



## NEWSLETTER 2

Dear Ladies of Agora Club!

Again a year comes to its end – a year in which the aims of our association were requested because of the senseless attacks in special.

I wish you peaceful Christmas days and a successful year 2017!

Yours in continued friendship

Brigitte Colberg, ACI Secretary 2015-2017

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Dear Ladies, dear friends,

one more time we are devastated by a terrible and senseless attack against humanity and liberty.

It is terrible to know that in this Christmas Season, time of hope and love, human beings lost their lives or are struggling to survive. **Hate cannot fight hate, only love can!**

We must stay strong, positive, loving hearts full of positive energy despite these terrible events, embrace life and live it to the fullest.

Looking back on the year 2016, I can say, it was a year full of emotions, new experiences, surprises and a lot of fun. As you can imagine, I will never forget the conference in Milan, where I took over the responsibility for our association. Only some days after I found myself on my way to Belgium to attend the charter of AC Mechelen and to celebrate the 10th anniversary of AC Torhout with my Belgian friends. The HYM of ACT Germany in November held in the "cosmopolitan" Mölln was a must. Also I could not miss the Charity-Fashion Show Extravaganza, organised by our Ladies from Southend-on-Sea, lifestreamed to all our AC-countries, for the benefit of our ISP Eyes for The World. All your posts and pictures have made me smile during these last months. To see all these happy faces showed me again and again, how active, vibrant and vivid you are. I loved every picture of your elegant or fun Christmas dinners and charity activities and events. I could even feel the joy of togetherness and camaraderie and I could almost hear your laughs!

You are embracing life with a big smile, making this world a better one!

This world needs you, your positivity, your energy!

While we are thinking about Christmas gifts to buy and dinners to prepare, there are people out there, fighting for their lives day by day. Pictures we see every day from Syria are heartbreaking.

The refugees I have got to know are showing me moment by moment how gifted and how lucky we are and what is really Important in life, not only when you have lost everything, but for all of us: cordiality, honesty, helpfulness, hospitality, friendship, love and a sense of humor.

Let us be the light for others, use our hand, head, heart working side by side  
for we are "**Stronger United**"

In Friendship and Love

**Ursula**

ACI President 2016-2017





# Action Nationale

In 2000, the Club AGORA France have become officially "Service Club" and at first, they are local actions that local clubs were doing for local associations.

Then it was proposed and voted a "national action" to federate local clubs and promote our association Club AGORA France , to make know and recognize .

In 2009, in Lille, is voted the first national cause :  
 "Overcoming Lysosomal Diseases"  
 which was presented by the Tulle club.  
 In 2011, € 24,400 was paid to VML for 2 years of action



In 2011 in Toulouse, new national cause chosen :  
 "Dreams " presented by club - Colmar.  
 In 2013, in Clermont-Ferrand, € 25,881 paid to action Dreams.

In 2013, in Clermont- Ferrand, new cause chosen :"  
 Solidarité Femmes " presented by the club Angers .



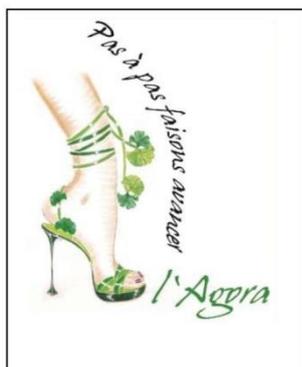
In 2016 , St. Raphael, € 47,000 are awarded to FNSF for three years of actions by all the clubs in France .

this sum will be used for Qi Gong sessions of Women, relaxation therapy , reflexology, psychological, social and aesthetic care , workshops for acquiring self-defense movements, relaxation methods , more confidence to ease the steps of insertion and also purchase educational materials and make prevention activities with youth



March 8 International Women's Day of Rights and November 25, International Day against violence against women most French clubs sell thoughts : Thinking of a woman.

IN November 2016: NEW CLIP : the new campaign by FNSF for the fight against violence against women on TV screens and in cinemas together with the Club logo AGORA France



Nadine TEXIER

National President 2015-2016

I.P.P. & I.R.O. 2016-2017

Micheline GENEIX

National President 2016-2017

30<sup>th</sup> birthday - Club AGORA France - June 2017



Dear Agorafriends,

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...GOGOGO !!!



Yes my year started as a rocket because 3 charters were on my president's menu and a 10-year club jubileum celebration ...all in one month ...without forgetting the active passing by at the fantastic ACI weekend.

