



!Think positive!

Dear Ladies and Agora friends,

overcoming the difficulties...  
... makes us strong for everyday's life.

From time to time life lays a lot of stones on our way ahead  
and we must succeed in jumping over them!

In such bad situations we need a friend who is going  
"side by side" with us.

Do you all have a confidential friend?  
Then you are a lucky person and you can walk together!  
Take care of this friend!

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



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- 01-05-2012 AGM AC Zambia in Lusaka
- 05-05-2012 AGM TC Germany in Weiden
- 12-05-2012 AGM AC Morocco in Casablanca
- 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



### Greetings from the ACI Conference Committee in Lübeck:

Dear ladies,  
 we are working hard on the preparations for the ACI Conference from Oct. 5-7th 2012.  
 The locations are booked, meals and wine are ordered. You only have to register and book your hotel.  
 We are very much looking forward to welcoming you here.  
 Barbara, Antje N., Steffi, Doris, Mariella, Antje D (from left to right).



**Dear Ladies and Friends!**

On the following pages you can go with us on the  
BOARDIES' EASTER "TRAVEL"

Happy Easter in Elisabeth's & Bernd's Family

**Easter "customs" in our family ... are very special...**  
and differ from others, I'm sure!

Easter is a long weekend in Germany with 4 free days and my husband Bernd is a hard working self made man and ... a hand worker. So, since years, we are accustomed to renewing or enlarging our house, our company's building or our family members'/children's houses! So we are doing this year. Our daughter in law is pregnant for the second time and the little baby, which will be born beginning June, should have its own room.

But – don't worry – we do have some relaxing hours as well.

Sunday morning is Easter in our hearts and in our soul. We enjoy a long breakfast with coloured eggs and chocolate "Osterhase" (rabbit) on our plates, a fine decorated breakfast table, flowers and we are not busy or in a hurry as normally all over the year.

This Easter, however will be special for Bernd and me as we will experience our little granddaughter (2 ¼ years) building Easter nests, "running" for Easter eggs (and eating them!).

We will enjoy this so very special and unique fun!!

We are looking forward to these moments with pleasure and a warm feeling in our hearts.

It will be a moment that we remember, too, the childhood of our two children  
Christine (30) and Marc (29).

We are thankful and wish you

**Happy Easter 2012**



Bernd & Elisabeth Hiller, ACI President  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2012





## Easter

...one of my favorite days in the year because:

- No shopping to hunt for presents in the cold and snow like at Christmas, but hunt for chocolate eggs in the early crisp spring, blossom fragrant morning. My children (26, 23, 20) still insist on this fun habit of egg-searching!



- No huge amounts of heavy food during several hours like at New Year, but a lovely light brunch and afterwards an outdoor activity. This year the kids chose to go for golf initiation, and in the evening we looked at old family videofilms. Hilarious!

- In short : a *cozy, warm and active* family day, with time to laugh and talk, to muse about the past and make plans for the future.

# Happy Easter everyone !

*From Veerbe - ACI Vice President, and her whole family ☺*



Hello ladies,

I do hope that you all had a wonderful Easter weekend and enjoyed the festivities in your countries.

Good Friday was a nice day – quiet just Keith and I but nice to spend some time together. Had a nice lunch out and also went to movies!

Easter Saturday I had our monthly Agora meeting at home in the garden where we had a good meeting in the sunshine.

Easter Sunday the family members that were in Johannesburg came over for lunch, once again we enjoyed the autumnal sunshine and good company, and Easter cupcakes and Easter eggs!!!

Needless to say my little granddaughter Ryley was the centre of attention.

How sweet she is and she was 6 months this Easter weekend.

Always such a pleasure to spend time with the family.

With love

Nikkie, ACI Past President

For us Easter means the end of the winter season and the beginning of spring. The only thing was that the weather didn't agree!!!

