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Even a small
star shines in
the darkness.

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Dear ladies, dear friends

I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year and wish you many blessings anew! Each year we have the opportunity to look back over the past year and reflect on our lives. Rejoice in all that you have accomplished, all the warmth and love that you have brought to others. You have made a difference in lives all over the world, you have been the change you have wanted to see. You have brought light and love to where there was darkness and despair. You have renewed and enriched lives unknown! Feel the inexpressible joy and the positive energy that continues to grow with your care and touch! Together we will continue this New Year with many more opportunities to share our time and gifts with others. How fortunate and blessed we are, and how enriched our lives are to have each other and these friendships that cross seas, lands and time untold!

We cannot go forward without looking back and embracing and acknowledging that many of us have had challenges in this year also. We have lost loved ones and faced times that may have seemed unsurmountable. Please share your strife, for we are not alone in this life, and we all need each other at some time. Although we may have suffered and our lives may not be the same, they can still be rich and filled with love and goodness. Know that together we will overcome and gain strength and become renewed!





The recent gathering of people from around the world in support of the people of France following the horrific attack on the magazine Charlie Hebdo, is a testimony to the power of love and power of the people to stand up together against the evildoers that have no respect for life or basic freedoms and rights.



But they are the few and we are the many and together we will continue to persevere through all challenges. To our friends in France, know that your friends from all over the world are sharing in your grief, and sharing in the victory over the righting of wrong.



Continue to let our love and our light be our guide in 2-0-1-5! Each day is your gift...

Your life is your legacy and an adventure meant to share!

May your journey be filled with blessings through this year!

Lots of love xxoo

Kelly

KELLY GEISLER
ACI PRESIDENT 2014/15



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AND
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THE LIGHT

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We spend January 1
walking through our lives,
room by room, drawing
up a list of work to be done,
cracks to be patched.

Maybe this year,
to balance the list,
we ought to walk
through the rooms
of our lives...
not looking for flaws,
but for
potential.

~Ellen Goodman

HAPPY NEW YEAR



With Love from Martine, Kelly, Karin, Thanh Thao and Sandy



*Have a promising and fulfilling New Year !
Wishing you all a year 2015 filled with light!
Kelly, Sandy, Thanh Thao, Martine & Karin*

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Warmth of love, and a light to guide your path
towards a positive destination.*



ACI Barometer

In spite of the fact that the New Year started with events that shocked the whole world: the Nigeria massacre where thousands of people are killed by radical terrorists and the assault on the journalists, policeman and innocent people shopping in a supermarket in Paris; we want to bring you news of hope and happiness.

Ladies, as Agora we try to be the light, we try to make a difference and together we help the Barometer to move upwards. Take a look at our website and see how we are doing.

Tell us how you made a difference, how much you have raised for charity in your countries: in time given or in money.

