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41 Club Secretary

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Winds of Change in 41.

We have witnessed in this year the coming together of Round Table International / Ladies Circle International / Agora / Tangent International and 41 INTERNATIONAL. The first joint meeting was held already in Merano Italy and further meetings will follow.

Whilst we have a proven track record in 41 Club we must make our club more interesting to appeal to the Tablers taht do not come over to us.

The other change that we are witnessing are the extra efforts all Associations are making to “get closer” to Round Table. I receive many stories of success whereby members explain how pleased Tablers were to welcome us into their events. In Germany since we started a personal greeting letter in 2005 sent to every Tabler on his 40th Birthday welcoming him into his 41st year and inviting him to come over to us, this has been maintained by all Presidents in Germany since that time with exceptional increases in the number of RTlers coming over to 41 in that country. The forming of a trust fund between the two Clubs Round Table and Club 41 (Old Table) from an original idea of Jörn Monstadt past President of Round Table Germany has also making it easier to fund and settle projects, this could develop into amajor factor in future years.

This is rewarding because “we are not just their past we are also their future” Only if we as 41ers make the effort to meet Tablers we cannot expect them to come automatically to us.

I notice in my trips around the Associations more and more members showing interest in “service activities” and this not just amongst the new young “oldies” (41ers) .A major move is being undertaken to form an “Inner Wheel” of active 41ers in Germany, here two very active ex-Tablers Felix Wegeler and Tommy Fuehrer with many other members who are interested in continuing their activities into the service Projects of Round Table want to contact other like-minded 41ers, and already a large number of our friends have offered their assistance. This will not bring us into competition with Round Table but the aims will be to assist the National Service Projects of RT. This could of course spread world wide and maybe we could see a new life membrane develop into our very own club, giving us targets to achieve and brighten our own Associations in so doing.

ROUND TABLE TO BRING BACK THE 40 AGE LIMIT RULE?

First Steps were taken in Pattaya at the RTI World Meeting to return back to Louis Marchesi's 40 year age limit. A motion from the Dutch Board was passed that no knew club may be Chartered unless they have in their rules the criterion that with 40 years of age you must leave RT. This could see further developments whereby 45 years olds may not be accepted by Round Table. To set a precedence by retiring on his 40th Birthday directly after the meeting to join 41 Club. He was of xcourse immediately presented with a 41 Club pin.

Bob Parton, Editor



United in Service & Friendship



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International- AGM 2008 in Meran-Merano



Dear National and International Club 41 friends,

During the last weekend my home town Meran-Merano was the place where the Italian National and the International AGM of Club 41 took place. Most of the 450 to 500 guests could exchange many feasts, much and good food and drinks and also explore the surroundings of Meran-Merano with its thousands full in flower apple trees, ancient castles, the Spa in Meran-Merano and the huge amount of blooming flowers, which are decorating my town at the moment. All in all we could taste the Mediterranean flair which lives in Meran-Merano.

Randolph Riedlinger 41 International President

As actual International President of Club 41 I will not miss the chance to thank all the members of my club 41 Meran-Merano and the members of the Italian National Board for the great commitment and investment of time they charged on them selves to make this wonderful event happen. We got so many e-mails and faxes, where the leaving guests expressed their gratitude for the very well organized event. We were so impressed to welcome so many guests from so many different countries and continents. We could live a magic stay to-

gether in between different peoples of different continents and all this in perfect friendship and great tolerance. So all of the guests could find new- and acquire new friends and this internationally. Many guests, who never experienced an international meeting, gave their promise to visit the next one for sure. This is the right way to increase friendship between the peoples and 41ers.

For all those who wanted to come and could not, this should be a lighting spark for them to make the next international event happen and live the unique energy of friendship. For all of those who never heard about 41 international meeting, it should be a signal to organize their next journey to the next International Event which will be the Int'l H.Y.M. in Mauritius between 11th and 14th September 2008. Don't miss it and book immediately, because all hotel rooms and flights are more or less fully booked.

As International President I can only recommend you to travel internationally and experience a new world of friendship. We live for friendship, which gives us the energy and security to solve all our daily challenges.

Yours in 41

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Belgium

Christian Pelegrie (Round Table Belgium)

In 2005, Round Table Belgium was very proud to implement the social RTI-project "FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION". The whole idea came from Christian Pelegrie, National President in Belgium in 2005-2006. Christian became a member of RT 2 Antwerp in 1998. After a whole career in his own table and district, became Area II Chairman in 2004. In 2005, the year after, he was elected immediately as the National Chairman of Round Table Belgium (ARTB) with the quote: 'Engine To Action'.

We truly can consider Christian as born leader and a big engine for our Belgian RT- Association. He's a Tabler with the heart on the right place, not only for his own country, but also for foreign countries for example Nepal. Together with his National Board,

Christian Pelegrie launched the RTI-project 'Freedom Through Education' which connected Round Table Nepal and our own Round Table Belgium. The idea was the following: Nepal is in need of good education facilities for children. With the cooperation between RT Belgium and RT Nepal, a national social program was born in order to build and equipped schools for the children's needs.

The goal is to build complete schools (structure and all furniture). Money was raised in local Belgian clubs, in Area Districts, and also from surpluses from the Belgian National Board. The realisation on site was followed and controlled by Round Table Nepal. Together our local clubs along with the national board and in cooperation with RT Nepal, we could accomplish this project to IMPROVE education to children in Nepal.

Christian Pelegrie travelled around in Belgium to present this project to everybody. He even visited the new

schools in Nepal and showed us video during national and local club meetings. Every time, tablers stood up and gave him a standing ovation. We can proudly say that more than €40,000 were already transferred to Nepal for the realisation of his project. Several schools are ready, new schools are planned in the future. Each day and for many years, generations of kids will take profit of their new schools. Christian is still following this project, but he's now focusing on the arrival of his first child in August (we don't know if it's a boy or a girl). We thank Christian for his Round Table spirit and devotion and his Freedom through Education project. He will soon learn that a new born child gives another definition to the word 'Freedom'.

By Stijn De Frene (National Vice President of Round Table Belgium 2008/2009) at the request of Round Table International Vice-President, George M Psaras)

Club 41 in Estonia

Dear Estland President of Club 41 Tallinn Tiit,
I received your e-mail address from Danielle Gardin, Int'l Treasurer of Agorá Int'l, with whom you had spoken with during the last days in Tallinn. Generally it is great to hear, that Club 41 Estland now has two clubs and precisely those one of Tallinn and Paide. Further I got the news, that maybe next year you are going to charter also a third club in your country.

This is like music for the ears of the members of the Int'l Board of Club 41 International.