So we chartered 3 new clubs in Agora Belgium and it was just great to welcome all those new agora-ladies in our fantastic association!

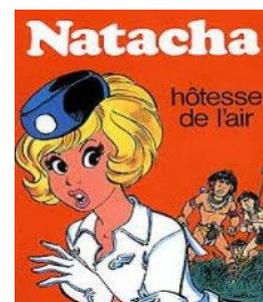
Thank you friends of AC 17 Charleroi, AC 18 Tienen and AC 19 Mechelen for those 3 fantastic organized charters and parties! It was a real pleasure to share these moments with you!!!

### 24. September 2016 Charter AC 18 Tienen

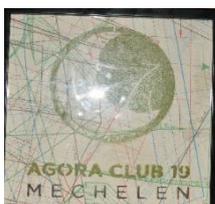


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### October 2016 Charter Charleroi 17



22. October 2016



**3.000 Euro for EFTW !**



Thank you all my friends for sharing this great friendship and especially thanks to our International President Ursula who was present at the charter of Mechelen and held her first speech as a real accomplished president! The 'day-after' – no no no relax in Belgium –we celebrated the 10 years of Agora club Torhout were Ursula learned for the first time some words in our typical West-Flemish dialect....

She almost understood ....something ....or nothing... but the sphere and the friendship were unforgettable!!!





Now I'm looking forward to meet all the clubs in Belgium and to share lovely moments of caring agorafriendship!

Lots of love and wishing you all a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2017!!**

**Ingrid EDIERS**

NP AC Belgium 2016-2017

*Ingrid, Carine, Chris,  
Fanoïse et Marleen*

## Half year meeting of AC Tangent Germany

This year the half year meeting of AC Tangent Germany took place in the Till Eulenspiegel town Mölln at the first weekend of November. The ladies, who had already arrived on Friday evening, strolled along the autumn fair and enjoyed all different kinds of food and drinks.

Those, who had not chosen to be homehosted, had the chance to wake up in the hotel with a beautiful view over the lake with autumn colored trees.



On Saturday morning the event started with a workshop about the preface of the German club directory followed by a come together and lunch. After lunch the meeting continued with many speeches, reports and fruitful discussions. New ideas were born and plans were made for the rest of the year. The whole meeting was very well prepared by the national board and the ladies of TC 47 Mölln had put their heart into the organization of the weekend.





AC Tangent Germany was honored to have ACI President Ursula Lejeune and ACI Secretary Brigitte Colberg among their guests. Ladies Circle Germany was represented by the national board members Gudrun Krüger (P), Sandra Eilers (VP) and Melanie Grundei-Wollny (T).



Round Table Germany sent Holger Cosse (IPP) and Maxime Lagarde (VP) as representatives. Old Tabler's Germany was represented by Peter Weiß (P) and Norbert Frei (VP) during the whole day and additionally by the president and vicepresident of area 1 for dinner.



As a surprise Till Eulenspiegel appeared during the meal causing a lot of laughter.

After talking to so many lovely ladies, meeting so many friends, getting so many new impressions, sharing so many thoughts and ideas, I felt like having been away much longer, when I turned home on Saturday evening.

**Karen von Koschitzky**

IRO AC Tangent Germany

## Agora Club UK Fashion Extravaganza

Way back in early 2016, our founding member Louise had this idea that Agora Club UK could put on a Fashion Show at the College where she works and raise some funds for our ISP (Eyes for the World). The idea was to get the students and the college involved, show off their facilities and share the workload! Of course we agreed and the plans started! As it was being filmed by the media students, we could stream this to all the Agora Clubs around the World and get them all involved says Louise.....so we started our plan for an international evening!



Throughout the summer we were planning and checking out clothes, and the College were busy getting the event into their curriculum for the autumn term. So when the students returned from summer break in mid-September, our ladies were keen to get organising and gradually things took shape and by end of November we had made Xmas decorations for our craft stall, got local small business to display and sell their unique products and had a selection of real life models (Agora ladies and College lecturers) to show off our upcycling clothing, new clothing, woolly hats and scarves, African clothing as well



as some students to demonstrate the young street trends and unique evening dresses made by a college student.

So President Tracey's house started to be filled with clothes and people trying on clothes! but after much rehearsal of strutting our stuff up and down and selecting clothes to show off we were almost ready for Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Some technical hitches with software meant our streaming wasn't working but finally it worked! and we were ready to go worldwide!

IP Ursula and ISP Convenor Veerle (and of course driver Dirk!) joined us on the day, amusing themselves on Southend seafront whilst we worked hard to set up the stalls and clothes at the College and some models had their hair and make-up done by the students.