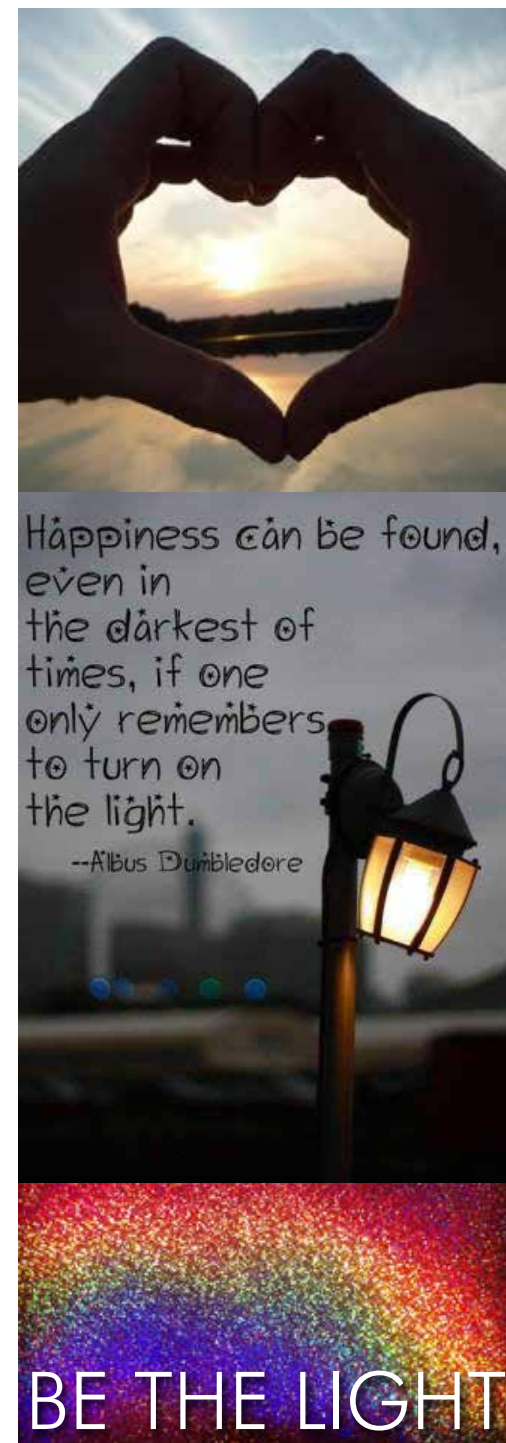
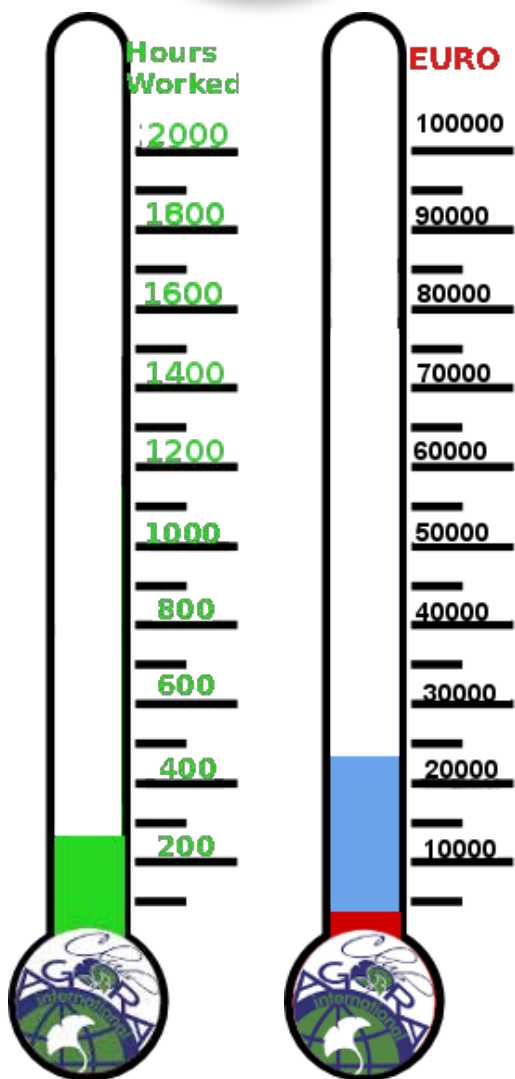
Our service barometer is growing. We have raised **22.987 euros** and given **185 hours** of work in community service:

- AC Botswana did a Side by Side project with Ladies Circle Botswana.
- AC Belgium worked together with LC, RT and 41club to give Xmas presents to the poor.
- AC Tangent Germany raised 5000 euros for the national project of Ladies Circle.
- AC France there were projects of fundraising Xmas stands with self – made presents and several events

to support the National project of Violence against women 14.500 for our Barometer! Yes!. (read more about this in our next newsletter).

- AC Madagascar gave rice and candles to poor women.
- AC SA gave food-packages to retired soldiers and started with the project “eyes for the world”.
- AC Brasov organised a benefit concert where 800 euro was raised.
- AC Norway and Iceland knitted Children’s clothes and handed them to Chantess, president of LCI, for hospitals in Africa. Also another 200 euros for the barometer was raised by them.
- AC USA organised a spaghetti dinner for an army veteran’s adjustable bathtub and raised approximately 860 euros.
- AC the Netherlands “Club Vale Ouwe” cooked Xmas meals for the less fortunate...