On Friday and Saturday we did some skiing and ate a cheese fondue in the Cabane Mont Fort in the mountains on the top of Verbier with some friends. Afterwards we went back home on Sunday, which we spent with the family. On Monday we had the Easter golf competition. It was so cold, that we had to play in the same clothes that we used for skiing!!! It was very friendly, as we were all in the same situation.

I wish you all a very good spring.  
Love from Switzerland  
Nicole, ACI Treasurer



Dear ladies,  
each year we spend the Easter weekend at different places, depending whether we are on holiday or have to work.

But every year before Easter I decorate the house with real eggs we painted during the last 25 years with the family. It is always nice to remember the different occasions, when they were painted and to discuss which egg was painted by whom. We also remember how difficult it is to get the eggs empty just through two small wholes without disturbing them.

This year we celebrated my mother in law's 90 th birthday at our house with the whole family from Germany and Spain. We started with a barbecue on Friday. On Saturday after breakfast we went for a walk to the Groundless Lake in the Groundless Moor. At lunch time we had a warm three course meal and afterwards we went into the world' s biggest bird park, which we have in Walsrode. In the evening we prepared a buffet and had some speeches and presentations for my mother in law. For all these meals we were round about 30 persons. 28 of us slept in our house, in our clinic and at Elisabeth's house. Thank you for your help again, Elisabeth! For breakfast on Easter Sunday we were only 17 persons left. Unfortunately our grandchild Eric is too small for searching Easter eggs in the garden. After breakfast some more guests went home. Then we had a lot of tidying up and needed a quiet rest of the day.

If anybody of you passes Walsrode, you are very welcome to spend a day with me in the marvelous bird park or stay over night.

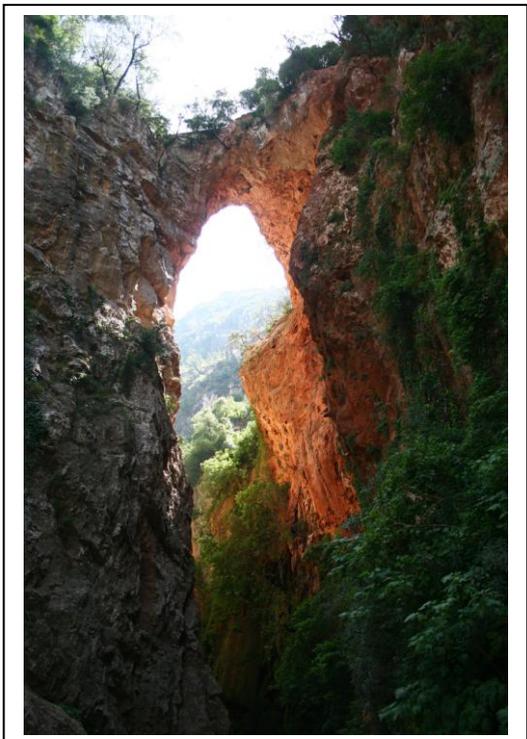
Warm greetings from Karen, ACI Secretary