For the moment the rules of Club 41 Int'l are prescribing, that a national Association must have chartered three club 41 in their country in order to be welcomed also in the Club 41 Int'l, but efforts and works have been done in the last year from the Int'l Board to find a way, that maybe also smaller Associations with maybe only one or two Club 41 may join us. The biggest problem in this regards is naturally the voting problem, because we have to check out if those

smaller Associations should have a voting possibility or not and if yes, how many votes should they have and how many should the Associations have, which are much bigger.

The members of the Int'l Board will discuss this matter on Friday, 12 September 2008 during the Int'l Board Meeting and present their proposals to the delegates of the Int'l H.Y.M. (Half Year Meeting) which will be held in Mauritius on Saturday, 13 September 2008. We will keep you informed about this.

In order to be informed what is going on in Club 41 International, please consult the web-page www.thehinge.de where you can read the Club 41 Int'l magazine "The Hinge" and also the Int'l Directory in order that you can contact 41ers all over the world and especially us from the Int'l Board in case of need. A further web-page is also www.club41international.com

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who in copy of this mails and he will be of help for you for any of your eventual needs.

This is a first approach with you and the Int'l Board and I'm looking forward to read from you very soon.

Yours in 41

Riedlinger Randolph

Int'l. President of club 41 Int'l



Good news from Iceland

Dear friends,

I am very proud to announce the foundation of the 2nd Old Tablers Club in Iceland (Reykjavik).

Together with the friends of Round Table of Reykjavik I held the foundation meeting on Friday, 11th July 2008. I hope the new impulse will also give a push to the Old Tablers Club in Akureyri which had fallen asleep some years after its charter in 1998.

The friends of Reykjavik will work hard to establish a 3rd Club soon, to form here its own national association.

The charter of Club Reykjavik is foreseen end April, beginning May 2009 (during the national AGM of RT Iceland).

I will keep you informed on the development

Best regards

Ulver (Ulver Oswald, Germany)

(I have sent the foundation-forms to our archivist Beat by fax)



National AGM of Club 41 Cyprus

After a very nice invitation of the National President of Club 41 Cyprus Marios Kathidjiothis, I had no doubts to participate on this event of an Association on the Far East of Europe.

The flight from Munich to Paphos took only 2,5 hours and what a joy that on the arrival, there was David Illingworth, the very active English/Scottish/Cypriot 41er, who picked me up on the airport of Paphos. David who lives in the hills behind Paphos, where every



night you can taste a slight and cooler breeze, which makes sleeping much easier in the heat that surrounds us.

Together with David and his charming wife Christine we drove to Nicosia to participate to the this years National AGM of Club 41 Cyprus. What a joy to meet all the old friends from over there and to meet as always, new ones.

Before the AGM I had the pleasure to meet and talk the Int'l Vice President of Round Table International George Psaras. This meeting was important, because it is always good to meet with members of Round Table. George is a very active Round Tabler and will be an excellent future Int'l President for his

Association. Talks were made also for the new target "4 clubs – 1 vision", the future more close collaboration between Ladies Circle, Agora-Tangent, Round Table and Club 41.

After a very warm welcome during the National AGM, which started on 18.00 hours on Saturday, 12 July 2008 in the Holiday Inn Hotel in Nicosia, I was asked to give a speech, which I did with great pleasure. I reported about the work of the Int'l Board, to new decisions that will be taken in Royal Forest of Dean next year, the importance to order the magazine "The Hinge" and the Int'l Directory to be always well informed, what is going on in the Club 41 International life. After this I left the AGM, because it was impossible to understand for me something from the very nice sounding Greek language.

The Gala Evening started around 9.00 o'clock and most of the 7 Clubs were represented through their Presidents and their charming ladies. What a joy to meet also Vassiliou Diomides, the delegate which represented Club 41 Cyprus during the Int'l AGM of Meran-Merano. The food was abounding and the very good wine served in great quantities. I could admire a supreme belly dance performance from a very trained and charming lady. The rhythm combined magically with the dance and impressed all the present guests with its art.

After this performance was presented the new National Board with its new National President Harris Antoniadis, I.R.O. + Treasurer Marios Christoforides, Secretary George Philis and the Past President Marios Kathidjiothis, which contacted the evening the best.

After the official part all 41ers and ladies did also their best to be brilliant during the following dance, which lasted until the first

hour of the next day. A very good combined music, mixed from a very good disc jockey between modern and Cypriot traditional music. During the later evening the new President Harris Antoniadis invited me and David and Christine Illingworth to a boat tour the next day. For this we meet in the morning, drove near to Larnaka on the sea, but unfortunately the waves were to high,



because a strongwinds were blowing over the island. So we arranged us and had a nice swim in the wonderful and refreshing sea to acquire a very good hunger, which was stilled with a supreme fish dish at a typical restaurant of Larnaka. Such good restaurants you can find only with local friends and also this is a typical sign of friendship in 41 International. Afterwards it was hard to express our gratitude to Harris and his charming wife Andri, that they invested one day to show us the beauty of part of the island and invite us to such a giant and fantastic lunch. They were also so kind to bring us back to Nicosia and precisely to the border to Turkish Cyprus, which we entered, David, Christine and I to visit the other part of the island, but this is an other story.

For this my dear International friends! Don't miss it to book a holiday in Cyprus next year, when our 41ers over there will organize their national AGM. It is worthwhile to join them and it is delightful to make a holiday on this old historical island.

Randolph Riedlinger
41 International President

National French AG

In the sign of the moustache

On Thursday, 05 June 2008 Rosie and I started our car journey to Dijon. On this day we could make it only till Basel in Switzerland the border to France. There we were guests from good friends of Rosie.

The next day we continued our journey in direction Dijon, where we arrived around midday. After having solved the problem that in the Hotel Mercure was no room reservation for us, I was invited from the region 14 President Denis Beck to participate on the National French Board meeting, which is composed of many members, as there are also 16 region presidents, where one region only has some more clubs and members as other entire Associations of other countries. I was welcomed in great friendship and asked also to refer some words. After this Rosie and I where invited to a joint lunch in the Hotel Mercure, where the meeting held place.

In the afternoon we participated on a guided tour through the old town of Dijon. As far the rain was our companion, we could ad-

mire the very well restored old houses and different churches, the Prefecture, the majestic places and the most wonderful atmosphere. After a couple of hours of walk in the rain, we returned to the hotel and refreshed ourselves before going in the nearby great hall, where was celebrated the Get-together evening.