...and many, many more wonderful and heart-warming projects where organised by local Agora Clubs all over the world... Yes ladies you brought light in the lives of others! Thank you!!







Hand-over of knitted babywear to Chantess





On December 3rd, AGORA CLUB MODENA celebrated its 3rd Birthday at Antica Moka Restaurant, with a special guest, Francesca Maletti, President of the town council of Modena. On that occasion, our guest highlighted the women's conditions in stressing family situations caused by the economic crisis.



Among the various projects launched by the Commune of Modena to help those women, Agora Club Modena alongside 41 Club Modena has decided to sustain the one that favors sports activities of needy children: we have furnished them with sports equipment, sportswear; we have also paid for their subscriptions.



Their mothers, knowing that they can enjoy the possibility to be introduced to a healthy and agreeable surrounding, feel relieved and happy.

Through this initiative, we, as Agora Club Modena, have contributed to embellish our world with more smiles.



Dear Kelly and members of the Agora Board,
Dearest ladies of Agora,

My best wishes to newly elected members of the International Board. I wish you all an excellent year.

During the winter holiday season, Agora 2 Brasov organized a charity ball for the benefit of an extraordinary talented young girl, MARIA IZABELA DICU. How wonderful it is to be able to promote young talents! Isabela is a girl who plays the violin who managed to win numerous prizes at the age of 11, though extremely hard work.

In this charity event we were joined both by the Representatives of the Brasov City Hall and by the members of the Quatalagor. It was a great evening with lots of music, joy and dancing. The most important moment was when Santa Claus handed an envelope containing 800 euros over to Isabela.

According to tradition this year Santa Clause has come with presents to the children and the grandchildren of the members of the Round Table clubs, 41 Club, Ladies Circle and Agora. Every year

on December 26, by rotation, one of the clubs that belong to Quatalagor Brasov organizes the Christmas party. This time the organizing club was RT No. 1 Brasov. They invited a band of singers who delighted us with their songs. It is an opportunity for both children and families to enjoy the wonderful celebration of Christmas together and to strengthen the ties between clubs.

Cornelia Danes, our friend and AC2 member, worked hard on a personal project, named LONG AGO. An individual and collective destinies photo album, which revealed, back in time, old traditions (faces and families), traditional clothes in old times. The album presents a community who was developed, in SĂCELE, a smallest town near Braşov and was very important in raising morality and culture in this area.

***Yours in friendship,
Angela Micu - President Agora Romania***





The need of a walk-in tub for local WWII veteran Norman Mohar, who is in a wheelchair, was brought to the attention of the Seattle Agora Club. Members stepped forward with the donation of the food, cash, labor and time.

The Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on November 22nd, 2014 was a success!! Delicious food, good turn out of friends, family and VFW members. They raised \$867. Thank you all!! The boys in the photo are Norman Mohars great grandsons.



Report from AC Tangent GERMANY



18. 10. 2014

Charter AC TC 44 Jever in Wilhelmshaven

Wilhelmshaven is Germany's only deep water port, and its largest naval base, flanked by the Wattenmeer UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site.



08 November 2014 HYM in HEIDELBERG



NATIONAL BOARD



NATIONAL PRESIDENT LC GERMANY ELLEN



DEVO-LADY KAREN



AC TC GERMANY TREASURER PETRA WITH OT GERMANY TREASURER RAPHAEL RAPHAEL FÜR



AC TC GERMANY TREASURER PETRA



MANUELA WITH BARBARA PP



AC TC GERMANY VICE-PRESIDENT ...



AND AC TC PAST-PRESIDENT BARBARA WITH OUR "GINGKO AWARD"



16.11.2014 formation of AC TC 42 Bielefeld am



SIDE BY SIDE



AC BELGIUM

For several years the 4C1V in Belgium has supported the operation Xmas in a box started by the Samaritans that hand over food and presents to the poor.

LC, AC, RT and 41C make nice presents in shoe boxes and label them: male, female, child.

All Agora clubs in Belgium participated and the project was a big success. In some clubs they even organised a nice Xmas meal for the poor where the presents were distributed. In Lokeren, 200 people could benefit from a Xmas lunch and Party.



