



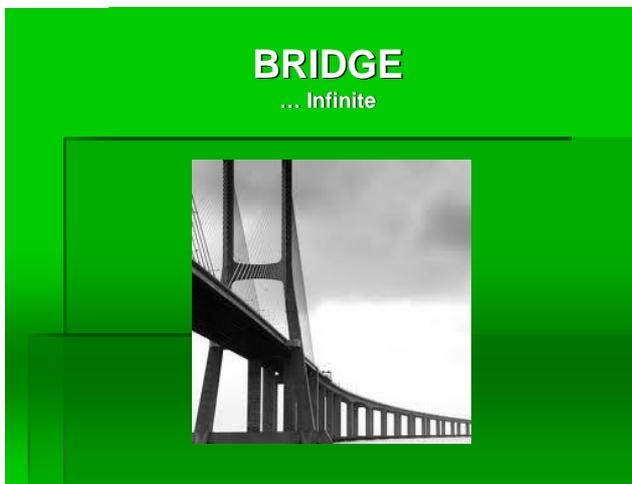
Spring Awakening

Dear Ladies and Agora friends,

friendship can be infinite...
like my bridge below. Especially in spring
we have this *infinite* feeling
of lightness, joy, and colour in our hearts.

I always wish you
this wonderful feeling of friendship
in your families and within our four associations
locally, nationally, and internationally.

„BUILDING BRIDGES“
In continued friendship,
Elisabeth Hiller, ACI President 2011-2012



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- 19-22 April 2012 AGM 41 Club International, Chennai, India
- 21-04-2012 Charter AC 7 Venlo, The Netherlands
- 28-04-2012 Charter AC 47 Lorient-Océan, France
- 01-05-2012 AGM AC Zambia in Lusaka
- 05-05-2012 AGM TC Germany in Weiden
- 12-05-2012 AGM AC Morocco in Casablanca
- 12-05-2012 Charter AC 46 Amiens, France
- 26-05-2012 AGM AC South Africa in Ermelo
- 02-06-2012 AGM AC The Netherlands in Groningen
- 07-06-2012 AGM AC Israel in Haifa
- 09-06-2012 AGM AC Italy in Vicenza
- 16-06-2012 AGM AC France in Vannes
- 16-06-2012 AGM AC Romania in Brasov
- 23-06-2012 AGM AC USA in Detroit
- 30-06-2012 AGM AC Belgium in Beervelde



**News and reports
from the board**

Charter President
BRIGITTE
Angoulême Valois 45



**Charter
Angoulême Valois 45**
March 10th, 2012

Angoulême is the town of Marguerite,
a very religious and talented woman
and sister of King François I.

She *accompanied* us during the
whole Charter:
on their banner, on pictures
at different walls in the city,
on the women's toilet doors in the hotel
(that's really unique!)
and in the Gala booklet.

The French ladies celebrated
in "grand style":
more than one hundred Ladies and
Tablers attended the charter
and brought greetings, gifts
and several colourful banners.

The most important, however,
is the friendship amongst the four clubs
Ladies' Circle, Agora/Tangent,
Round Table and 41 Club:
the QUATALAGOR.
That is very special in France.

All my very best for the French Ladies,

Elisabeth Hiller
ACI-P 2011/12

Reading Sign
MARGUERITE
d'Angoulême



REMISE DE CHARTE (Charter)
15 happy Agora Ladies in Town Hall and ACI-P



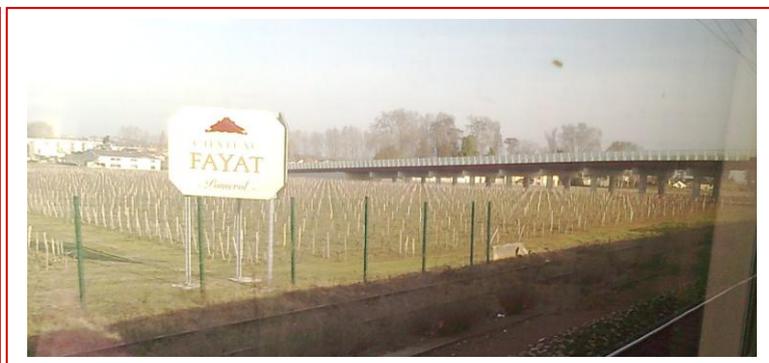
GALA EVENING
We had fun and danced till early morning.



BAGGAGE CLAIM
Airport Bordeaux
BIENVENUE



WINEYARD AND BRIDGE
Taken out of train between Angoulême and Bordeaux
AU REVOIR



Ladies' Circle Slovenia came first

On March 9th - 11th the first Ladies' Circle was chartered in Bled, Slovenia by the initiative of an Austrian Tabler. Imagine! Round Table is not existing yet in this country.



