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Dear Agora friends,
Dear friends of Agora,

We are half way into our Agora year, and what an exciting 6 months these have been with many charters around the globe and many more to come!

But the exciting times have just started, with the Charter of our 3 new member countries in the month of May.

I am sure our new members would love to welcome you at their charter event. Just make a plan with some of your Club friends, fill a car, book a plane, order a boat or train and go! It would be so lovely for our 3 new countries to have many Agora friends to welcome them in our midst ☺

All registration forms and (very exciting!!) programs can be found and downloaded on our website www.agoraclubinternational.com

This is also the time to remind you of our ACI conference in Hyères – France. The conference committee have done such a terrific job providing us with a wonderful program !

Might this be *YOUR* first International Conference?

Come and *ENJOY* that typical, electric, loving and energetic vibe which comes to life when like minded women meet! It is *such* a great experience!

I am also very happy to announce that the first donations have come in for “Viva Con Agua”, the International Service Project which we support together with our Sister Club Ladies’Circle International. You can read more info about “Viva Con Agua” in this ACI Newsletter N°6.

Dear friends, looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming 6 months. Keep on enjoying Agora!

Lots of love, *Veerle*

ACI President

Springtime is nature's way of saying :
LET'S PARTY!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Next 3 months

- 05. April Charter AC 4 Craiova, Romania
- 20. April Charter AC 15 Chaudfontaine, Belgium
- 20. April Charter TC 20 Dillenburg, Germany
- 27. April Charter AC 48 Maubeuge, France
- 04. May AGM TC Germany in Norden
- 18. May AGM AC USA in Detroit
- 18. May AGM AC Romania in Brasov
- 25. May AGM AC South Africa in Johannesburg
- 01. June AGM AC The Netherlands in Noordwijk
- 05. June AGM AC UK in Southend-on-Sea
- 08. June AGM AC France in Clermond Ferrand
- 08. June AGM AC Italy in Bologna
- 08. June AGM AC Zambia in Lusaka
- 15.-18. June Boardmeeting 3 in Belgium
- 22. June AGM AC Morocco in Casablanca
- 29. June AGM AC Belgium in Melle

International charters in 2013

- 5. May Charter AC Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom
- 11. May Charter AC Akureyri and AC Reykjavik, Iceland
- 25. May Charter AC Rogaland S, Norway

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Dear ladies,
our webmaster has updated our website again with a lot of photos of the last Agora events, which make Agora much more lively to all of you. Take a moment and have a look into the photo gallery. Enjoy and share the impressions of friendship.

At the end of March ACI President Veerle met the national board members of TC GB&I in London. They had a very fruitful meeting with an English cup of tea and some Belgian chocolates. Mmhh!!



From left to right: ACI President Veerle de Jonge, NP of TC GB&I Sue Marlow, IPP Jan Dowling, and VP Karen Durie



When my husband and I started to organize our trip to the United States in March, we made the decision to make a stop-over in Detroit and visit our Agora friends there. And what a good plan that turned out to be!

It was wonderful to see Mirela Luchian again. We have been friends since LC days, where she was president of LC Romania and we kept on meeting in LCI corridors. The friendship stayed, Mirela immigrated to Detroit and is now President of AC USA, so how lucky are we that we are able to keep on meeting in the ACI corridors now! Hurray!



With Mirela and daughter Sinziana



AC Detroit Vice President Doina and her husband Relu, son Vlad and doggy Smokey homehosted us and went out of their way to make us feel welcome, thank you so much Doina and Relu! You made our stay so special for us!

Doina, Veerle, Relu, Sinziana and Mirela at Doina's house



Mirela and her Agora ladies of Detroit were such lovely and generous hosts. They had a great 36 hours worked out for us, with a visit to the Ford Museum, a drive through downtown Detroit, a dinner in a fantastic "mafia" restaurant and of course a meeting with all the ladies and husbands from Detroit! Such a happy group of people!

Doing my shift "serving in friendship" at the diner in the Ford Museum ☺



With President Kennedy's car in the Ford museum
...Very impressive!



The "members of the Senate", that is how the husbands
of our AC Detroit ladies call themselves ☺



AC Detroit VP Doina, Andreea
Monica, AC Detroit President Anca, AC USA President Mirela, Veerle, AC Detroit Secretary Carolyn



Thank you dear Agora ladies of AC Detroit. You made our stay unforgettable!
You are far away from us, but in Agora friendship there is no distance!
Lots of Love to you all, and see you in Hyères !

Veerle xxx



Veerle and Dirk had enjoyed their stay in Michigan. It began with a delicious Mexican dinner at a well known and respected restaurant. We engaged in conversation over some tasty food and spirits. Memories were shared which created a pleasant atmosphere. We shared many laughs which resulted in an overall good time.