SIDE BY SIDE



AC BOTSWANA

In Botswana Ladies Circle and Agora Club organised a Xmas action.



AC TANGENT GERMANY

Ladies against K.O.-Drops National Service project of Ladies Circle Germany in cooperation with AC Tangent Germany. The name of the national service project 2013-2015 is: K.O.cktail – horrible drops in a glass. On www.ladies-gegen-k-o-Tropfen.de you can get a lot of information.

Not all of us have our own children, but the other ones have nieces, nephews or god children. We all have friends with children. So everybody is concerned! Young people like to go to parties or in discos or to events where they can meet friends. At public places invisible danger waits for the opportunity to hit young people mostly young women. Invisible K.O.-drops in drinks make woman or man weak-willed and wantonly! The affected women wake up at an unknown street, dressed in a wrong way and don't know anything about the last hours. They don't know anything about what happened to them, what somebody had done to them during the last hours. They suspect that they are raped, an examination will confirm it. Psychological care now is very important. But for this you need money. And although you need money for prevention, you need money for emergency rooms with good informed personnel.

Actually in the north of Germany there is a group of ladies from some tangent clubs who want to support this important national service project. We've collected 12 photos of towns where tangent club and ladies circle are located. Side by side! An artist from Hamburg made these photos unfamiliar, worked with different colours and shades and now every picture is art and part of a beautiful calendar. The calendar has no date, so you can use it more than one year. The price of the calendar is 20 Euro. And the end we hope that we can give at least 5.000Euro to "Ladies-gegen-k.o.-Tropfen".

SIDE BY SIDE

Service-group north Germany

A group of young AC TC Ladies from different Tangent Clubs in the north of Germany are regularly working together to fundraise money for the current NSPs of Ladies' Circle Germany: The actual service project 2013-2015 is: **"K.O.cktail-horrible drops in a glass."**

K.O. drops are easy to provide via internet and are mostly used to abuse girls or women.

So we've created a calendar with photographs of those towns where LC or TC clubs are located. An artist from Hamburg has created a very special art-calendar. We estimate our fundraising with this calendar project will be about 5.000 euros.

On www.tangent-club.de you can have a look on the whole calendar.

AC ITALY

What a pleasant and enjoyable joint meeting of Agora Club Milan and Ladies' Circle Milan!

We talked a lot, we laughed a lot. And we all felt a kind of "regeneration".

What's more, on that occasion, we enjoyed the lovely company and the beautiful speech of Myriam Defilippi, journalist of the well-known magazine "Donna Moderna".



AC ROMANIA

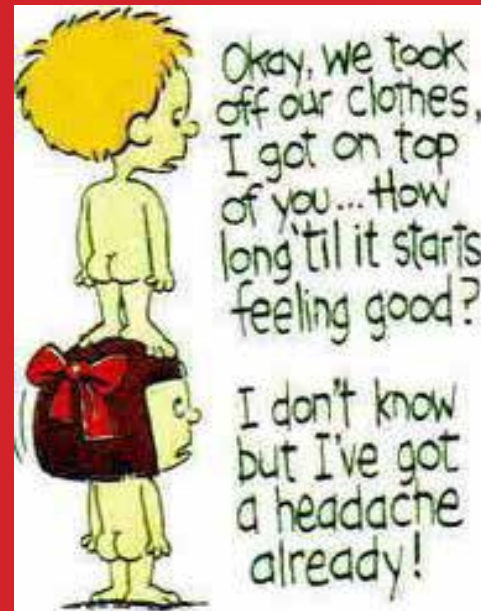
In Romania The four Clubs RT, 41, LC and Agora club organised a Xmas party for family and friends.



Good friends help you to find
important things
when you have lost them...
your smile,
your hope,
and your courage.