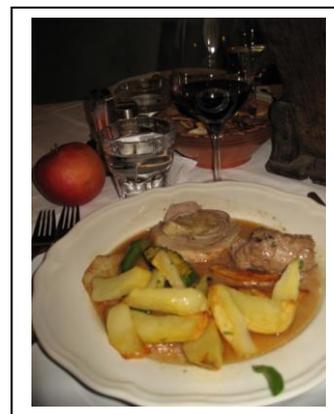
Love: Slovenia is the only country having the word love in its name. Full of love the Slovenian ladies prepared their charter. With warm hearts they picked their guests from 10 different countries up from the airports in Klagenfurt, Trieste, and Ljubljana. On the way from the airport to Bled I even got the chance to see Ema's "Kremschnitten" factory and to try her delicious cake.

Hospitality: When I got to know the Slovenian ladies Slavka and Ema during the LCI conference 2011 in Hamburg, I decided, that their charter would be a good possibility to experience a country I had not visited before. With great hospitality ladies' Circle Slovenia organized an interesting and relaxing weekend to give an impression of their mentality and country.



Culture: On Friday we started with a guided tour in the medieval town of Radovljica, where we had a reception at the Baroque Hall of Radovljica Manison and visited the Gingerbread living museum.

Food: Excellent Slovenian food was served during the Welcome Dinner, Lunch at Bled Castle and the Gala Dinner.





Nature: Lake Bled has a length of 2 kilometers and is surrounded by the Alps. On the left side of the photo with me and two Finnish ladies you see the hill with Bled Castle.

On Saturday we walked along the coast of the lake to the castle and visited it.

In the middle of the lake there is a small island, the only Slovenian island, with a church. People go by rowing boat like in the old days to visit this island. You can see one of these boats on the left.



Friendship: During the weekend I had many possibilities to deepen old friendships and start new ones with ladies from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Iceland, Israel, and Sweden. Especially I enjoyed meeting the whole LCI Board (photo on the right).



Thanks: To LC Slovenia

- For becoming a member of LCI.
- For ordering such good weather.
- For choosing such beautiful venues.
- For being like you are.

Karen von Koschitzky
Tangent Club 31 Walsrode, Germany
Secretary Agora Club International



Bridges



Ponte San Michelle in Vicenza by day and at night sent in by the national board of AC Italy



News and reports from the countries

Greetings from the Italian ladies at the half year meeting of AC Italy in Vicenza





International Service Project



RIGG is ready for Ethyopia, VIVA CON AGUA supports the maintenance



The lorry with the drill RIGG



The drill in function

The “Viva con agua” team works close together with the “Deutsche Welthungerhilfe”, a German organization founded in 1962. It has realized 6600 social projects in 70 countries since. The organization has an administrative network and works together with many local organizations. It proposes social projects to “Viva con agua”. “Viva con agua” then decides, which project is supported.

On March 6th 2012 a drill on a big lorry called “RIGG”, a compressor, and 3 containers with equipment for the drill were handed over to the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe in Celle, northern Germany for Ethiopia. RIGG is able to drill wells up to a depth of 400 meters. After an international prize competition the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe decided to buy RIGG of the “Celler Brunnenbau” company, because the technical support and knowledge in case of repairs is guaranteed for this equipment in Ethiopia.



The compressor and containers



Heads of the drill

The maintenance of this machinery will be paid by “Viva con agua”. RIGG will be used to drill wells in the driest region of Ethiopia, the Afar Zone. When a well is finished, the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe installs a water committee, which has to have a quota of more than 50 % of female members. The committee collects a water penny from the people drawing water from the water station. It also decides about the opening hours, guarantees the maintenance and protection of the station, and tests the water quality regularly. It takes care of all other matters, like using the profit of the water penny for other social projects in the community.



Example of a water station from “Celler Brunnenba



Water station for Angola

Every second year the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe sends a representative to the stations for control. In average 80 % of the stations work and function as they are supposed to. In the other 20 % the controllers rarely find technical problems. Mainly they have to solve problems within the water community to continue the water production.

At the water stations many different kinds of pumps are used, mainly manual , as they are the cheapest.

The company “Celler Brunnenbau” sponsored a steel water station to the Deutsche Welthungerhilfe. It has a Grundfoss pump run by solar energy. The solar collectors are installed on top of the roof of the station. The pump can produce 2000 litres of water per hour, which are collected in a steel container under the roof of the station. Three water tubs are available for the people fetching their water.

Karen von Koschitzky, Secretary 2011/12, Agora Club International



Karen, Mr. Lorsch and Mr. Bailer Welthungerhilfe, Silke LC 27,
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Isabel LC 27, Mr. Langer Celler Brunnenbau



Lutz Zaumseil, Viva con agua
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Isabel LC 27



Miscellaneous

INTERNATIONAL Miscellaneous

Friendship & Service	LCI	ACI	Donner et Tolérer
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Adopt, Adapt, Improve	RTI	41CI	May the Hinges of Friendship never rust
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Words of Friendship from International Presidents 2011/12
“BUILDING BRIDGES”
 between our Four International Associations



!!It is a great honour and pleasure for me to present the International Presidents Sharon (LCI), Stijn (RTI) and Jean-Louis (41CI) in this March Newsletter!!
ENJOY THEIR WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP



**Ladies' Circle International
 President SHARON TAITZ**



Dear Agora Members!

