoke about the ACI finances and worked on a preliminary budget for the next ACI statutory year.And the next ACI year the board will again have wings, carried by the plans and dreams for the future that all those previous ACI Boards mapped out.

We hope you too will have wings....to come to the **Agora Club International Conference** in Cesena Italy from 30/09 to 2/10 !

Come and join us ! It is not too late to register !



**Dearest Agora friends,
Dear friends of Agora,**

**This was the last Newsletter of this
Agora year 2010-2011
It was fun receiving your news,
and keeping you posted on
what's on in our great AGORA
WORLD these last 2 years.**

**Lots of love, and see you in
Cesena !**

Veerle

ACI secretary 2009-2011

