

WE AGORA FOR IT!

This newsletter puts
Zambia and Belgium
in the spotlight.

Because indeed : They GO FOR IT !!

With a difference of one month we chartered two new Clubs in Belgium and the first Agora Club of Zambia AC 1 Lusaka!

Agora Club 10 Tongeren (Belgium)

On the 17th of April 2010, this brand new Belgian Agora Club saw the daylight under the dynamic President Yvonne Houben. In Tongeren -the oldest city in Belgium situated in the North of Belgium- a group of Past-Cirlcers decided to continue the friendship they've experienced in Ladies' Circle. The event was very well organised and we all felt as youngsters again... remembering our charter days within Ladies' Circle. For sure Tongeren is a Club with a lot of potential as a few of their members have been member of the Belgian National Board of LC and I am sure that will hear more of them in the near future...



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Zambia ... The Black Pearl of Africa !

On the 20th of May Nicole Gooris and I travelled to Lusaka in Zambia. Some of the Zambian girls made us feel welcome as they were waiting for us and the German delegation on the airport of Lusaka. Jutta Schwannbaum (AC Tangent Germany) and her husband Erik just came back from a trip in the bush and for sure they had an experience of a life time. Together we left for President's Sylvia Mwansa's place.

On Friday evening, we had a wonderful welcome party in the typical African way, meaning a lot of joy, fun and dances, dances and more dances....! can assure you that after all that exercising we managed a bit!



On Saturday morning we had a "Japanese Tour" of the centre of Lusaka, a city in full expansion with lots of modern buildings and architecture. Sylvia showed us the highlights of her town, unfortunately time was too short as we had to leave for the Charter-event.



The members of AC 1 Lusaka

About 100 persons were waiting for us in the Conference room of the hotel. Sylvia started the ceremony in a fluent way. She has been LCI President in 2005-2006 and knows exactly how to deal with these events.

Everything went very smoothly, speeches, pins, gifts and banners were exchanged. I was so happy to see that the 4 Clubs were also represented: LC -RT -41 Club and the freshly born Agora. As the National Vice President of RT said: "**Our country is finally complete, now we can start to work under the motto 4 Clubs-1 Vision**".

Those words gave me so much pleasure, as we all know how important the good co-operation between our 4 Associations is!

Freshly installed President Sylvia mentioned that Agora Club will soon grow in Zambia as two other clubs are showing interest, the club of Copper Mountains and a second AC Club in Lusaka.

I am sure that Agora Zambia is in good hands and that Sylvia will do whatever is in her power to motivate Circle countries around Zambia to start with Agora. Thanks for your positive input and energy girls..... it was a great weekend.

"4 Clubs 1 Vision" in Zambia!



AGORAVISHING !

Agora Club 11 Genk (Belgium)

On the 29th of May 2010 ACI secretary Veerle attended yet another Charter in AC Belgium, and here is her report:

Agoravishing indeed! What a beautiful Charter of Agora 11 Club Genk I experienced! The senior members of Ladies' Circle Genk are and have always been in close contact with LC in their hometown...so they started off with no less than 22 members : a close-knit, dynamic and fun loving group who started Agora for all the right reasons! They looked for and found continued friendship, and are already full of plans for the future.



Full height pictures of all the members welcomed us outside the wedding room of Genk's town hall. And they set the atmosphere of what proved to become a warm and original Charter Ceremony, not in the least thanks to the performance of 4 last year's students 'Musical' of the Brussels Academy of Performing Arts . Songs of Gershwin, Frank Sinatra, Abbabrought with such brilliance ...it was hard to sit still!

After the ceremony we were invited to a drink gracefully offered by the mayor, after which the invitees headed off to the Gala dinner where they danced the night away. **A wonderful end to a wonderful day.** Congratulation to president Chris and her team for an immaculate organization and an unforgettable day!



Veerle (ACI secr), Chris (Pres AC Genk), Anne-Marie (Pres AC Belgium)

AGORAHAHAHA!

Did you ever notice that ...

Woman has Man in it **Mrs.** has Mr. in it
Madam has Adam in it **Female** has Male in it
She has He in it

And did you ever notice how all of women's problems start with MEN?

MENtal illness
MENstrual cramps
MENtal breakdown
MENopause

And when we have REAL trouble, it's a H**I**stereotomy.

AGORAGM's

Our Agora Countries close off the year with their yearly AGM

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Boards. You did a GREAT job last year!

All the best to the newly elected Boards.
Enjoy Agora to the fullest and make it an unforgettable year!

An Idea : Get in touch with Number Clubs in other Agora Countries and
experience international contacts!

And MOST OF ALL :

Enjoy the local, national and international friendship!

AGM Agora South Africa

The weekend of 28-29 of May 2010 Agora Club and Ladies Circle held their Annual Meeting in Louis Trichardt, which is situated in the Northern part of SA and at approx. 600 km from Johannesburg.

On Friday evening was the Get together in typical Western Style, the Agora's were disguised as Mexicans with poncho's and hats, the circlers in Cow-girls and Indians, some of the RT and 41 men in cow-boys.



When we entered the room it was as if we really entered in the far West !! Pam Mc Cabe and the girls of AC Amarula 1 did a great job : We had a great evening around the big fires and had a lot of fun with the games we played.

On Saturday morning I attended the AGM of Ladies' Circle and in the early afternoon the AGM of Agora Club. Both associations are working hand in hand, and for the Circlers our club will be the natural following up.



Here again there is also a good co-operation between the four associations, and for sure this will be fruitful in the near future.

Agora Club South Africa is working hard and they hope that by the end of next year two new clubs will see the daylight go for it girls !

AGM Agora The Netherlands

Veerle reports :



On the 5th of June 2010 President Irene Peeters and her Board organized –with the help of Agora Eindhoven- a terrific AGM.

It was efficient, correct and yet full of friendship and warmth. This AGM proved that those qualities can be combined in a General Meeting!

The welcome for Anne Marie (President of Agora Club Belgium) and myself were warm hearted, it was good to see all those familiar –and new!- faces again.

Agora Club The Netherlands is on the verge of important extension. This year, thanks to the efforts of Irene's Board, the links with Ladies' Circle The Netherlands were re-enforced. LC's National President and Past President were present, and were enthusiastic about the new drive in Agora Club The Netherlands. This will certainly result in interest of the LC members, who accept Agora Club as a great follow-up club!

This focus on expansion will clearly be followed through by the next Board 2010-2011. Congratulations Marja, your new Board certainly radiates positivity and dynamism!



Smiling faces...



Veerle, Marlies, Irene, Marja, Maartje, Karin



2 lovely ladies : Irene and Marja

IT'S
AGORALICIOUS !!

AGORAPID!

Dear friends, we really are experiencing RAPIDS !!

It is AMAZING how Agora is growing and expanding worldwide ! It is exciting and thrilling and the international AGM's will only get more multi-cultural and colourfull in future !

Would you like to experience this and meet members from all over the world? ⇒ [Register for the ACI conference in Talinn !](#) The girls from AG Estonia are doing their utmost, to welcome and pamper us! Registration on the website : www.agoraclubinternational.com

Come and join us all

in a great International Agora Weekend!

Danielle Gardin,

President 2009-2010 Agora Club International

Dear National Boardmembers , please do not forget the deadline of the 30th of june to send several documents to me

(see mail of 2nd of June 2010)

Thank you! *Veerle*