~Doe Zantamata

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*The less you
respond to rude,
critical,
argumentative
people, the more
peaceful your life
will become.*





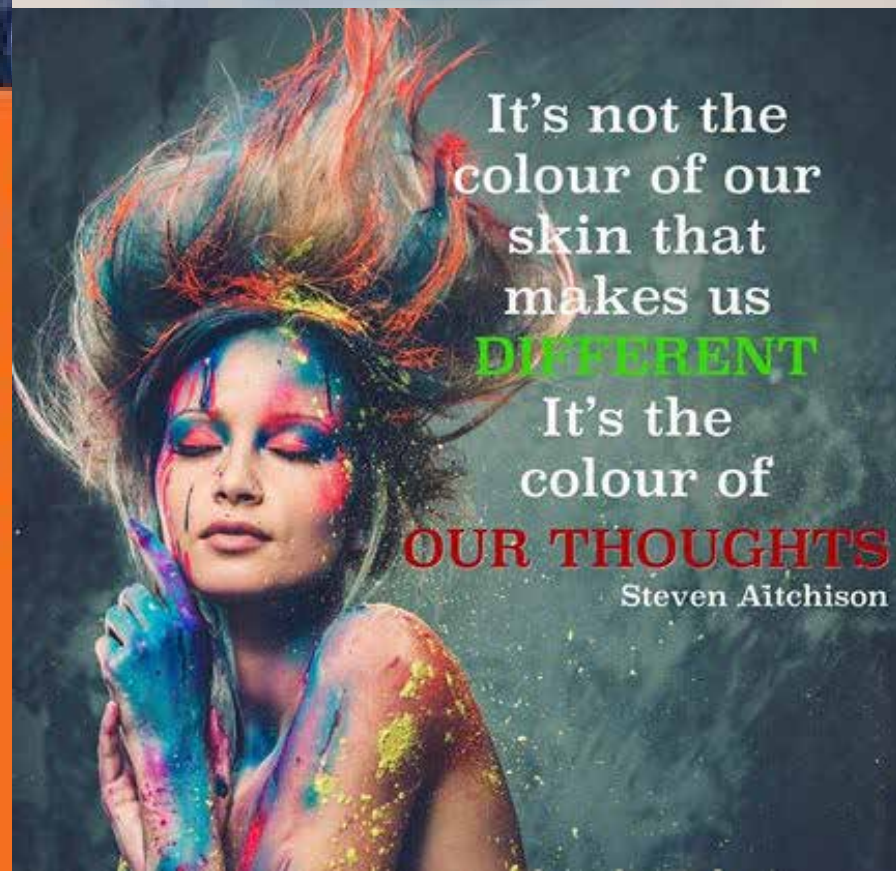
be a source
 of love
 a beacon of
 light

2015

MY DEAR FRIENDS, MY BEST WISHES
 OF FRIENDSHIP IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME
 OF FORCE IN YOUR ACTIONS
 OF LIGHT FOR YOU TO SHARE
 AND OF BEAUTIFUL MOMENTS IN YOUR CLUBS



Florence Lhéritier
 Présidente nationale du Club Agora France



It's not the
 colour of our
 skin that
 makes us
DIFFERENT

It's the
 colour of
OUR THOUGHTS

Steven Aitchison

MERRY XMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015



AG 39 HYERES FRANCE



AGORA CLUB
NORWAY

**AS YOU WELCOME
THE NEW YEAR,
WELCOME THE
EMERGING NEW WORLD
WITH MORE LOVE;
EVERY THOUGHT, WORD,
AND DEED WITH
MORE LOVE.**

*Take one new day
Add one smile
Stir in laughter and
sprinkle generously with
LOVE..*

*Bake gently for 24hrs
Enjoy every moment and
repeat again :)*

*Agora Club Of Rogaland &
wish Agora members across the globe
a peaceful holiday filled with
friendships, openness
and tolerance ;)*



2015





2015

*New is the year;
New are the hopes;
New is the resolution;
New are the spirits;
And new are my warm
wishes just for you.
Have a promising
and fulfilling New Year!
Happy New Year*

The Board members of

AGORA CLUB THE NETHERLANDS

Carla, Fransje, Antoinette, Karin en Christa

wish you all

"Be the light"

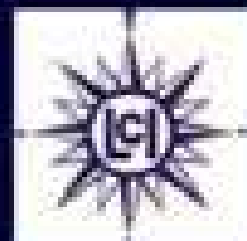
a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Happy New Year

