



PART OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY



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Happy New Year Agora member all over the World,

New year is a time of new hopes and new beginnings in our lives, a time to celebrate and share lovely moments with your dear ones, Lovely moment with your Agora friends

Make New Year's goals. Dig within, and discover what you would like to have happened in your life this year.

For success in 2020 , Keep your attitude positive and disregard the negative. No matter what happens in the year, keep looking forward without fear. Surround yourself with people who share and people who do the things that show they care!

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something. So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever." – **Neil Gaiman** This text is so inspirational!!!

We (Anna, Chilufya, Mihaela, Vandana, Chris and Tone) are ready to start our very busy Agora year and hopefully we can inspire you to join us in our adventures.

Proud to be your president of this wonderful Agora Club Worldwide!



Yours in friendship & service.

Chris Helsen
President Agora Club International 2019-2020

Plant smiles. Grow laughter. Harvest friendship.



1. Agora Tangent Germany: HYM

ACT Germany HYM

What is the best thing to do on a rainy cold November Saturday in northern Germany? Correct! Meet with Agora friends from all over Germany in a lovely historical villa for an interesting, constructive and – above all – meeting full of friendship.

The HYM meetings of ACT Germany are always split into two sections: we will start with workshops on topics of interest and after a delicious joint lunch will go into our actual meeting.

This year our workshops included the use of our members APP including its installation and startup on the respective phones, a social media workshop from the LC Germany PR lady Anh and the question “Quo vadis ACT Germany”, with topics such as whether or not we want to support our own national charity project, how to intensify the side-by-side with our partner clubs or how to restructure the financial support for our national boardies.

With over 90 ladies (out of ~560 total membership) from all over Germany, the attendance was excellent ... probably because there was nothing else to do on a dull November Saturday ☹.

What a pleasure it was to have our newly inaugurated god children from AC Luxemburg with us for this weekend, truly living international friendship! Thank you, Christiane and Claude for making the effort. In addition, we had the pleasure to welcome 2 members from the Old Tablers' Germany national board and the LC Germany Vice President Jenny as well as PR Lady Anh.

What can I say ... as a team we also managed to find the murderer during the charity criminal dinner in the evening, when a perfect day in friendship came to an end.

Let us visit each other more whenever possible – nationally side-by-side and internationally by spreading the news whenever there is something of interest going on.

Yours in friendship
Silke Schael



2. Agora Club Norway: Inspiration

Charity Inspiration from Norway

January 14th, our three clubs met to honor the Agora spirit of widening members' views through debate, discussions, and lectures on various subjects.

The spirits were high as so many Norwegian Agoriennes were present at the same room while The Candle of Friendship were lit. Almost all of the ladies from 02 Egersund had traveled approx. one hour to meet with 01 Sandnes and 03 Sandnes on this occasion, and we all agreed to make this an annual tradition.

During our meeting we raised money to our charity "Kasper & Ugly" whose mission is "To help children who are closely connected to someone with cancer". The sad truth is that children who are not acknowledged and given information in these situations, are more likely to suffer from depression when they grow up. They are also significantly represented in the statistics of suicide. The chemo-man Kasper and the wise companion Ugly, have proved to be great helpers.

The Kasper & Ugly charity project was initiated by the lovely Anita Figved and the current president of ACN 01 Sandnes, Siri Sparboe, facilitated the start-up and is hands-on as the charity's project manager.

Since we started this important work in 2018, the Facebook-community has reached 959 active members who are crocheting figurines and delivering them via the ACN-network to the dedicated nurses at the main hospital in our region. Hospitals in other parts of Norway have started to use the Kasper & Ugly -figurines as well. Kasper & Ugly has also been presented on national TV and on several conferences.

As seen in the group picture, some of us are holding folders that we have made to spread the word, and others crocheted mascots of Kasper and of Ugly. If other countries are inspired to do likewise, we are gladly sharing our "how-to's" with you.

Best regards from Agora Club Norway



3. Agora Club Belgium: Inspiration

There are some Agora Club meetings you just do not want to miss....and Saturday the 11th of January 2020 was just one of those at our local AC 7 Lokeren-Waasland in Belgium!