By 19:00 the room was filling up, the food and drink the students had prepared was being served and the



models had all had a little prosecco to calm the nerves and were eager to get on the catwalk! A little delay later.....and we were posing for the cameras.



The evening flew past as we scrambled out of one outfit into the next. Some technical problems caused a challenge to the students and to Ursula and Veerle during their presentations (apologies ladies), but we worked through them and before we knew it, the modelling was done the student singers and guitarist were done and Agora Club UK ladies had all had a wonderful fun evening of friendship and charity!



We must say thank you to all our Agora Club friends throughout the world who joined us via the streaming: Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Germany, Italy, Norway, Romania, Zambia and for the lovely messages we received from them and our other AC friends keeping an eye on pictures being posted on social media. Thank you for your support!



We are still working out what funds we raised, as we still have some invoices to pay at the College but looks like it should be around €1000. Additionally we plan to sell what we can of the remaining stock of clothes in the early part of 2017 so hope to raise some more from that.

Sandra Smith AC UK

**The traditional Lions-X-Mas Market Schloss Porcia  
Spittal/Drau, Saturday 03rd December 2016**



The traditional Charity Clubs of Spittal invited again with homely food, tee, selfmade likörs, selfmade knitted ware, a live crib and a flea market in our castle Porcia.

Agora Club 1 Austria Spittal – side by side – and Lady Circle 5 Spittal took part again!



Gabi Golger-Oberwinkler Vize President AC 1, Karina Lochner President LC 5, Gertrude Taurer AC 1, Christine Wernitznig President AC 1, Michaela Payer LC 5, Sandra Taurer Past President LC 5, Melanie Dekan LC 5, Isabella Konrad AC 1

### X-Mas Party Agora 1 Spittal/Austria – Tuesday 13th December 2016

Agora 1 Spittal celebrated the X-Mas party for the 2nd time! During the dinner the ladies enjoyed the film about the Charter last June. What a wonderful memory !!!  
After „working“ the ladies change presents to each other – called „Wichteln“!



Yours in friendship

AC Austria



**AGORA ISRAEL**  
Service • Friendship • Tolerance

Program charter club Tel Aviv & Petah Tikva 9-12 March 2017

**9 March 2017:** Check in the hotel or home hosting

**19:00** Tour at "Sarona Tel Aviv": urban open air commercial center and historical site. Dinner at one of the many restaurant at the site .

**10 march 2017: 9:30-12:00** Charter at the Metropole Hotel Tel Aviv. (hot beverages , fresh juices , pastry, fruits) Price: 25 Euros

**12:30-14:00** Tasting tours at "Carmel market" and Yemen quarter. At least 6-7 tastiness

Price: 26 Euros \*

**14:00 15:30** Tour at the fascinate historical "old Jaffa"

Price: 30 Euros \*

The two tours are guided by an actor \tour guide, in an energetic and fascinating way , with funny stories acting role playing .

**19:30** "Friday dinner" – home hosting .

**11 march 2017: 8:30** Jerusalem Masada and the Dead Sea

Trip with a guide and private bus. Price: 35 Euros for the guide and the bus

Price for Masada and Dead Sea–40 Euros (including : cable car up+down, museum, mud pools, regulated beach

**12 march 2017:** Free day in Tel Aviv beach shopping museums etc....

We are available, for any request as to others destination in Israel, looking forward to see you!

Also a pre-tour will be prepared. For more information or request you can contact,

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**CHARTER CLUB TEL AVIV and PETAH TIKVA  
March 9-12, 2017**



*Brigitte, Ursula, Thanh Thao, Yvonne, Isabelle*

**From our homes to yours...**

**Wishing you Peace, Love,**

**Joy and Smiles in this**

**Festive Season!**



# CALENDAR AGORA

## Year 2016-2017

DATE 2017	EVENT
20 - 22.01.2017	MTM LCI Goeteborg – Sweden
27- 29.01.2017	MTM LCI Harare – Zimbabwe
30.01.-03.02.2017	ISP-EFTW Zambia
3 – 5.02. 2017	MTM LCI Lichfield – GB&I
11.02.2017	LCI Day
12.02.2017	TCI Day
<b>15-18.02.2017</b>	<b>Boardmeeting 2 Germany Hamburg</b>
24-26.02.2017	MTM LCI – Rome- Italy
<b>10.03.2017</b>	<b>Charter AC 1 Israel</b>