How much impressed we were from the great hall and the 1.500 guests. Everything was fantastically organized from the 41ers of Dijon under the guide of the all present "French National Coordonnateur" (Convenor) Daniel Zanoletti. With him all the organization and the guests had always a helpful word so that everything during this AGM was at its best. With this, I as Int'l President, would consult those Associations, who don't have yet a National Convenor, to introduce such an expert in their National Board, to co-ordinate their national AGM's to consult the organizing 41ers of the

different clubs and guide them to a perfect organized AGM to avoid that some visiting 41ers will leave the different AGM's with some frustration because of lack of organization. Entering the hall, after a severe check up of the guests from the controlling personal, we could enter a magic world full of juggler walking on giant stilts, pantomimes, many in medieval and gypsies dressed artists and dancers, a wonderful music, a darker hall, where all the tables where illuminated in blue light, so that the tablecloth gave a bright white and with all this a magic ambience.

The table layout was made the best, so



that everyone found easily his place and also all the Int'l guests were located at a VIP table. There we where greeted from the "moustache men", the most sympathetic National French President Françoise Yvrard and the still National French I.R.O. Patrick Nivet. What a joy to meet all the other Int'l delegates and friends, which came in a great number. It was only a pity that no official delegates from Great Britain/Ireland, Austria and Denmark were present, where always a great number of French delegates go and visit their countries. Maybe some delegates where present in the other two AGM's of Sweden and Norway, which unfortunately took place the very same weekend. Since years the Int'l Board is trying to avoid that more National AGM of different countries will take place the same weekend, but many times rules of the different Associations are imposing a certain weekend, other must make it on the Queens

Birthday etc. etc., so that we could not solve sufficiently the question.

Another mans decoration we realized in Dijon is the longer hair braid into a tail, which we could notice with many French 41ers. It gives them a special appearance and is decorating them magically – very impressive, I think for the ladies present.

Very impressive was the great hall, where all the many guests could take place very comfortable and giant screen guaranteed that even the people in the seats far removed could follow all the official events and shows. There where even two dancing floors of which all the 41ers and ladies took

a lot of use, of course, after the dinner.

As we where in the capital of the Burgundy, the centre of "l'écargot" the wine field snails we were served with this speciality and also the most famous wine Beaujeulais which grows near to Dijon, gave the atmosphere a cer-

tain kick. All ended in great happiness even if outside there where temperatures of 12° centigrade and rain for 72 hours totally.

Very early the next morning was held la "Assamblée General National (AGN) the National French AGM in a very big auditorium next to the big hall of the Friday evening. The magic of this meeting is, that not only the whole and big National Board of Club 41 France is present, but also the 16 presidents of the different regions. And here all the region presidents appear to the joy of the present delegates and guests with a big moustache to give the trade mark to the event. Also here a big screen, where on the beginning where honoured those important French 41ers who passed away during the season 2007/2008.

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SIZE DOES NOT MATTER

It has been forty-two years since my previous visits. Then one star and two star badges were achieved for Cross Country skiing at Geilo, I rode in a reindeer-pulled sleigh, slept in a smoke-filled Igloo, walked the mountains, swum the lakes, observed some of the most beautiful scenery, and met the most incredibly handsome and hospitable people in the world. I am talking about NORWAY.

Many of those memories came flooding back when the chance arose to revisit this lovely Nordic Country. We were to be there for four days – John was representing International President Randolph at their 41 National AGM in Asker. A small town South of Oslo. We flew to Oslo, took a train to Asker and a taxi to the hotel about fifteen minutes away tucked nicely in between hills, sea and lakes – an idyllic place to spend a few days. We were not disappointed.

Arrived Thursday 5th June – hot and sunny. Friday - decided to walk into Asker. Direction Signs few and far between so we took a right and headed over the hill in the direction of Asker (we thought). Ran out of signs so asked



directions from a lady bent double deadheading her blooms. She sent us on our way – “only ½ hour” she said. We could do that easily so onwards and upwards we went. Some time later the same lady pulled up beside us in a 4x4 vehicle offering to give us a lift. She had shopping to do (she claimed) so could

do it before lunch instead of in the afternoon. I think she realised she had the ½ hour timing wrong – it would have been a very long walk! What a wonderful gesture which we would not see in many countries today and much appreciated – we took a taxi back. The National AGM started at 18.00 finishing a couple of hours later. I spent time in



the garden with a few of the wives sampling the Norwegian beer before we joined the men in the AGM room for a drink crisps and delicious freshly cut up fruit. This was to be our starter for the Italian meal we ate later and also my introduction to the great company we were now in. At this point I

realised this was definitely going to be an AGM different from any other I have attended.

Instead of battling our way to find food and a seat or even the venue – approx 16 of us sat down to a prebooked meal. It was now when we all loosened up – lovely tasty beer/wine – and the fun began. 41ers at their very best. The Business over and now for the friendship. A quick nightcap back

at our hotel and off to bed we went. Saturday – walk around the lake with picnic lunch waiting for us on the other side. A few faces missing today but a few new ones join us. Walked and talked to half way point – some swam – it was very hot. More delicious food all laid out before us – made up by 41ers,

wives and one special daughter who introduced us to her special pure bred Icelandic horse who was also enjoying his summer break in a field by the lake. A very relaxing day. We went back to the hotel and others went to the beach. In the evening it was a Garden Party at President Roar's home. Roar's lovely daughter and her friend made sure we all had continual nibbles in one hand and a full glass in the other until we sat down at a long table where we continued to enjoy more delicious food, wine etc. – then came the auction.

A few items had been given and with so few to bid it was obvious not a lot was going to be made. How wrong I was.

Everyone was jumping up and down with excitement hands in the air – I even ended up having the socks I had been wearing

auctioned. Now it was time to play badminton. John and Albert (V-P 41 Germany) were first on court. Then someone announced they had to go – a taxi would be here in minutes – looked at my watch while stifling a yawn – 1.30am. Still so light – I had completely forgotten about the Northern Lights. So we all decided we should think about going home. Another hour of great friendship before we called it a day and said our sad farewells to those we would not see again during the weekend. The close of another fantastic day. We flew home Sunday after one of the very best AGMs I have attended. The weekend proved one thing. You do not need hundreds at an AGM to make it work.

Those who were there will know what I mean when I say that we enjoyed the whole weekend “very very very very very very very very very very” much.

Randolph, you missed a real treat. Thankyou for choosing John as your replacement and thankyou Norway for your wonderful friendship – may it never rust.

HELEN BELLWOOD

Programme of Events**Thursday 23 April 2009**

16.00—20.00 Registration Desk open.

Delegates start arriving

Friday 24 April 2009

09.00 Registration Desk opens

09.30 Royal Forest of Dean Tour departs including lunch and refreshments (separate booking required)

16.00 Coach returns

19.30 Welcome Party -Thistle Hotel, Cheltenham Supper and Entertainment

Saturday 25 April 2009

08.00 Registration Desk opens

08.30 Transport starts

09.30 AGM commences - Council Chamber in Gloucester

Non AGM attendees - Guided Walking Tour of Historic Gloucester

Buffet lunch for all.