Imagine ladies: all our partners cooked for us in the kitchen of our Club restaurant, under the guidance of 2 female chefs! Now you need a lot of testosterone to counter that! 😊

And that is just what the kitchen was filled with that evening: 100% testosterone! Our husbands received their chef-hats and rolled, diced, cooked, baked and plated the most beautiful dishes. They even learned how to set the table in a professional way, and were taught how to welcome guests (us!) in the most graceful way at the door!

Well they cooked up a storm, with as result a de-li-ci-ous 3-course meal, which they also served in a very charming way! They liked the evening so much that they agreed to do it again someday! Our president Greet did promise to do "something" in return (quid pro quo as to say 😊), but did not specify what....to be continued...!

Veerle De Jonge AC 7 Lokeren-Waasland secretary



4. Agora Club Austria : Inspiration

Strudel-Festival – Seeboden/Millstättersee/Carinthia - September 2019

Agora Austria 1 Club Spittal/Drau

For the first time we took part at this famous „Strudel-Festival“.

Beside a procession with traditional music groups many visitors could enjoy the offer of 30 kinds of strudels from restaurants of this area.

We started with 51 pieces (4 kinds) of strudels and were successful with „sold out“ in the early afternoon!

Our Lady Christine Wernitznig always organise a traditional fashion show on this festival. This year she adds a group of models from our club! Our ladies looked like so good in traditional clothes on the catwalk!



Agora Austria 1 Club Spittal/Drau

Christmas presents for the kids in Rumania! November 2019

Side by side Agora, Round Table, Club 41 & Ladies Circle Spittal/Drau

collected 970 parcels in their region. The parcels were sorted and prepared for the “big” transport of Round Table Austria. They brought them to schools, playschool and other institutions for children near Bucharest Rumania! What a wonderful Christmas charity!



Agora Austria 1 Club Spittal/Drau – Lions Christmas market - Dezember 7th, 2019

Again we were part of the legendary Lions market in the castle Porcia of Spittal/Drau!

What a beautiful ambience inside this castle!

Every year several service clubs of the region meet there to sell **hand made products** and more for the „charity cause“.

With full enthusiasmus we offered our self made ware, like the famos egg liqueur, towel boxes, fruit breads, lebkuchen/gingerbreads, Zerza's fish products & decorative christmas angels!

What a successful day!



Christmas party - Agora Austria 1 Club Spittal/Drau!

One highlight in a friendship club is to celebrate a Christmas party every year!

Our president Silvia opened with a „holy English/German story“, than she gave out the secret names for the small presents, each of us had prepared for another lady – a game called „Wichteln“! Beside this amazing evening and a wonderful dinner pastpresident Gabi surprised with a very interesting power point presentation about Marakesh!



5. ACI first African Forum /Installation National Board and ISP in Botswana

This is indeed a first African Forum which will take place in Gaborone, Botswana.

We invite all Agora ladies from our African clubs to participate in this Forum. We will be discussing together the opportunities for further growth of Agora in Africa, and the challenges one faces. It will be a great occasion to have an interactive participation with our African sisters.

On this occasion our President Chris Helsen will be installing the National Board of Agora Club Botswana. Dumelang!! It promises to be an amazing African party!!!

Please register to <https://agorabotswana.club/>



ACI Africa Forum & CHARTER PROGRAM Friday 28 February 2020

09:30 – 11:00 **PALESA PADS ACTIVATION** with ACI

Board (Optional to all other members at a cost of P 100 per person)

14:00 – 17:00 **REGISTRATION** will be at Grand Aria and it will continue at the Welcome Party.

18:30 – 23:30 **WELCOME PARTY** – Chic Shebeen Party Theme at Charlene's Home

Saturday 29 February 2020

8:30 – 12:30 **ACI Africa Forum & CHARTER** – Grand Aria Hotel

12:30 – 13:30 Light Lunch

13:30 – 17:00 **Bahurutse Cultural Village** (Optional at BWP300)

19:00 – 23:00 **GALA DINNER** at Grand Aria

After dinner those who are up for it can continue the party and explore the Botswana Nightlife

Sunday 1 MARCH 2020

We say farewell and until we meet again

Bank Details will be provided on the invoices upon receiving the registration form

COST

Early bird fee (before 15 January 2020) – BWP 1300

Late fee (between 16 January to 5 February 2020) – BWP 1500

6. ACI Forum in Verona

Registration for this Forum is now open on <http://www.41iwm2020.it/>

Join our second Forum , every voice will be listen !