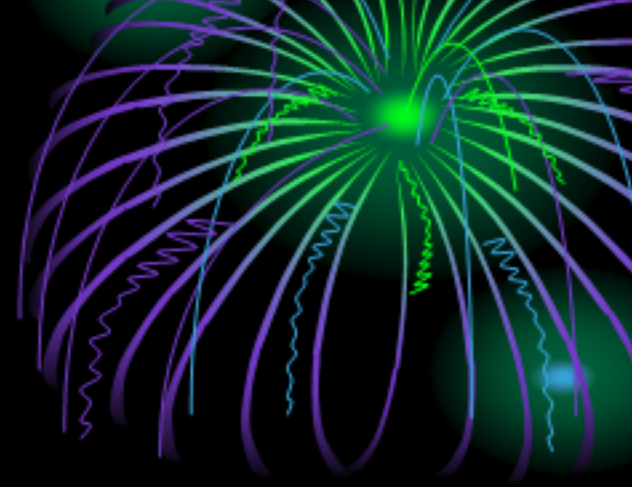
Happy



*The Ladies Circle International Board
would like to wish you all a Happy New Year
and we wish you all the very best for 2015*



JOYEUSES FETES



**Le Club AGORA COLMAR RIQUEWIHR vous souhaite
un JOYEUX NOËL et vous adresse
SES MEILLEURS VŒUX pour 2015
Joies simples, Grand Bonheur, Plaisir de se revoir
Amitié Marie –France Huber**


May the spirit of
Christmas
bring you peace.

The gladness
of Christmas give you
hope.


AND
The warmth of Christmas
grant u love.

**Happy
Christmas.**

From all of the Pearls.



**"I BELIEVE IN PINK.
I BELIEVE THAT LAUGHING
IS THE BEST CALORIE BURNER.
I BELIEVE IN KISSING,
KISSING A LOT.
I BELIEVE IN BEING STRONG
WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE
GOING WRONG.
I BELIEVE THAT HAPPY GIRLS
ARE THE PRETTIEST GIRLS.
I BELIEVE THAT TOMORROW
IS ANOTHER DAY
AND I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES."
— AUDREY HEPBURN**

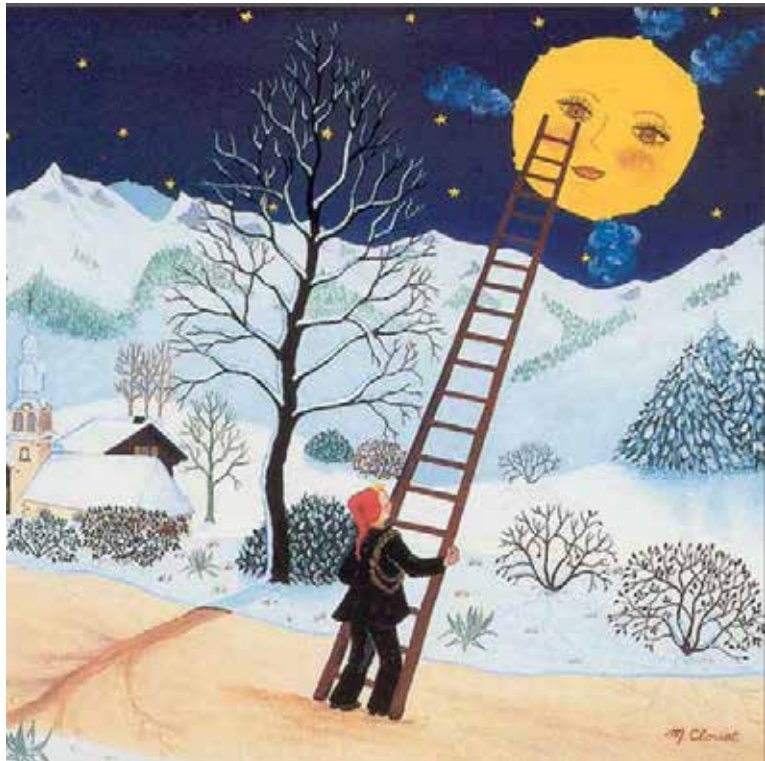


If you can lie down
at night, knowing in
your heart that you
made someone's
day just a little bit
better, you know
you had a good day.

