



Happy New Year 2010

Dear National Board members,
My dear Friends,

I really hope you moved quietly out of 2009 and are ready to face 2010 with a lot of joy and happiness ! I wish to you and your family all the best for the New Year !
During the holiday season I have –probably like most of you– been cooking and baking, and while doing that I thought of good recipe for 2010..... here it comes :

**Take 12 months,
delete
.....all bitterness
.....all misery
....all quibbling
and all fear.
Then you cut each month
into 30 or 31
equal parts, so that the supply
is just sufficient for 1 year.
Each part consists of
1 part of work
and 2 parts of joy and humour.
You add 3 spoonfuls of optimism,
1 teaspoon of tolerance,
1 touch of irony
and 1 pinch of tact.
Garnish the meal with a bunch of considerations
and serve daily with a happy mood.**

I really hope that by serving that to your friends and your clubs you will have a nice and pleasant year!



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AGORA CLUB IS GROWING... NATIONAL CHARTERS

This year some well established countries will celebrate several charters :

Belgium 3 new clubs
France 2 new clubs

But also **Agora Club Italy** has been struck by the "*Agora Virus*":

I am very proud to announce that Italy is really in the running this year with the charter of **two new clubs, Bologna and Merano** ! Two new clubs that saw the daylight thanks to good co-operation with 41 Club this in the spirit of 4Clubs-1Vision!

Our Italian Agora friends will also take the opportunity to install their first National Board.

And it will not stop there : during the International Ladies' Circle conference in Bangalore (India) I met Zappatinni Nicoletta, a Circler from Milano who is also eager to start an Agora Club. I met her 5 weeks ago in Brussels and I can assure you she is determined to go for it. Moreover, Teresa Maccarone from Cesena told me it seems that in Livorno things are moving as well !

Congratulations to the Italian Agora members! You are doing a GREAT job !



Agenda National Charters

17 th of October 2009	AC 39 Hyères – France
6 th of March 2010	AC 40 Toulouse - France
13 th of March 2010	AC 3 Bologna – Italy
20 th of March 2010	AC 4 Merano – Italy
17 th of April 2010	AC 10 Tongeren – Belgium
29 th of May 2010	AC 11 Genk – Belgium
25 th of Sept 2010	AC 12 Wetteren – Belgium



AND ALSO INTERNATIONALLY OUR AGORA CLUB IS GROWING....

INTERNATIONAL CHARTERS

AC 1 Lusaka – Zambia : CHARTER 22nd of May 2010.

a charter which will have a special touch,
The official invitations will be sent out by the beginning of March.
A magic charter in a magic country!



AC 1 Merkaz and AC 2 Krayot – Israel : CHARTER 19th of June 2010

The International Board paid a first visit to the past Circlers of Israel two years ago during the Mid Term meeting of Ladies' Circle International. Their start was a bit difficult as LC. Israel thought that the age-limit of LC. would change until 50 year. Luckily the Councillors of LC do realise that the strength of their association is lying in this age-limit.
The Club of Merkaz 1 under the presidency of Tamar Korman started in silence in 2008 and is now ready to face the daylight.

The club of AC 2 Krayot under the presidency of Dorit Peer started since last summer. Both clubs will charter together on the 19th of June 2010.
June 2010 will be hectic, but because of the schools and holidays in Israel this was the best date for everyone.



2 combined great Charters in Israel : a date to highlight in your agenda's !

A warm Welcome to our 2 new Agora Countries !

DON'T FORGET --- DON'T FORGET --- DON'T FORGET

□ **WEBSITE** : *We are eagerly looking forward to receive your articles !*

It would be great if you can sent in some articles - articles about charters - anniversaries - happenings etc ... We will be happy to put them on the Agora website.

The website is YOUR INSTRUMENT of communication - please USE IT

□ **APPLICATIONS** :

Ladies, may I remind you that only **this year** we need your **applications** for organizing the next two **international AGM's** being **2011** and **2012** by the 31th of January 2010.

So if in Tallinn we vote for the place of the 2011 and 2012 international conferences, we will be on track for the 2 years to come.

You can find all necessary application documents on the website under :

organisation -> enter password -> forms -> application form ACI conference 2011 and 2012



JUST DO IT !!

IT IS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR COUNTRY

AND YOUR MEMBERS !

Daniëlle Gardin
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"Together we are ONE"