19.00 for 19.30 Gala Dinner - Thistle Hotel - Black Tie Exchanges of Banners & Gongs

Sunday 26 April 2009

08.00—10.00 Farewell Breakfast.



Former Round Tablers in Uganda form Club 41 Kampala – Charter planned for July 2009

On 28. July 2008 6 former members of Round Table signed a „Declaration of Intent“ in the Capital of Uganda, Kampala, with the idea to make contact to former members of Round Table in Uganda and bring the Association into the 41 International.

They also want to strengthen the Round Table movement in Uganda or re-live the old times, today there are only 2 clubs left active of the original 5 chartered Round Table Clubs.

Honorary member and Past National President of Germany Herbert Kaiser took part at the formation meeting. His advice and help was greatly appreciated, they have also stated the wish that the German OTD (41 Club) could offer them help and assistance with the future developments.

The original contact between Ugandan and German Clubs goes back to 1991. At that time James KIWANUKA, the Vice-President of Nile Round Table No.9 tried to make contact through the German Round Table Magazine “Echo” in the town of Jinja contact to German Round Table Clubs. James said at that time “Our country has gone through quite a bit of turbulent politi-

cal history in the past. But things are beginning to change and they have changed a lot in the past five years.” and presented his service projects. He requested as follows that...

“... as many German Tablers as possible to please communicate and build strong bridges between Uganda and Germany. We have heard about your beautiful country both in the past and recently perhaps you too could hear something about our tiny African Country. Why do not we exchange news?”

Herbert Kaiser replied at that time the Ger-

cancel the proposed meeting at the 41 International AGM in Livingstone Zambia last year, but the formation ideas were not can-



celled just stored until 2008

Herbert and Birgit Kaiser spent two weeks as guests in the home of the Kiwanuka's and were deeply impressed with the situation in Uganda and realised the chances to develop the 41 ideals as very positive at this time. To regain the “lost” Round Tablers would be a first goal. To Charter our friends in Uganda would like to use the first weekend in July 2009 and we will certainly “pencil it in” as 41 International Board have no other commitment at this time.

The 5 Day Pre-Tour will be organised and should be presented at the HYM in Mauri-

tius where James will almost certainly be present.

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man National Vice-President of Old Tablers Germany (41 Club) to make the first contact to James Kiwanuka. Unfortunately a visit from one party or the other could not be made at the time so that the first visit between the two countries took place in 2003, mind you with the 2 daughters of James who so happened to be studying in Germany at that time.

Herbert and James, due to illness, had to

Next years AGM will be held in the Forest Of Dean

Nestling between the Wye Valley, the Vale of Leadon and the Severn Valley, the Royal Forest of Dean is one of England's few remaining ancient forests, covering 27,000 acres of woodland. The Forest is one of the most distinctive areas of Britain having a seductive charm and character that is uniquely its own. The stunning landscapes and spectacular scenery have inspired artists, craftspeople, inventors, poets and playwrights, including JRR Tolkien, Dennis Potter and JK Rowling, as well as the many visitors who return year after year.

Designated as a National Forest Park in 1938, this 'Queen of Forests' boasts a spectacular range of natural beauty combined with an aura of magic and mystery. The seasons

bring an ever-changing landscape, from the vivid blues and yellows of wild bluebells and daffodils in spring, to the blaze of gold and russet colours during autumn. Nature and wildlife is abundant, complemented by a wealth of local fare and a true 'Forest' welcome, which awaits all visitors. With such a spectacular range of natural beauty, outdoor leisure activities and attractions, combined with a uniquely fascinating history and heritage plus a whole host of year-round events and festivals, the Royal Forest of Dean truly is an awe inspiring short-break destination at any time of the year.

The Forest of Dean is made up of four quite different landscape areas:

The ancient Royal Forest lies at the very heart of the district with the market towns of Coleford and Cinderford offering an insight into the industrial heritage and history of this fascinating area.

The Wye Valley is an Area of Out-

standing Natural Beauty and forms the western border of the Forest, separating England from Wales. This unique area offers endless opportunities for outdoor activities such as canoeing and fishing on what is perhaps Britain's most unspoilt major river.

The Vale of Leadon is a quintessentially unspoilt English area featuring rolling farmland, vineyards and black and white timbered buildings centred around the picturesque town of Newent in the northern part of the district.

The Severn Vale, through which flows the country's longest river, is famous for its tidal bore, Blaisdon Plums and Perry Pears. The old Severnside port of Lydney is the area's main town, and is a thriving business and shopping area.

Book now for AGM 2009
Email Dave Green direct on

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National French AG Continued from Page6

What is the news of this AGM. Jean-Marc Reliant, the very humble but great Gentlemen and efficient working president of the season 2006/2007 will take the sceptre again in his hand, not because he wants to be on power again – for this he is too moderate, but because the actual Vice President Michel Payen can't take the job, because of serious health problem.

Further the well know and always charming Jean-Louis Boileau was nominated officially to become the next Int'l President in the season 2012/2013. With him, I'm sure I will have a wonderful and efficient successor.

Unfortunately the already for four year serving National French I.R.O. Patrick Nivet has to give up his job, because the French rules are prescribing it, but he is followed by another great French 41er, Denis Beck the man from the very far East of the country and polyglot because he speaks fluent German and a good English.

Club 41 France is growing, because only in the second half year 2008 there will be 7 Charters of Clubs. Further good development has been achieved in the 41 Associations of Senegal, Mo-

rocco, Martinique, La Reunion and Madagascar and the present delegates gave the meeting a colourful and interesting world meeting atmosphere.

After this the international delegates had the choice to make different visits and Rosie and I choose the visit to Beaune, the center of the Beaujeaulais, visiting the vineyards, the chateaux (Castles) with their vineries, the capital Beaune with his very impressive Hotel Dieu, a very ancient hospital. Further there was the possibility for a wine tasting and possible buying of the very famous wines. After a nice lunch with local specialities we drove back to the 70 km distant hotel.

Coming back to the Hotel, there was no time for rest so we had to prepare ourselves for the Gala evening. Also there was a splendid well organized event with more or less 1.200 people, good entertainment, big official parts which you can only find in France and where also I as Int'l President had to make a speech and I can tell you that it is a great experience to talk in front of 1.200 guests and delegates, especially when you have to talk in French. But all the French understood my words and honoured it with a big applause. Later in the night we started with dancing till the early morning.

The next Sunday, before the Farwell

started, I could assist to the changing of the guard and handover of the official chains of the entire French National Board and all of the present regional Presidents in the Hotel Mercure. I must admit that I never assisted to such a wonderful meeting in the middle of comradeship- and friendship, decorated with full humour in the presence of the charming ladies. This event took 2 hours and I must admit that it was in no way at all boring. After the old/new National President Jean-Marc Reliant told us that he was expecting to become a floor member and for this he bought a dog, a member of National Board gave him the tip to put his dog and his wife in the back of his car and open it after four hours. Than he will realize who will be his heartfelt friend. With this final joke we all went with good humour to the central market hall, where we could meet many other friends and spend with them a nice Farwell. Later this we started our 700 km car drive back home.

