

# Club AGORA international

PART OF THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY

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## 1. Introduction by Chris Helsen



HELLO AGORA MEMBERS ALL OVER THE WORLD

In this Newsletter you will read a lot about our meetings with our Round Table Family Members,

MTM's of Ladies Circle International, HYM of Round Table International, Charities and Side by Side events!

It is not so long ago ( in February) we could physically meet each other, travel, enjoy the company of our members, make plans, have meetings.....

We, the ACI board were lucky to continue with our board meeting and all our events in Botswana and the charter in Nepal. You will read all about our great moments in the next newsletter.

Now , at this moment, staying healthy is our main goal. And we all should act responsible

No more travelling, no more meetings, no more .....

***Stay at home, if you can is the best option to fight this virus!***

I am wishing the next days pass quickly and 'normal' life can return!

Stay healthy and positive during this uncertain time !

# Coronavirus is fast

#DARETOGROWINSIDE

Thinking of you all 😊

Yours in friendship & service.

Chris Helsen  
President Agora Club International 2019-2020

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## 2. Austria – generous donation

### Donation Dorothea Freimuth – 20th, January, 2020 Agora Club 1 Austria Spittal/Drau

Side by side with our club partners Ladies Circle, Round Table & Club 41 region south Carinthia we could support family Freimuth with their lovely jewel – brave Dorothea, called Dori!

The little girl is handicapped with down syndrom and an extremely rarely metabolic disorder!

With our assistance – quick & combined – we could bring a little help for her way of life with our charitable donation!

We are very proud to be able to give help, where it is possible, prompt and non-bureaucratic!





### 3. Mid Term Meeting LCI - Reykjavik



Ladies' Circle International  
Friendship & Service  
STRONG WOMEN = STRONG WORLD | 2019-2020



**Agenda Mid Term Meeting 2020 - Nordic /Southern European /APAC Region  
Reykjavik – Iceland – 1 February 2020**

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Reykjavik, Iceland

Being present at the Mid Term Meetings of LCI is one of our goals of the Int. Board. Mihaela, our secretary, joined the Mid-Term Meeting of the



Middle European and African Region in Vienna, Austria and I joined the MTM of the Nordic/Southern European/APAC Region in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Going to an event of the Round Table Family in a country where we have agora Clubs is always a pleasure!! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet old and new friends. Spending quality time with the ladies is so inspiring, heart-warming and productive.

I received a VIP treatment in Iceland. Sightseeing, fly over Iceland, lovely

lunches, parties!

Herdis Anna Fridfinnsdottir, IPP, offered me homestay, so much appreciated. It is not only budget friendly but you get to know the family, the traditions.

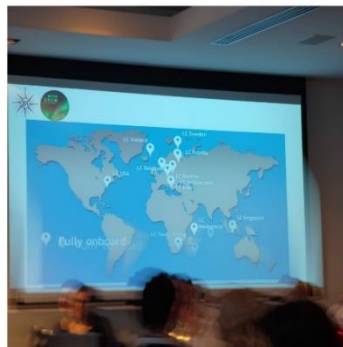
Friday evening is the traditional homeparty of the MTM. Dagny Kaldal Leifsdottir, Agora Club Iceland was host of one of the parties. It was a mixed company of tangent and agora. Dagny, Well done. Such a lovely evening. And so nice to see Maria Erla, our int. secretary of last year. again, our former secretary.



Saturday , time for the meeting

The key objectives of LCI MTM:

- ✓ Growth/extension/professionalism of structure/communication/ISP project Crimson
- ✓ Supporting each other/ extension funnel
- ✓ Every region presented their half year report
- ✓ How many countries?
- ✓ How many members?
- ✓ % of LCI members belongs to that region?
- ✓ Which region had the biggest amount of members?
- ✓ Full/associate members?
- ✓ Circler.world is really expanding!





I loved the world map with all the LC countries!!!

After the regular meeting , they organized a brainstorm meeting in groups concerning different challenges. It was a very creative and successful MTM, well done!!

**Thank you ladies in Agora Club Iceland for your hospitality!!**

President: Gudbjorg Sigridur Snorraddottir

Vice president: Stefania Valgiersdottir

Past president: Herdis Anna Fridfinnsdottir

Secretary: Ingibjorg Sigurjonsdottir

Treasurer: Jonina Hafdis Kristjansdottir





#### 4. Mid-Term Meeting of the Middle European and African Region in Vienna, Austria

Gala @ LCI MTM 2020 ViennaCalling

Agora Club 1 Austria Spittal/Drau

MTM Lady Circle 1 Wien – January 24th – 26th 2020!

Vienna was calling – and Agora Austria 1 was on the road!

Our ladies went to Vienna to attend the LCI MTM Middle European & African Region 2020.

Wonderful impressions – founding new friendships, meeting friends – glamorous evenings & special nights at the Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna Hotel!