The next day, Veerle experienced the beauty of Michigan's own Ford Museum. This is where the history of the United States as a whole as well as Michigan's was portrayed. Around lunch time we made our way to an authentic Italian restaurant named Mario's. The food, the service, as well as the authentic feel of the restaurant was simply amazing. This was another successful meal that we all took a part of. Following the lovely late lunch, was a long tour of the downtown area. This presented Michigan's way of life. Later that night, we held our Agora meeting at our very own club president Anca's house. Here we discussed our fundraising event along with other important issues. Sadly Veerle's stay had to come to an end; however, we are looking forward to the next time we are able to get together.



We would also like to thank Veerle for the yummy Belgium chocolates that she brought us; they were absolutely mouthwatering.

In conclusion, we were happy to welcome Veerle and cannot wait to be reunited.

Mirela Luchian, President AC USA

Reports countries

Report from Germany

The remarkable weekend 02. to 03. March 2013

**Charter at Midnight
“A Magic hour in Nordenham”**

Our first and only Charter Celebration at midnight!

But..

First the Tangent Board had to work and met in the house of our honorary “Tangent Lady”, Herbert Kaiser, in Nordenham.



Veronika & Herbert with the
“OT Symbol” on the floor



The National Board: Brigitte, Simone, Barbara
Birgit & Herbert our hosts, Petra, Veronika

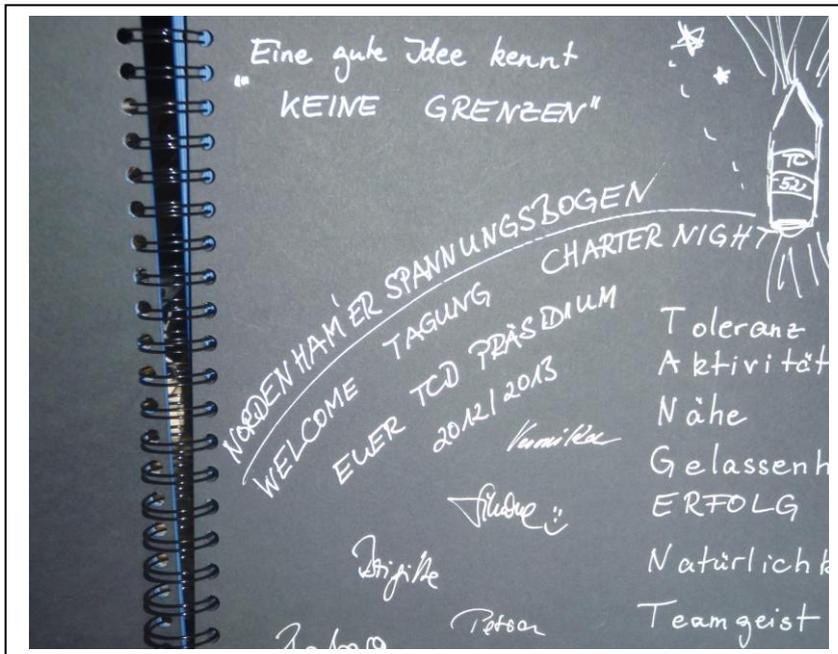
We were very busy in preparing the agenda of the coming Annual General Meeting in Norden / Nordsee, in early May 2013.

And then finally the highlight of the week-end was coming. The Ladies of TC 52 Nordenham had invited for their Charter celebration.

On Saturday, exactly at midnight, 18



ascended up to our sparkling tangent sky.



„No limits for a good idea“

Our President, Veronika Troszt, chartered TC 52 and held a very emphatic speech. The ghosts of the foundation of the Club were chased away with some drops of sparkling wine out of our Tangent cups and then TC 52 became a full member of Tangent Club Germany. The godmothers of TC 41 Ammerland were singing a serenade.





**Even the delegates of Old Tablers (Club 41) didn't hesitate to congratulate with a song.
Before and after the Charter Act approximately 80 guests talked, danced and spent a wonderful harmonic night!**

Until now 23 clubs are full member of Tangent Club Germany and new Charter Celebrations are following soon.

**See You in Hyere!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Yours in continiud friendship
The Ladies from Tangent Club Germany**

The Agora Club International part



ACI candle of friendship



ACI Secretary Karen giving her speech



Deadline for your donations is the 15. June 2013. Deadline for your donations is the 15. June 2013.

 <p>VIVA CON AGUA SANKT PAULI</p>	<p>Facts about the importance of water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Along with the air we breathe water is the most elemental basis to life.• Over the world 783 Mio people have no access to clean drinking water.
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Informations about the drill RIG

One year ago RIG was sent from Germany to the Afar region in Ethiopia, an arid area with 2 rainy seasons a year.



After difficulties with customs in Ethiopia Rig started drilling deep wells to enable the access to water for many people. Right now locals are trained by experts from the German Welthungerhilfe to handle RIG correctly.



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To receive water from the well, a so-called “water penny” has to be paid to assure the maintenance of the well.



To realize a well depending on the surrounding conditions (soil etc.) around 4000-8000 Euro are needed, which then can supply up to 600 people with clean drinking water.

Until now more than 70 000 Euro were transferred to Viva con Agua by Ladies' Circle International, which roughly calculated can help more than 6000 people in the Afar region already.



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This photo was a spontaneous reaction of the Viva con Agua team in Hamburg, when they received 70 000 Euro.