With the present I will thank the National Board of President Françoise Yvrard for their great and generous invitation, because they looked after so well my wife Rosie and I. I felt very well at home in France as usual!

Randolph Riedlingert

NEWS FROM CLUB 41 ROMANIA

On the 27-29 June 2008,

Board. The venue was the former house of the Yugoslavian president Iosip Broz Tito, situated in the vicinity of the

I am very pleased to inform you about two activities that take place yearly in the Romanian Club 41.

The first one was launched under the title "*If there is no humour,... there is none*" and it was organized by Club 41 - Brasov, no.3, with the participation of the other forty-oners, Ladies Circle, and Agora in Sacele, on the 14 June 2008.

After an artistic program whose main topic was hunting and fishing sustained by the 41 members, everybody attended the dinner at Odaile Lupului/Wolf's Chambers where there



was plenty of joy and beverages such as wine and tsuica. I enclose some photographs from the above mentioned moment.



Club 41 Drobeta Turnu-Severin no. 2 organized the event called "*The Summer Games*" and the meeting of the National



Iron Gates (electric power station on the Danube, built by Romania and Yugoslavia, today Serbia). The ride in the yacht on the Danube and the sports games made us have a whale of a time and improved the communication among the participants of the clubs.

Last but not least, in the interval 2-5 October 2008, in the city of CRAIOVA-ROMANIA, AGM CLUB 41 ROMANIAN will take place, where we kindly invite you to take part and we would be happy to be with us and discover the beauties of the OLTENIA region.

Gheorghe Floroi

IRO ROMANIAN 41 CLUB

National AGM Austria

On Friday, 20 June 2008 I drove with my wife Rosie more or less 470 km with my car to reach Leoben, the industrial town situated in the Austrian region of Styria. We were accommodated in the new opened Hotel Asia-Spa, which was built in the Chinese style and opened in March of this year. A brand new hotel and next to it the Spa with all his swimming pools, sauna, gym halls, treatments etc. etc. and all this connected with an underground gangway so that the guests could reach the Spa comfortable with their bathrobe. Unfortunately I could not benefit of this special offer, because from our arrival till our departure I was always on the move.

It is always a special joy on the beginning of each AGM to meet all the international delegates and friends of many countries and in this case also the many good friends from the Austrian Association. After a little refreshment we all walked to the nearby traditional Styrian Restaurant "Zum Schwarzen Hund" ("The Black Dog – usually it is the eagle or bear, but this time the dog) and wine cellar, situated in the city of the town. There we were overwhelmed with all possible special food from this province and also a lot of different wines

and beers, as the biggest one is produced properly in Leoben, prepared on a beautiful buffet. Soon outside of the Restaurant we could notice a lot of noise, because there where a lot of people who were watching the European Championship football game between Croatia and Turkey on a giant screen. As a lot of people of these countries are working in Leoben you can imagine the fanaticism of both parties. While we 41ers and ladies enjoyed the wonderful food and drinks and had much fun, the two football team players worked very hard to bring the victory to their country. Poor Croatians who were expelled only by penalties. So there was joy and mourning very near to us, but we only had fun and enjoyed the magical evening.

The next day the national AGM of Austria started at a reasonable time at 09.30 o'clock. I was invited to make a speech, where as usual I reported what is going on in 41 Int'l and the goal we are trying to reach to make our 41er life more easier and better for all of us. After this the Int'l delegates left the AGM and made whatever everyone wanted to do. Some went to the Spa, others like Rosie and I made a visit to the city of Leoben, which is decorated with wonderful restored old houses and churches and a very nice central place. There was also the possibility to visit the special exposure of

"The Vikings" and some ladies went for shopping.

At midday we all met again in the Restaurant "Zum Schwarzen Hund", where we could enjoy again the wonderful Styrian food.

The afternoon was good to relax or to swim in the many swimming pools, because the weather was beautiful and very warm.

At 19:00 the still National President Fredi Krenn welcomed the Int'l delegates on the Presidents Meeting and a lot of presents and fun was exchanged.

After this the Gala evening, where we were hosted in a very good climatized hall of the conference hotel, Rosie and I were invited to sit on the table of the National Presidents of Austria Fredi Krenn and his wife Ulrike, the National President of Germany Joachim Karg and his wife Veronika, a Leoben born lady and the President of the Club 41 Leoben Dieter Rauschberger and his wife Andrea.

To reduce as much as possible the official events the new National Board of Club 41 Austria was presented during the different meals and the chains of office were exchanged. The new National President is Hermann Proyer from Club 41 Steyr, not to confound with Styria, which is a region of Austria and the new First Lady is Karin.

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Kenya relief by Round Table

On the 29th December 2007 election results were delayed and followed a very disturbing and destructive measure by the public getting violent, going out on the streets to loot and cause mass destruction to property and lives famously known as 'Ethnic cleansing'. Communities who were good neighbours resorting to killing each other that resulted in more than 1000 lives and more than 50,000 people displaced. Buildings and property raged in fires and a 'Church with a whole congregation' was not spared by the brutal gangs where almost 80 people and innocent children were burnt to death beyond recognition.

The result of the election saw the innocent people of this great country pay the price of dirty politics and greed for power at the helm. The violence spread to most parts of the Rift Valley where communities decided to take Law into their hands. People who were displaced left their areas of residency for safety in fear of death or violence.

The people left all their belongings and property to reach for their native homes. IDP camps were immediately setup by the Red Cross who tried to settle the people by providing them basic needs and comfort. Some people were ferried to their native homes after probably 30 years of exile! At the Kisumu camp horrific stories were reported by people on how they managed to escape Death. Several women reported to have lost their husbands and children to the brutal killers and some who were spared narrated to have seen their Families and little children burnt to death in front of their eyes.

One woman aged around 35 could not gather anything from the remains but only her 'husbands head' for a burial ceremony since there was no space for the torso. The rest of the family was killed and she survived.

Round Tables in Eastern Africa (RTEA) quickly decided to provide humanitarian and relief services at these camps and also requested the Round Table International to participate in this crisis.



Though a lot of Tablers from RTEA were also affected by the violence and a lot of Tablers in Kisumu and Eldoret lost property worth millions to looters and arson, Tablers still went out of their ways to assist the people at the IDP Camps sacrificing their safety and with a strong heart. Not only have Tablers shown their true spirit of community service but also demonstrated their will to assist others in need regardless of their own loss! Well done! Round Table International Board and Associations provided us the necessary shoulder and courage during this time of turmoil not only by assisting in collection of fund

for the IDPS but also by morally standing by us and asking us if Tablers needed any assistance or to be evacuated. All your Telephone Calls and Emails boosted our morale and comforted us and our families and relieved us that we have friends out there who are willing to provide any assistance if we require. THANK YOU ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL FOR YOUR TRUE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP and our sincere appreciation to all our INTERNATIONAL TABLERS.