The year is passing by and I can see through the newsletters that you girls are doing a great job.
 You can be proud of your friendship & service all around the world.
 On behalf of all circlers around the world I want to send you warm greetings, and enjoy the next 6 months to coming.

In friendship & service
 Sharon Taitz
 LCI President 2011-2012
“Sharing is Caring”



**Round Table International
President STIJN DE FRENE**



Dear Friends of Agora,

On behalf of Round Table International (RTI), I send you warm greetings during this ending winter period.

RTI is the 'big boys'-association worldwide which counts 32.000 members in almost 50 different countries. With the same ground principles as Ladies Circle, friendship and service, we quote our activities as 'adopt – adapt – improve'.

Our national associations are doing well, while most of them are focussing on membership and struggling clubs. I see this on the menu of all associations and service clubs worldwide.

Since many years, we see AGORA INTERNATIONAL and its national associations as very active and growing. Some of your international board members seem to working daily with passion. The result is a growing association and a dynamic image. We congratulate you for this.

Some years ago, during joined board meetings, the idea grows to create "4 Clubs 1 Vision". This great idea grows fast and gains a lot of popularity. As RTI, we support this joined vision project. However, we also discovered a problem in order to continue. Past circlers and tablers find a new homebase after leaving their clubs at 40 or 45 years. The 41 Club is the 'resthouse' for past-tablers, while the afterlife of Circle things are less clear. In order to continue with '4 clubs 1 vision', both Tangent and Agora-clubs should be united in one international level. We saw already very good starting points in some countries, but there is still a long way to go. We encourage you to join all past circlers as ONE! It's building a big brand new strong bridge!

In the meanwhile, we stay connected and support each other of course!

Yuit,

Stijn De Frene; RTI President 2011-2012

"Commit & Act"



**Club 41 International
President JEAN-LOUIS BOILEAU**



FRIENDSHIP

...is a word that cannot be used without this other word TOLERANCE.

That is to say: the effort which man exerts upon himself with the aim of putting its own ideas into perspective so that he can take into the account the ideas of others;

TOLERANCE is strength, TOLERANCE is respect;

- Belonging to our Clubs, AC, LC RT or 41 means we love FRIENDSHIP, which is the most certain and the most beautiful sign of openness to the world.

- Loving FRIENDSHIP means to love the world in all its diversity and to acknowledge at only one's preferences but also to take in account the innate right of each person to think and feel as they like.

- Belonging to our Clubs means that we are looking for true FRIENDSHIP without any underlying motive. This genuine FRIENDSHIP is strong, great and rare.

And my deepest wish is that our Clubs can extend their benevolent influence everywhere in the world where sincere women and men of quality want to weave the links of

FRIENDSHIP, TOLERANCE, ESTEEM and RESPECT for more SOLIDARITY.





**Agora Club International
President ELISABETH HILLER**



Dear Friends of International Circling and Tabling, dear Ladies and Tablers!

I'm very glad to see our four international associations - called the "Round Table Family" - united on three pages in this newsletter. That is something very special! The Round Tablers have been the first, followed by Ladies' Circle. Both associations were "born" in Great Britain. The elder brothers' and sisters' associations: 41 CLUB INTERNATIONAL (Old Tablers, Ex-Tablers, 41ers) as well as AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL (most with the name Agora Club and a variety of Tangent Clubs), followed as natural development of age limit. Tangent Clubs have as symbol a circle/half circle and a tangent which means that they left Ladies' Circle but are close to them. Agora is a Greek word which means meeting place for friends. The symbol is the Ginkgo Biloba leaf which survived the bomb of Hiroshima. Both symbols are creations for long lasting and hopefully continuing friendship because both our past circling associations have their origin in Ladies' Circle. In the past the whole "RT family" started approaching more and more on local, national and international base. That is great as we have all the same aims and visions: we want to support those who need our help. We want to get acquainted with other people, countries, customs and rites and we want to be tolerant. We want to get to learn new friends locally and worldwide. We want to continue friendships locally and worldwide. And last but not least we want to have fun amongst our clubs and associations on local, national and international level, too. That is what we feel and live when we speak of our "Round Table Family"!

I wish you finding this so very special and unique "Bridge between People" wherever you stay.

Elisabeth Hiller, ACI President 2011-2012

"Building Bridges"

Thanks Danke Merci TODA Dank u
Sharon, Stijn and Jean-Louis for your Words of Friendship