Dear ladies,

since this ISP will end with the next LCI conference, please be aware that your donation for the ISP has to be transferred till the **15. of June 2013** to the ACI bank account:

AGORA CLUB INTERNATIONAL
IBAN: BE 25 001-6811249-82
BIC/SWIFT: GEBABEBB

LCI closes the books on June 30th 2013 and our Treasurer Nikkie will also need time to transfer the Agora donations to LCI.

And what happened to Rudi in the meantime?

He travelled the world,
fell in love,
and many baby ducks were born.....



It was love at first sight!

What a handsome duck!



He couldn't stop thinking about her!

I have to get to know her!



...they went for a coffee...

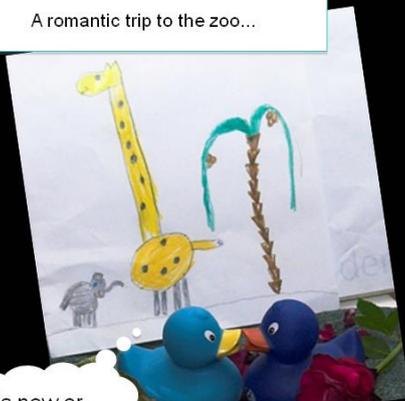


...those beautiful eyes...



He arranged a candle light dinner....

A romantic trip to the zoo...



It's now or never...

And he finally kissed her!

Those soft lips...

What a good kisser...

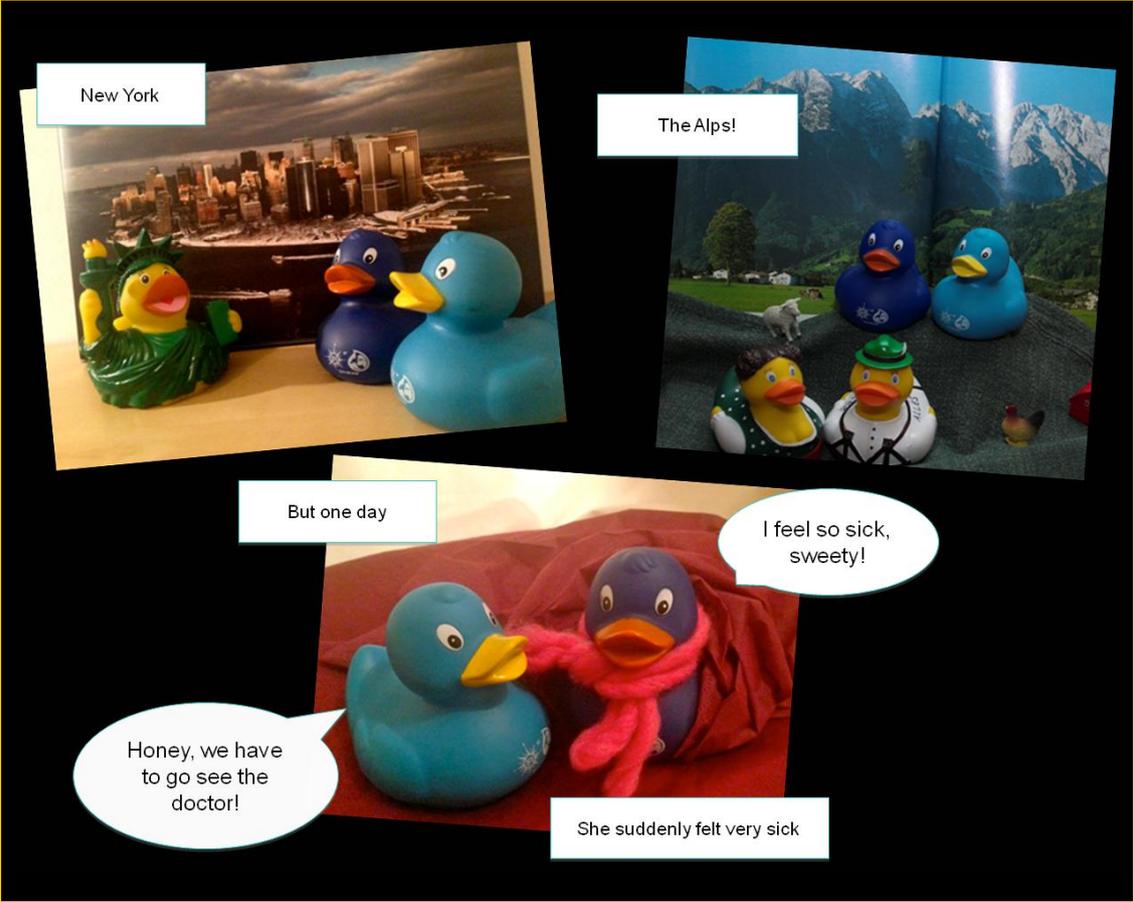


...and travelled the world...

From then on they spent every minute together!



Copenhagen



A few weeks later...

In the middle of the night

They knew it was time...



...and he called the ambulance!

...not one...



...not two...



...not three...



...but many baby ducks were born!