

Dear Boardmembers,
Dear Friends,

November, month of falling leaves, rainy weather and the start of the first cold....

We in the A.C.I Board, when remembering the marvellous times we spent together during our International AGM in the beautiful city of Bruges, our hearts are filled with warmth and joy.

For those who were there with us, we want to share with you those wonderful memories by offering you this photogallery link :

<http://picasaweb.google.be/dejonge.veerle/20091005ACIWeekendBrugge>

A special thank you too our photographer Colette Moorkens from AC 7 Lokeren (Belgium) for the great pictures!

For the ladies who couldn't make it well I really hope that you will consider joining us next year in Tallinn/Estonia during the weekend of 1-3 October 2010.

Dear friends, do you remember the International Service project we want to support within A.C.I ?

Together with the other international associations : Ladies' Circle, 41 Clubs and Round Table we would like to build a Cultural Center for the young people in the little town Onna in the area of Abruzzo/Italy, which was hit by a terrible earth quake. I am sure you will all remember the images on the news.

Estimated price 100.000€ - for more informations check :

<http://www.club41italia.org>

The International Board already organised two tombola's during the conference in Bruges. A tombola which we raised no less than 865€.

The Programme for the next Conference in Tallinn was won by Mrs. Ivana Cantelli Zangheri from AC. Cesena/Italy and the romantic weekend at the Relais Ravenstein including a candlelight diner was won by Mrs. Jocelyne Parizel form AC. Namur/Belgium.

My new pin "Together we are ONE" is also sold in benefit of this project. If you would like to buy these pins for your members, please let me know and we will send your order to you asap.

It would be great if every country and their clubs would organise an event for this great project.

At the Agm of 41Club Italy we would officially transmit this money in name of Agora Club International.

Thank you on forehand !



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My motto and logo "Together we are ONE "

Working together in respect for each other is a very important item for me, therefore it is really needed to have a good communication and to be open minded.

We are all part of the same association although we might have different thoughts, ideas and wishes..... but we have to realise that only by "working together" in respect for each individual, we can experience the feeling to be ONE.

During our International AGM held in Bruges last weekend, our Councillors decided to open up towards all Past Circlers....being Tangent and Agora members, but by keeping their own identity. A wish that was also expressed by Ladies' Circle International Presidents at their AGM held in Bangalore/India and by the other International associations RTI & 41 International.

Our Agora member countries have the same vision, therefore they voted in favour of Tangent Club Germany, who will become our first Tangent member country.

We are so glad that our Club members realised that all Past Circlers should be able to continue the friendship they have experienced in Ladies' Circle international.

I made a logo to remember this historical moment. Did you know that the two coloured ladies on my pin also have a meaning ?

The lady in green in form of an "A" represents all Agora Members and the lady dressed in blue in the form of an " T" is representing Tangent Members.....

As international President, I encourage to work side by side with Tangent Clubs as we are all Past Circlers and we have to continue the friendship we've once experienced in Ladies' Circle.

I really hope that one day Agora Club International will become the platform were all Past Circlers, Tangent & Agora members and all women having the same goals and ideas stand together internationally.

So as you can realise there is a lot of thought behind my motto this year, please Ladies it is so important that we realise that only " Together we are ONE ".

I can assure you that this year your international board will be working Together as ONE TEAM. We will provide you regularly with the latest news on our work, as you all know this year will be a year of transitionso continue to look for upcoming Newsletters.

Veerle, our marvellous secretary will also attach the minutes of the AGM held in Bruges for your national files.

I really hope that you are living Agora to the fullest!

Enjoy , laugh and experience the beauty of the differences between all of us....

Yours in international friendship,
Daniëlle Gardin
President Agora Club International
2009-2010
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