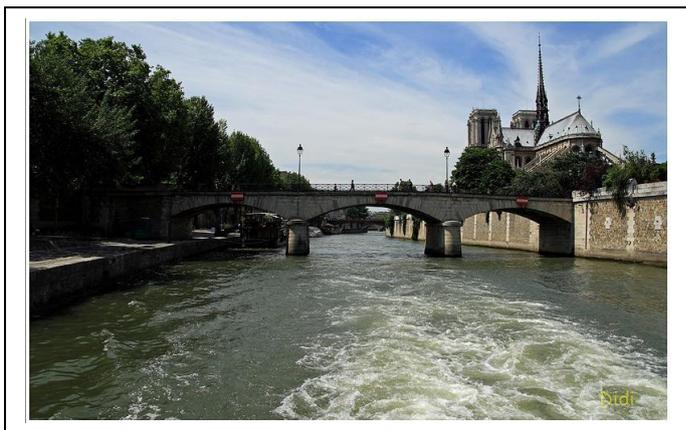
# Bridges



Bridge in Wales sent by Marlies Witthagen, AC The Netherlands



God's bridge in the North of Morocco sent by Narjisse Kaicer, AC Morocco



Bridge in Paris sent by Agnes Vielle-Finet, AC France



**Words of Friendship**  
*from National Presidents 2011/12*  
**“BUILDING BRIDGES”**  
 between our Member Countries



	<p><b>AC Belgium</b>          President MIMI DE MAERE</p>	
<p><b>Dear ladies and friends!</b></p> <p>The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion,          who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement,          who can tolerate not knowing... not healing... not curing...          that is a friend who cares.</p> <p>A friend should be one in whose understanding and virtue we can equally confide,          and whose opinion we can value at once for its justness and its sincerity.</p> <p>Yours in friendship and Agora,</p> <p><b>Mimi de Maere</b>          President AC Belgium 2011-12</p>		
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <p><b>LC Wetteren 20 years</b>              "4 clubs 1 vision"</p> </div> 





**AC France**  
President MARIE-FRANCE HUBER



**Dear Friends,**

The club AGORA Angoulême-Valois 45 has been chartered. The charter meeting took place at the City Hall with solemnity and emotion.

E. Hiller, the Agora International President did us the honour of her presence. Her speech and congratulations were appreciated. The dinner at night was nice and friendly.

On April 28th the club Agora Lorient-Ocean will be chartered.

It's a great pleasure to welcome all these new members who joined our large family.

Don't miss the club >VITRE-SEVIGNE on October 13th 2012.

Amiens has delayed its charter meeting to next year which will, I'm sure, be full of promises.

Tours is also in formation.

All these new clubs are a lot small links between friends!

With my kindest regards,

**Marie-France Huber**  
National President 2011-2012  
Club AGORA France



**AC Tangent Germany**  
President BRIGITTE COLBERG



**Dear Tangent Ladies and Ladies of Agora Clubs!**

On behalf of Tangent Club Germany I send warm greetings of friendship to all Ladies. Our AGM is coming soon and together with the Ladies of LC we are going to have a fantastic weekend full of personal contacts. For me these contacts are the key of friendship!

Although TC Germany is not a service club we are busy to develop ideas to support the ACI Service Project Viva con Agua. A "task force" was founded to create and organize the ideas and keep in touch with the team of LC. We already sold cards for Christmas and an artist sponsored a picture which she painted specially for our project to give us the possibility for generating money with it.

For this reason come to the ACI Conference in Lübeck and see our results!

Yours in continued friendship

**Brigitte Colberg**, President Tangent Club Germany 2011-12

**"Live Tangent...with passion"**



**AC Southend-on-Sea i. F./GB**  
President LOUISE WORSLFOLD



**Dear Ladies and Friends,**

'Friendship' is the hardest thing in the world to explain.  
It's not something you learn in school.  
But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship,  
you really haven't learned anything.'

*Mohamed Ali*

Agora Club UK send you friendship!



**AC The Netherlands**  
P-President MARJA GRIJPMA-WOUD



**Dear Agora Ladies and Friends!**

Happiness makes you friendly  
Trials make you strong  
Grief keeps you human  
Failures keep you humble  
But only Hope makes you go ahead.

When you are a member of Agora National and International then you are very special!!!

**Marja Grijpma-Woud**  
P-President 2011-12  
Club Agora Netherlands



National Board from left: Karin, Marlies Withagen, Maartje, Marja



**AC USA**  
President **KELLY GEISLER**



**“If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't jump with them,  
I would be at the bottom to catch them.” ~ Anonymous**

**Dear Agora Ladies,**

The ladies of the USA send their warmest regards and greetings! We are coming out of the winter months now and enjoying the flowers that are beginning to bloom in the warming temperatures. These flowers, like our friendships, may be dormant for a while, and though we miss one another, we patiently wait to greet one another again!