Especially on the side of our Agora International secretary Mihaela Cracana!





## 5 HYM – RTI – Luxembourg

### ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL HALF YEAR MEETING

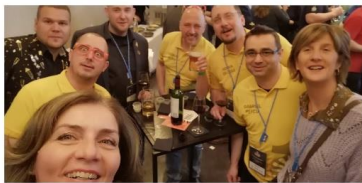
6 – 9 FEBRUARY 2020

GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Joining the Tablers for their Half Year Meeting in Luxembourg. As the AGM of the RTI will be in India, we decided to join the Half Year Meeting in Luxembourg, which is much closer to Belgium and more budget friendly!!!

I was very happy that Mihaela Cracana, joined me for this trip. She flew from Romania to Belgium and by car our travel continued to Luxembourg where we both were homehosted with Christiane Schaul, president of AC Luxembourg. Thank you Christiane 😊

Our program was pretty busy.



Mihaela and me joined the RTI **Grand-Ducal Get-Together Party**, where we met old and new friends!!!

Friends of RT, 41 club, LC of all over the world!!!!



### Time for the official meeting RTI Half Year Meeting

Well done Sebastian Walters president of RTI, Robert Van Den Oord, Nat President of RT Luxembourg and Gilles Walters, IRO Convenor for the perfect organisation.

They had lot's of discussion with all the chairpersons of every region.

Growth, information, communication, capitation fee.....

LCI, TCI, 41club Int and ACI ( of course) were all present at the meeting!!



The best time of the day, having a drink with Christiane in her house 😊



## Networking at NATION'S NIGHT

vice



Spending time and chatting with Luca Colombo, Vice President of 41 club Int, Luc Trigaux, president of 41 club Int. and his girlfriend, Asa Cato of TC.

With our Agora members of Luxembourg, Christiane Schaul, Maggy Hein, Francine Feidt ☺

With vice president of RTI D.K.Singh

With Alex Bennett, President of LCI

With Tom Albrigtsen, 41 Club Norway

With Didier Van Calster 41 Club Belgium

And all the member worldwide of Round Table who offered their specialities during the nation's night, what a good idea. For example , the Belgians offered French fries with mayonnaise ☺

**Next on the program: meeting with all the member of the Round Table Family and AC Germany ( Karen Von Koschitzky and Linda Rodriguez-Sierra ) to discuss Tabler/Circler world**



After the meeting the ladies organized a **lunch with our Agora ladies of Luxembourg and Germany** to discuss further Circler/Tabler World and legal structure of ACI!! To be continued



Time to go home, Belgium for me and Romania for Mihaela

Thank you ladies of AC Luxembourg and Germany for your help, advice, happy moments, working together!!

A Growing adventure!





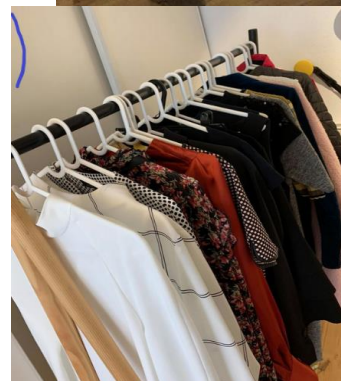
## 6. Norway - Bravo, restless ladies !



As Norway is entering its second week of (almost) complete lock-down, due to COVID19, it is nice to share some joy from a lovely March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in ACN 01 Sandnes. Everyone donated clothes «their closet had shrunk», pretty shoes and accessories and many of these items were bought by happy Agora-sisters. In total we raised NOK 5100 at this Pop-up event and the money has already been transferred to the «Keep a Girl in School»-project.

We hope these pictures can inspire others to do likewise as soon as we emerge on the other end of this pandemic situation. Love and light to you all from us.

Siri Sparboe, President, Agora Club Norway  
01Sandnes





**7. Romania Agora -Ladies Circle - side by side celebrating LCI Day**



## 8. Covid-19 communication



Dear Ladies,

First of all I hope that you are doing well despite what is going on all around the world at the moment.

Today all of us need to stand together to fight the challenge being faced due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the corona virus. It is our main priority to do whatever we can help to prevent the virus from spreading further, and to keep our families and communities as safe as possible.

Especially in times like these, we as Agora ladies, should show our responsibility, our friendship and service.

As we are a big International organisation, we organize a lot of meeting on a local, national and international level. Some events has to be rescheduled or cancelled according to the 'corona' situation in the country itself.

To cancel or reschedule certain events is a must in this phase of the corona crisis. Some countries have local restrictions on large gatherings, to travel abroad at this moment is highly not recommended.

It would be much appreciated if you inform the ACI board if you do have cancellations so we can communicate via our website and social media.

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### 9. Vacancies in the International Board



VICE-PRESIDENT,



TREASURER,



WEB-LADY

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.

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