If you care about our organisation help us to increase quality of our activity !



7. International Service Project

Keep a girl child in school

Ladies, our next service project will take place in Botswana, in 28 February 2020. With this occasion from ACI ISP funds will handle 300 girls the reusable sanitary pads from Palesa Pads factory.

You can find details here <https://agoraclubinternational.com/serviceproject.html>

Please, if you care about this noble, kind and so feminine service project try to help, with organising fund-raising.

We trust your creativity to find the best way to collect donations for our project. Every single money is very valuable. For donation please write an e-mail to our treasurer (treasurer@agoraclubinternational.com) to get indication about ACI bank account. Thank you so much



We need your help to make this ISP a success.

DONATIONS:

Account number: AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL

IBAN BE 25-001-6811249-82

BIC/SWIFT: GEBABEBB

Please mention: DONATION PALESA PADS AND YOUR NAME
OR NAME CLUB NAME

8. Vacancies in the International Board

We are looking only for 3 ladies to join us at the International board.

The vacancies are: **Vice President/ Treasurer / Web lady.**

You can call/WhatsApp/email all the members of the board for more information.

Do not stay in your comfort zone and go for the challenge!!!

Check the ACI Rules 4.2 and 4.4 on https://agoraclubinternational.com/onewebmedia/ACI%20RULES_2019-20_V171219.pdf,

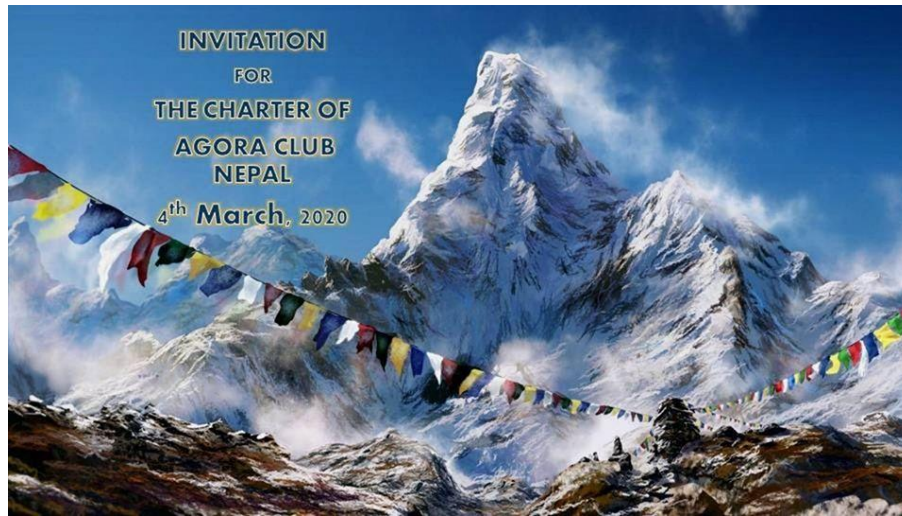
read the guidelines for each position on https://agoraclubinternational.com/onewebmedia/6b.GUIDELINES%20for%20the%20ACI%20Vice-President_310119.pdf

https://agoraclubinternational.com/onewebmedia/6d.GUIDELINES%20for%20the%20ACI%20Treasurer_310119.pdf

Nominations for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer shall be received by the ACI Secretary by June 30th!

Applications for a post in the ACI Board are open to all candidates being active members in their National Association. The candidates have to fulfill the conditions fixed in point “4. ACI Board” of the ACI rules. The permission for candidature does not depend on former membership in the national organisation of Ladies'Circle.

9. Agora Club Nepal - Charter



HOW TO MAKE RESERVATIONS?