Friendships are the stuff of life – Our paths cross and our lives are touched by these encounters however brief ...and we are forever changed.

Looking forward to future encounters!

In friendship  
All Ways Always!

**Kelly Geisler**  
& all of the USA Agora Ladies



Vandana, Theresa, Kay, Kelly, Debbie, Debra  
& Syndey (Kelly's granddaughter)  
At a recent luncheon at the French Hen Bistro



**AC South Africa**  
President **PAMELA SCHOEMAN**



**Dear Ladies and Agora friends,**

Friendship for the girls in our club is doing something out of the ordinary for a friend - in our case becoming Wedding Planners! For some it came naturally and for others a bit more daunting. We all tackled the project with gusto, learnt some new skills along the way and had a blast doing it! But you'll do anything for a friend - right?

*"A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked."*

— Bernard Meltzer

Yours in Friendship  
**Pam Schoeman, SA**



Ladies from Agora Club Amarula No 1, Ladies Circle No 4  
The National President LCSA, the bride is Pam Watson!



**AC Italy**  
President DONATA PICCINI



**Dear Agora Ladies and friends,**

"Our club stands on two principles:

Friendship and Tolerance.

We, Ladies of Agora, have learnt a lot since we have joined the association.

With a touch of poetry let me say that we, as friends, need each other -

just as a flower needs raindrops to blossom.

Friendship should be like a precious caress which you can't be without".

Yours in continued friendship,

**Donata Piccini**

President Agora Club Italy



Half Year Meeting 2012 in Vicenza



**AC Brasov/Romania**  
President ADINA WANDA



**Dear Ladies and friends,**

**Words of friendship gathered from the ladies:**

I believe that the friendship can make our world more beautiful...

Friendship is equality in harmony...

Friendship is disinterested commerce between equals...

Friendship is the essence of live...

A man can be judged from his/hers number of friends...

Life is easier when you have friends to share with...

With friendship,

**Adina Wanda**

President of AGORA Brasov



From left: Nuti Cofeiu, Angela Micu, Adina Muresan, Gentiana Stan, Adela Lupu



**AC Lausanne/Switzerland**  
President ELISE BRYANT



**Dear Agora Ladies worldwide!**

A Message from Club Agora 2 Lausanne:  
Best wishes in friendship to all Agora ladies worldwide from the shores of the beautiful Lake Léman in Switzerland, where a small club is striving to grow.  
The picture shows a few members of our club having a fun evening learning how to make macaroons. An evening of sweet success!

With warm good wishes in friendship,

*Elise*

President  
AC Lausanne



*From left:* Christine, Nicole, Françoise, Elise, Guljaran, Lucienne, Florence



**AC Casablanca 1 / Morocco i.F.**  
President FATIMA MAHER



**Dear Elizabeth and all members of our four clubs!**

On behalf of all the members of Agora Casablanca Club 1 we send you the following:

As a new chartered Agora Club we would like to express our joy and pride to be part of a large international family made of four clubs whose members feel united and closely related because they do share the same values of friendship, service, solidarity, tolerance and the wish of bringing people of different origins and backgrounds together.

This sense of belonging will undoubtedly empower us and will enable us to build new bridges to achieve new projects and achievements that we hope will bring joy and happiness to others.

With warm greetings to all Agora friends!

**Fatima Maher**  
President  
AC Casablanca 1

April 2012





**AC Poland i.F.**  
President YOLANTA KOWALSKA



Dear Agora friends!

**11** ladies from AC Poland i.F. send kind regards to all members and Agora friends.  
We meet regularly and think of our charter!  
We wish you all a wonderful time.

