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# Newsletter

## May 2006

#### JOHN'S MESSAGE

This year comes to an end so rapidly that it is hard to accept that I have not had the time to achieve all that I set out to dobut that's life today. So much to do and so little time in which to do it.

Firstly I would like to thank all 41ers who have gone so far out of their way to make my visits so very enjoyable, and for the tremendous fellowship that I have enjoyed everywhere I have travelled. We are blessed to belong to an organisation where friendship is the most important function. No matter where you go, no matter which language is spoken, all members of this organisation have the same ideals, views and passions. True brothers who respect and understand each other.

I asked at the Durban conference that all member associations look to advertising our movement and in so doing promote extension. Well, I have been astounded at the efforts that have gone into extension and what has been achieved by so many countries! I would especially like to mention France and Germany who I believe have gone the extra mile in this regard.



Unfortunately there are a very few associations who just exist and do not get involved. To them all I can say is shame, you are missing out on so much and maybe it is time to appoint people who really care and are prepared to do the job.

To my Secretary/treasurer John Bellwood, thank you for running this association even under very difficult circumstances. I really appreciate the amount of work that you have put into your portfolio. Thank you also for being a true friend to me.

Our new extension officer Michael Pedersen will, I am sure, in the next few years achieve a great deal in especially drawing the smaller associations into our fold. Uwe Kerstan, who will take over from me in Dortmund has been a pleasure to work with. Thank you Uwe and Michael for your continued support and friendship.

As I am so far from Europe it has not been easy to visit as many of the countries as I would have liked to do. The tremendous amount of time spent flying as well as the cost of international travel has hampered Also tremendously. many associations had their AGMs on the same weekend. However I have managed to visit the following: Indian Ocean, Norway, Netherlands, Zambia, Switzerland, Cyprus, Germany, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Italy and South Africa.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Dortmund, if Beat Berger can get me there safely on their motor cycle pre-tour.

Enjoy being a 41er! Make every moment count and enjoy the tremendous fellowship offered by all.

## John Hudson International President



### Coming Soon...... Uwe Kerstan

.... Uwe Kerstan was born 1944 and lives in Celle, a town of approximately 72000 inhabitants in the northern part of Germany. He is a lawyer/notary and works in an office with two partners. His wife Ulrike sadly died of cancer in 2001, but their two sons give exceptional support.

Uwe was the founder chairman of Round Table Celle and has been twice President of Old Tablers Germany (1986/87 + 1999/2000).



Uwe's hobbies are modern arts, modern literature, pop/rock music and sports (swimming and – if there is enough time – golf). "I confess that I like a good glass of wine and a well- prepared meal."

Uwe Kerstan assumes the Presidency for 2006/2007.

### Dieter Straka... after Uwe

Dieter Straka was born in Graz in 1942, served as a professional army officer and retired in 2003. He graduated as a master of political sciences and engaged himself in different marketing activities and on a supervisory board of an industrial company. Sporting activities include mountain walking and some climbing, skiing, bicycling, sailing and still a little tennis. He is highly interested in classical music, opera, railways and likes to play card and other games.

Dieter was a member of RT 13 Graz and President of RT Austria 1981/83. He was President of 41 Austria 2003/05. During these years he enjoyed many national meetings



Dieter takes over as Vice-President in Dortmund

(AGM Brest. **AGM** Merano and Trieste, AGM Berlin and Karlsruhe. AGM Pietersburg, AGM Edinburgh and Bristol) and international meetings and events Madras (AGMs 1992, Graz 2000. Brasov 2002. Kopenhagen 2003, Arras 2004 and Durban 2005; HYMs Graz 1996. 2003 Interlaken and Antwerp 2004). Last but not least he was the Editor of the International magazine Courier 2002/05.



## 41 CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND 2006 CONVENTION CHRISTCHURCH





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### 41 Luxembourg

International President John was represented by Uwe Kerstan at the Luxembourg Charter. Uwe travelled to Luxembourg at the end of November (it was the weekend with the snow-chaos in France, Germany and Benelux – but fortunately took the train and so it was not too dangerous – only many delays). It was a well organised and pleasant charter-weekend with many 41ers from France and Belgium, Peter Ornée from the Netherlands, some French Agora ladies and Round Tablers from France, Italy, Great Britain, Belgium and of course Luxembourg. The new 41 club has 12 members (president: Claude Poliard, secretary: Pierre Voos, treasurer: Michel Goedert), and they all seem to be a really good crew.

### **Indian Ocean**

Representing the International President, Uwe Kerstan was in Mauritius on the  $10^{th}$  AGM of 41 Club Indian Ocean from  $21^{st}$  to  $23^{rd}$  April 2006.

The whole weekend was perfectly organized in the Maritime Hotel in Balaclava and was attended by about 60 – 90 participants, including 3 couples from Italy (President Luigi and his 2 IROs), IRO Bernard Rey from France and some 41ers from Réunion.

Some days before, more than 20 persons from France had cancelled their visit because of Chicuncuya-fever.

Club 41 Indian Ocean has now 5 clubs and the partnership to Round Table is very close.

For the first time a member of the Seychelles club attended the AGM, and perhaps the next Indian Ocean AGM will take place in the Seychelles.





## Great Britain



### **41 INTERNATIONAL**

HALF-YEARLY MEETING ('HYM')

October 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

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THE TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTH ASIA

www.club41.org has been published by 41 INTERNATIONAL to inform and communicate to the membership the efforts which are being made by the Members of 41 INTERNATIONAL and Round Table to assist the communities of South Asia devastated by the Tsunami Earthquake.

Over 200 thousand Rupees from 41 INTERNATIONAL have been spent wisely – full details on <a href="https://www.club41.org">www.club41.org</a> – many thanks for all donations...

## Future Meetings in 2006

### MAY

27	Italy	AGM	Castiglioncello
27	Norway	AGM	Ålesund
27	Sweden	AGM with RT, LC and Tangent	Örebro

#### JUNE

4	New Zealand	AGM	Christchurch
10	France	AGM	Montluçon
24	Austria	AGM	Tamsweg

### **AUGUST**

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27   Zambia   AGM	Lusaka
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#### **SEPTEMBER**

9	South Africa	AGM	Cape Town
16	WOCO/RTI	AGM	Polokwane, South Africa
16	Romania	AGM	Brasov
23	India	AGM	Mussorie
30	Germany	HYM	Celle

### **OCTOBER**

6-9		Past National Presidents	Bremerhaven, Germany
7	Belgium	AGM	Ostend
14	INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Southend-on-Sea, Great Britain
21	Switzerland	AGM	Lucerne



**Happy Danes and others in Germany** 



Reijo Jakovuori (Finland) and John Hudson



41 Bikers in South Africa



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