The funds pledged by RTI Associations have been well received and we managed to visit 2no. IDP Camps in Kisumu and Koru which is around 70kms away. The 3rd Camp in the Kakamega district will be visited in due course since we have just finalised the logistics and the transport to the

camp. RTEA Treasurer Tb. Dhiren visited the camps and arranged for items of urgent need at the camps which included food, baby food, baby blankets since some children got sore bodies with other blankets, baby milk, diapers, clothes, blankets, sanitary towels, medicines for children, medicines for prevention, water jerry cans, slippers and many other assorted items. I wish to thank all the donors for collecting the funds and assisting the displaced people who still don't know their fate – whether they will return back to their homes again or remain refugees in their own country!

Switzerland

Another Name for Peace



The Jungfrau from Murren



Facts.

Settled by Helvetii 1st Cent. B.C.
Founded as Confederation 1291.

Confederation of 22 States today.

Area-15,937 sq. miles

One quarter unproductive, 3,757 sq. miles useless for agriculture and forestry.

Alps-60% of country

Jura-10% of country

No minerals, apart from Salt workings.
Power—Hydro-electric (peak 31 m. kilowatts)

Population 5.70 millions.

Government by Commune and Canton.
People can initiate legislation and all

Laws require subsequent approval by Referendum.

Two Chamber Government.

3,440,000 German speaking.

957,000 French speaking.

278,700 Italian speaking.

48,700 Romanche speaking.

Out of every 1,000

563 Protestants

422 Catholics

4 Jews

11 Others.

Persons Employed:

Industry and Trade-1,004,000

Commerce, Transport, Banking,
Insurance, Hotel trade-441,000
Agriculture and Forestry-355,000

Public Services and Domestic 356,000.

Wage Earners-1,747,000

Self Employed-409,000.

No large estates.

Out of 205,981 Farms only 2,488 have more than 75 acres of land.

7 Universities with 14,000 students.

Turnover of World trade third in proportion to her population.

The Swiss are not a Nation—for, as a people, do they not differ in origin, in race, in language? In fact in all these things held to be necessary for the production of a basic type on which the theorists are agreed is founded that common unity without which there can be no guarantee of survival.

Yet they have survived! And survived for six and a half centuries—a period longer in time than the whole history of the Roman Empire from Caesar to Theodosius. Could then the theorists be wrong? When, indeed, are they ever right about such things, blinded as they are by their own mumbo-jumbo, bewitched with their own incantations!

According to them, this little Federation of twenty-two States (or Cantons), deep in the heart of Europe, moated by the Rhine, bastioned by Alp and Jura, peopled by immigrant Mediterranean and Germanic tribes of different racial origin—Ligurians, Celts, Rhaetians, Etruscans (for Switzerland had no original inhabitants and even the traces left by the men of the stone age show that they came in from elsewhere); by tongue German, French, Rhaeto-Romansh and Italian; situated on the frontier twixt North and South, dividing Atlantic from Mediter-

anean Europe, Germanic from Latin world, is, in their theoretic view, no more than an artificial State which exists today because it has suited the interests of the four great contending complexes of Europe Germany, France, Italy and the Danubian countries!

Some theory! What artificial State would have emerged intact from the great reverberations and revolutions of history, the Reformation which cleaved through time and people, the French Revolution, with all its compulsive and evocative impact, which turned Swiss territory for a time into a European theatre of War, and more recently, dialectical materialism and the class-struggle?

What amalgam of people and country is it, that has enabled such basically different groups without a common language, offshoots from surrounding races whose languages linguistically overflow frontier and culture, to coalesce into a composite nation, with such success—an organic state by virtue of continuity in the practice of civilised living! Historical accident? Providence? Nature? Political ingenuity?

It is because from 1291 their history has had one aim: to create a federative form of political unity. In this people and country were one for nature herself, by the very relief of the country, made Switzerland a land of earth folds, compartments, valleys. Within each of these compartments, dominated not by Dynasties that waxed and waned, nor in the thrall of neighbouring nations, nor battered on by an effete aristocracy a people born to self-government preserved their autonomy to the point of independence, knowledgeable of the fact that since none had the strength to defend itself, each in course of time had to unite by alliance—at first regional and limited, but gradually extending over the whole country in order to survive.

Historical accident may have given Switzerland protection, providence may have given her people wisdom and nature may have provided the right physical conditions, but the political ingenuity was born of experience, the sort of experience which capitalises what facts teach.

The Swiss are a truly emancipated and enfranchised people because they have emancipated themselves from fear and enfranchised hope in the civilised setting of peace.

Bob Parton

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 41 GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND?

We have approximately 20,000 members in 865 Clubs.

President Drew's agenda is to further enhance the links between the 'four club family' – 41 Club, Tangent, Round Table and Ladies Circle.

To this end three of the clubs have a joint charity – the Association of Air Ambulance Charities. This is a superb cause that saves lives every day. If you see me I will no be pleased to sell you a badge (pictured right) for €4, €3 of which goes direct to the charity. We aim to raise over £100,000 (approx. €120,000) this year.

We are trying to improve the liaison between 41 Club and Round Table. To this end we have restructured our Regions (26 including overseas) to fit more neatly with Round Table Areas. For their part Round Table have agreed to appoint 41 Club Liaison Officers in each of its 51 Areas.

At our AGM in Torquay we agreed to alter our title to 'The Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs' to make our origins clearer to the general public.

We are often approached by Clubs from other Associations seeking twinning partners, which is wonderful. We are probably the only Association that does not give its Clubs numbers, although we did in the early years. There are other ways to twin and we now have a database of twinning arrangements. Please get in touch and I will help as much as I can.

We are very excited to be hosting the International AGM on April 23-26 next year when our own John Bellwood takes on the Presidency in Gloucester. Have a look at www.club41.org for details. The previous weekend (16-19 April) our own AGM will take place in the charming seaside resort of South-



Above, from left: President Drew Cochran, IRO Andy, June Boden, John and Helen Bellwood, First Lady Moira Cochran and Ken Boden at the German AGM in Dresden.

port, not far from Liverpool. Click on

Pre/Post tour linking the two Conferences together, and an enthusiastic team is working hard on the arrangements. The Tour will start from Southport on Sunday 18th April, spending two days and nights in the beautiful Lake District, then two nights in



the Midlands taking in sights such as Chatsworth House, one of England's finest stately homes, Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-on-Avon, and the Cotswolds, finishing up in Cheltenham on the Thursday the 23rd for the International AGM. Please email me if you are interested. We will have a brochure and booking form ready in time for the HYM in Mauritius.