Happy New Year



2015



“DON'T BE
AFRAID TO
BE THE
LIGHT”

Prettige Kerstdagen
en
een geweldig

2015





May the good times
and treasures of the present,
become the golden memories
of tomorrow.

Wishing you lots of love,
joy and happiness.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

Ladies Circle South Africa









CLUB AGORA ROMANIA



**CLUB
AGORA**
CASABLANCA 1 - MOROCCO

Best wishes and
Happy New Year

2015



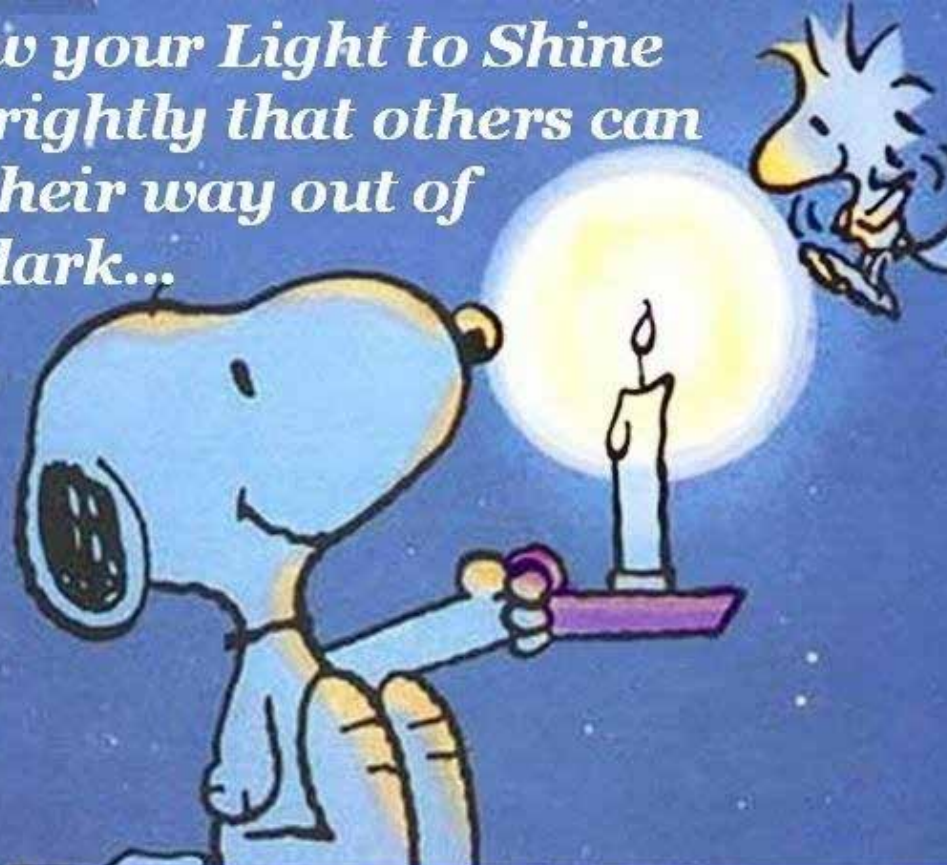
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Kelly, Sandy, Thanh Thao, Martine & Karin*

*Allow your Light to Shine
so Brightly that others can
see their way out of
the dark...*

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19- 23 02 2015: BOARDMEETING 3 MILANO ITALY

03 -03-2015 : AGM LAUSANNE SWITZERLAND

24-04-2015 : AGM AC ROMANIA BRASOV

**24-26 - 04-2015: AGM AC/TANGENT GERMANY
STUTGART**

Ladies Circle International MTM

MTM - African Region: Gaborone ,Botswana: 23-24 01

MTM- Nordic Region: Copenhagen, Denmark: 23-24 01

MTM- Southern Region: Cascais, Portugal :

29January - 02 February 2015

MTM -Middle European Region: Vienna, Austria :

5-7February 2015

DATES TO DIARISE!!

**The Only Sure Way to Overcome Darkness
is to Be the
Light**