- RESERVATION FOR HOTELS AND TOURS:
- CONTACT:
- Travelagent: info@nebuti.com
- +977 -1-4422824-25
- Ask for the AC Nepal charter offer
- Reservations before JANUARY 31th
- CONFIRMATION FOR CHARTER 4th of MARCH
- Mail or Whatsapp to Samta Dhanawat
- Whatsapp: +977 984 9027 270
- E-mail: samtadhanawat@gmail.com
- Price: 35 USD (included gala)

Note: Confirmation for charter and tours can be payed together to the travelagent (member of Agora Club)

DATE OF EVENTS ACI 2019-2020



DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION
2019		
SEPTEMBER		
28 September – 3 October	Boardmeeting 4	MARRAKECH
OCTOBER		
4 - 6 October	ACI AGM	MARRAKECH
6 October	Old and new board: handover meeting New board: BM 1	MARRAKECH Chris, Chilufia, Anna, Vandana, Tone, Isabelle, Maria-Erla, Mihaela
NOVEMBER		
31 October- 3 November	Half Yearly meeting 41 Int Half Yearly meeting Tangent CI	MALTA Chris+Mihaela
14 November	ACI DAY + skipe meeting	
23 November	charter TC 6 Hiede	GERMANY
24 November	Mission Johanesburg – lunch ISP Soweto	South Africa Chris+ Chilufia
DECEMBER		
4 December	Preliminary meeting Agora Club Cyprus	Pfaphos Chris+Mihaela
10,14 December	SKYPE MEETING	
2020		
JANUARY		
19 January	SKYPE MEETING	
24 - 26 January	MTM Middle European and African Region	VIENNA , Mihaela
FEBRUARY		
6 – 9 February	Half year meeting RT international meeting	LUXEMBURG Chris+Mihaela
31 January – 2 February	MTM Nordic Region/south European and Apac	REYKJAVIK , Chris
26 - 27 February	BOARDMEETING 2	BOTSWANA Chris, Chilufia, Anna, Mihaela, Vandana
28 February	ISP – Mission Botswana	Botswana
29 February	INSTALLING NATIONAL BOARD IN BOTSWANAN	BOTSWANA

MARCH		
4 March	AC NEPAL CHARTER	NEPAL Chris, Chilu, Mihaela, Anna
22 March	SKYPE MEETING	
APRIL		
07 April	AGM SWITZELAND	

MAY		
09 May	AGM ICELAND	REYKJAVIK
	AGM ZIMBABWE	HARARE
16 May	AGM SOUTH AFRICA	JOHANNESBURG
16 May	AGM USA	SEATTLE
10 May	SKYPE MEETING	
22 - 24 May	AGM GERMANY, 25 ANNIVERSARY	SCHLESWIG , Chris, Mihaela
30 May	AGM ROMANIA	DUBOVA
31 May	SKYPE MEETING	
JUNE		
1 - 5 June	BOARDMEETING 3	VERONA
5-7 June	FORUM 2	VERONA
5-7 June	AGM 41 and TCI	VERONA
12 June	AGM BOTSWANA	GABORONNE
20 June	AGM THE NETHERLANDS	HEENVLIET
4 June	AGM UK	SOUTHEND ON SEA
	AGM SANDNESS 1 NORWAY	
	AGM ITALY	
12 June	AGM BOTSWANA	GABORONNE
13 June	AGM ZAMBIA	LUSAKA
20 June	AGM MOROCCO	CASABLANCA

13 June	AGM FRANCE	LILLE
19 June	AGM MALTA	VALETTA
20 June	AGM THE NETHERLANDS	
27 June	AGM BELGIUM	TIENEN
	AGM ISRAEL	
AUGUST		
27 - 30 August	LCI	LAHTI, FINLAND Chris, Chilufia, Anna
SEPTEMBER		
2 - 6 September	RTIWM	INDIA, Delhi
24-27 September	HYM C41 + TANGENT INTERNATIONAL	ROMANIA
OCTOBER		
28 September – 1 October	BOARDMEETING 4	THE NETHERLANDS
1 - 4 October	ACI Go Royal Dutch	THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

**REGISTER
NOW!**

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ACI AFRICA FORUM

AND AC2 MORULA CHARTERING EVENT

28. februar - 1. march 2020

DUMELANG!

This is how we say Hello in Botswana!

The Members and National Board of Agora Club Botswana would like to invite you to come and join us at the ACI Africa Forum together with the Charter of Agora Botswana Club No 2, Club Morula in an unforgettable experience in our beautiful country Botswana. Our plan is to give you a taste of what it means to be royalty, African style.

We are looking forward to welcome you here so we can do more friendship and service, once again!

**FORUM & CHARTER PROGRAM
ACCOMODATION
REGISTER
PRE/POST TOURS
INFORMATION**

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