Yours in Continued Friendship

Andy Waite
IRO, GB&I

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'Conference' at www.41club.org.

There has been a lot of interest in a

AGM., Gloucester GB 23rd - 26th April 2009

Hans

IRO CLUB

THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE GOLDEN STOMACH

During the Belgian AGM in Aubange in October 2007 Uwe Kerstan, Bruce Morgan, Stefan Harder and Duccio Arrighi had the idea to formalise the group of International Relations Officers into the 'Brotherhood of the Golden Stomach', its motto being: 'MAY YOUR STOMACH NEVER RUST'. This is a light-hearted reference to the considerable amount of abuse that an IRO's digestive system has to endure in the course of carrying out his duties. Hans Dieter Gesch (Germany), Matti Hinttala and Reijo Jakovuri (Finland), Michael Dalbo Pedersen (Denmark), Patrick Nivet (France), and Duccio Arrighi (Italy) agreed to form the Brotherhood of the Golden Stomach.

Membership is for life, not just for the duration of their office. Members are known by their name and Roman numeral (which signifies equality in the Brotherhood), as follows: I Duccio Arrighi (Italy), II Ken Boden (GB&I), III Hans-Dieter Gesch (Germany), IV Stefan Harder (Switzerland), V

ter Carbon (Belgium), X Michel Dalbo Pedersen (Denmark), XI Matti Hinttala (Finland), XII Reijo Jakovuori (Finland). XIII is considered to be unlucky. XIV Andy Waite (GB&I), XV London Mwafulilwa (Zambia), XVI Stig Morten Stømner (Norway).

Any new IRO will be officially inducted into the Brotherhood using a bottle of gin in the same way as Her Majesty the Queen will surely use a sword to Knight Sir John Bellwood one



twice yearly at no cost to Club 41 International.

The Chairman will be Stefan Harder. The Secretary and Treasurer will be



day for services to the Monarchy!



Uwe Kerstan (Germany), VI Bruce Morgan (Italy), VII Patrick Nivet (France), VIII Stephan Betschen (Switzerland), IX Pie-

meeting was held during the International AGM in Merano, Italy in April 2008. It was decided:

That the International IROs would meet

Andy Waite.

That Andy Waite will use the €335 collected to have as many pin badges as possible produced to Duccio's design for the Brotherhood of the Golden Stomach.

During the Saturday evening Gala in Merano "THE GOLDEN STOMACH" Brotherhood was officially announced to great applause and members XIV, XV and XVI were duly 'knighted' with a gin bottle. I was pleased to perform the ceremony on London from Zambia (using London gin, of course).

The next meeting will be during the German AGM in Dresden, 31 May-2 June.

MAY YOUR STOMACH NEVER RUST!

Andy Waite

IRO The Association of Ex-Round Table's Clubs

Our first National IRO

Round Table International



Round Table Zimbabwe

How to write an article for The Hinge which shows how running a Round Table organisation, running a business and reflecting on the madness of Zimbabwe can be communicated without recreating a version of "War and Peace"? Inflation has increased the price of a beer over the last three years by over 100000,00 %. This combined with the fact that there is no locally produced beer in the country right now – only imported beer at highly inflated prices – may give you a small insight into the day to day challenges. If it wasn't so serious it would be laughable.

The serious side is the destitute pensioners – whose fixed pensions have been destroyed by the hyper inflation. They rely on community handouts to keep alive – and that in a country where prices can, literally, double overnight.

Harare One in Zimbabwe are the trustees of an Old Peoples' Home called Greendale Senior Citizen's Trust. Much of the funding for this comes from two sources – 1) an annual 21 km run which is used to raise money through sponsorship and donations (this we also organise) and 2) the

excess revenue from the longest running project in the world of Round Table – Greenwood Park. This is a Children's Playground – the only one of its kind in Harare. This project was begun in 1966 and has been ongoing ever since. Is there another project in the world to match that? Take cognisance of the following three indicators' of our Inflation in 2007.

the Herald's cover price increased 100,000% year-on-year (our local government controlled daily newspaper), the Old Mutual implied rate increased by 160,000% year on year and the stock market value increased by 220,000% last year. Since February 2007, we have seen a huge jump in Inflation and the accepted market rate continues to run. Late last year it was commented that a lovely 3 bedroom house with lock up garage, self contained cottage and borehole in Kew Drive, Borrowdale, cost two hundred and fifty million dollars. Therefore it was interesting to note that at a dinner party a year later at a local Italian restaurant, a bottle of average red table wine set us back two hundred and seventy five million dollars. (approx. US\$ 6.00 at the parallel implied Market rate)

n a nutshell, inflation is still on the increase and at present there is no end in sight.

Current devaluation seems to be between 10 and 18 percent per working day and the man on the street is taking the biggest hit. If this continues to increase we will no longer be dealing in billions and trillions but in quadrillions and more. A graph speaks more than 1,000 words, in Zim's case more than 1,000s of percent in inflation. In October 2005 at our monthly meetings we started recording the price of a Castle beer at JV. It was Z\$35 000. At the end of November 2007 it was Z\$300 000. A small increase! However, we divided our currency by 1000 in August 2006. For those 41'ers living outside the country the price of a beer today in old money would be Z\$300,00,000.00. A massive increase of 8,570 % in 26 months. If this was not enough Nat-brew increased their beer price by 300 % on 27 November and followed with another 100% increase on 1 December.

If any Clubs are interested in contacting Harare 1 to assist with the Greendale Seniors Citizens Trust, you can do so via the Africa Region Chairman Rikus Badenhorst at secretary@rtinternational.org or..

Brian Stewart – RT Harare 1:
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Austrian AGM

Further we celebrated the 30 year of Club 41 Austria. The Int'l Past President Dieter Straka presented us with a dia show the 30 years of life and who were the different National Presidents.

What made the evening much enjoyable was the great music band which brought a lot of movement and fun in the ranks of the guests. The much dancing, talking and enjoying made the night very long and at the end we could enjoy a majical evening/night.

The next morning we where invited go next to the river, where in a garden we could stay together, have a good Hungarian goulash soup

with much beer and other drinks and hear the wonderful Rock, played from a band assembled from the 41ers of Leoben. Also this day we could enjor the wonderful weather which gave us a unique Farewell.

Unfortunately I couldn't drink much beer, because in front of us we had again 470 km to drive to reach home, but we where happy having spent a magical weekend with all the Int'l and National friends, which only Club 41 could donate us.