Yours in continued friendship,  
**Yolanta Kowalska**, President



**FRIEND  
SHIP  
&  
FUN**  
☺



**AC Israel**  
President YIFAT ROM



**Dear friends worldwide!**

**Opportunity dances with those  
who are already on the  
Dance floor.**

*Jackson Brown*



With all my very best wishes from Agora Israel  
**Yifat Rom**  
President

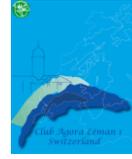


The Children's Tree





**AC Lemman 1/Switzerland**  
President SONIA ESTOPPEY



**Dear AGORA Friends worldwide!**

**Motto:**  
The better day  
The better deed!



**Aim:**  
Solidarity is really  
what is important for us!

Yours in continued friendship,  
**Sonia Estoppey**



Marie-Anne T., Liliane, Véronique,  
Catérine, Sonia, Fabienne



Marie-Anne, Christine, Catérine,  
Maryline

**Dear Presidents**  
**from our Agora member countries!**

I say  
**THANK YOU**  
for all your wonderful  
“Words of Friendship”.

With  
**“Building Bridges”**  
in continued friendship,

Elisabeth Hiller  
ACI President 2011-2012



## Service activity of AC Leman 1 Switzerland

On March 9th 2012 AC Leman 1 organised a charity dinner to support a school in Niamey, Niger.

In the end they were able to donate 7000 € to the pupils. VERY WELL DONE LADIES!!



95 persons to help a school in Niamey, a success story for our club Agora and a beautiful evening!



Legendary desserts made by our members, if you go to Aubonne, there will be for you!





The ISP team of LC 15 Munich reports:

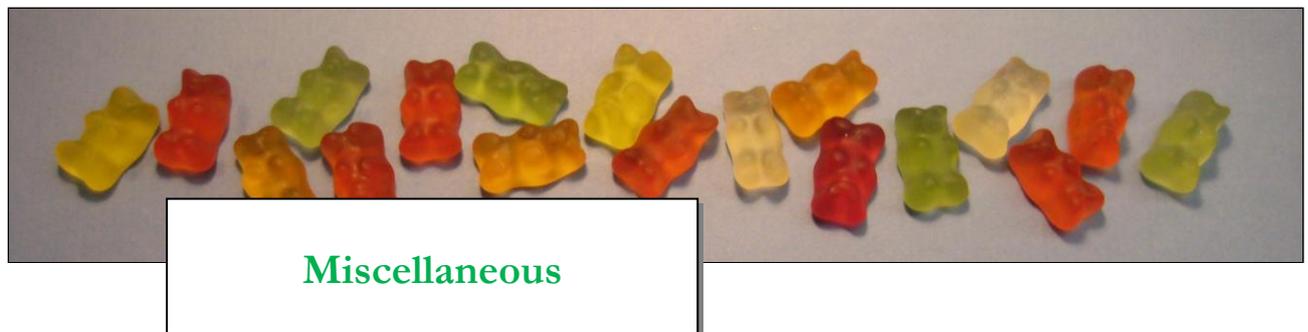
“Our ISP charity contribution will be used to drill wells up to the depth of more than 400 meters in the Afar-Region of Ethiopia, a very arid and poor area in Africa. We need around 4.000,- – 8.000,- €/well and around 600 people benefit from one well!

So at the end of this LCI project we will see how many wells we were able to build with our donations.

But first some examples of just finalized activities:

- Christmas cards from LC Germany and Tangent Germany
- Cookbook with 33 recipes from LC Lueneburg (Germany)
- Charity Sunday, LC 10 Oslo (Norway)

**The amount of current donation is: EUR 12.296,55!!! (Our first two wells! J)**



### **Meeting place for ACI AGM**

Agora Club International, all age 42 discussed where they should meet for their AGM. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters there were handsome, with tight pants and nice bottoms.

Ten years later, at age 52, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for the AGM. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food was good and the wine selection was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 62, the friends again discussed where they should meet for their AGM. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could meet in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, at age 72, the friends discussed where they should meet for their AGM. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

Ten years later, at age 82, the friends discussed where they should meet their AGM. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before.

ALWAYS MAINTAIN A SENSE OF HUMOUR!!

Sent by Louise Worsfold, President AC Southend-On-Sea 1, United Kingdom