Randolph Riedlinger
International President

See back page for report about 30 years Austria Club 41



Andz Waite, left photo from the Austrian AGM with incoming Vice-President Christian Rössel and outgoing President Fredi Krenn



The 'Auld Enemy'

Having given the world so much, usually without asking whether it wanted it, the Scots have never thought very hard about what the rest of the world has given them. Either they take it for granted, or they'd rather not think about it. For of course the main conduit of innovation from outside – political, social, cultural, industrial – has always been that large country to the South, the 'Auld Enemy', England. Always more numerous, always richer, always ready to assert

their superiority, the English have been thorns in the Scottish flesh for a thousand years. The Scots have learned their pride, their nationality, their characteristics good and bad, chiefly at the hands of the English, often violently, and they are not about to forgive them for it.

When God created Scotland, says a favourite Scottish story, He looked down on it with great satisfaction. Finally He called the archangel Gabriel to have a look. "Just see," He said. "This is the best yet. Fine mountains, brave men, lovely women, nice cool weather. And I've given them beautiful music and a special drink, called whisky. Try some." Gabriel took an appreciative sip. "Excellent," he said. "But haven't You perhaps been too generous? Won't they be spoiled? Should there not be some drawback?" And God said: "Just wait till you see what I am giving to your neighbours."

It can come as a surprise to visitors

that when the Scots watch England play in an international sporting competition, their support is likely to be given, not to England, but to the other side. Whether it is the Cricket World Cup or an international tiddly-winks contest, the Scots feel just a bit more secure and more than a touch of dark enjoyment, when the English are knocked out.

They are also quick to sense patronage and arrogance in an English accent, especially a 'posh' one. It brings out all the latent prickliness of the Scottish character. They tend to label the English as snobbish, class-ridden, not very clever, lazy and self-satisfied. Both nations have been eyeball to eyeball for so long that what each sees of the other is more caricature than reality. The reality is that for 250 years the Scots and the English have not fought each other on any field more bloody than a sportsfield.

YAP-Report 2008

We have been able again in this year to organise many trips for our Young ambassadors; from 9th



May till 8th June 11 young Indians were able to visit Austria, Germany, Switzerland and France. From 27th May till 22 June a further 4 young Indians were able to visit Denmark, Germany Belgium and France and were able to learn much about these countries..

On 19th July 13 Young Europeans started off for North India where they will remain until 17th August.

The south of India will be visited by 13 European youngsters, this tour will last from 26th July until 24th August. To close the YAP year we have gathered 8 European youngsters together to make the tour to South Africa this will take place between 27th September and the 12th October.



reading the reports, partly in The Hinge and also other national publications the tours have been very well received and conducted with the upmost of efficiency. Over 30 Clubs World-wide have collaborated in hosting the youngsters, here too we have only received positive reaction. A special thank you to this goes, of course, to the national Convenors who are irreplaceable in the tedious task of finding quarters and organising the tours locally. They have relieved my workload considerably.

Unfortunately the trips planned through Germany, Belgium and France in the summer-time for the youngsters from South Africa, Indian Ocean and New Zealand could not be carried

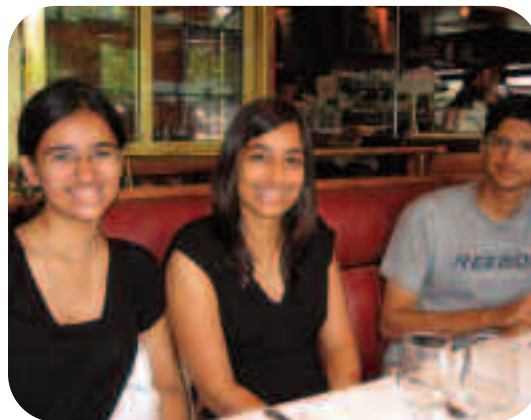
through, a major problem here was and is of course the currency differences. We are considering reducing the Tour Fees for these Countries to enable them to continue to participate,

but these must be agreed by the national Boards of the countries concerned. Belgium have shown the way here with a Service club action to enable the costs to be born.

Thinking of Service, in the last period of time 41

have had to consider more seriously the Service Club situation. I think here that the YAP programme would be a perfect platform for service activity without altering our Rules of 41 or annoy other service clubs. However more clubs from the 1800 in 41 International could and should offer an helping hand in Hosting the Yap youngsters. As the reports from the convenors it is always the same clubs that offer assistance, and others that politely hold themselves back from the decision.

We have started the club „YAP/Famex – Internationaler Austausch e.V“ to ensure that any



Risks will be covered by this Association and indemnify any person, household or even our Association of any claim that might be forthcoming. It is this club that is responsible for the organisation and operation of the YAP programme and is therefore removed from any risk involvement to 41 International.

Lets hope my report will make more people interested and offer a secure basis for a good organised non-risk event in the coming year 2009

Your
Ulver

Ulver Oswald . 41 International YAP-Convenor

Randolph Conquers Germany

On Friday, 30 May 2008 Rosie and I made the 720 km drive to Dresden, the Florence on the river Elbe, as it is so called in Germany. Famous for his historical buildings and magic recon-



Jo Karg, left becomes the new OTD President whilst Franz Peter Marx hands over

struction after the terrible bombings at the end of the last world war.

As the drive was comfortable without any traffic problems and motorcade we arrived to the capital of the Free State of Saxony on the early afternoon. In time to assist to the Symposium which was organized from the Past German I.R.O. Klaus Schneider with the theme "which value do we Tablers contribute for us and the society and the culture". Two professors with Mrs. Dr. Sibylle Toennies from the University of Potsdam and Professor Dr. Hardy Boullion from the University of Trier and who is also member from Club 41 Trier made the speech which was followed from a motivated conversation in between the many present 41ers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland, because everything was held in German language. Einhard Melzer a founder member of Old Tablers Germany (OTD) held a stirring talk about our standing in the community from the very early days

After the Symposium there was quite enough time to change and direct, each with his own possibilities, to the place, where the Welcome Party was held, because unfortunately there was no transportation organized and the distance was quite long, to crown the trip

even the taxi driver didn't know where it was located. But no problem, we were gratified with a wonderful feast near to a little lake with magic fountain, a nice garden, good buffet and a lot of drinks. Also the weather was good and warm. What a joy to meet so many old friends and meeting also new friends. After this, again with our own organized transportation to the Hotel Park Plaza, where most of the visitors were located.

The next day started with the National German AGM, where we were greeted from the still German President Franz-Peter Marx. After this the Bürgermeister of Dresden made his speech, before I was requested to report about 41 Int'l and to refer about what has been done and what is organized for the future.

After this the international guests were invited to leave the conference hall to participate

in the many offered visits like the visit of the famous Semper Opera, the Grüne Gewölbe (the Green Arch) where are collected all the valuables the kings of Saxony collected together and which were safe after the last war, a guide through the town, the visit of the Frauenkirche, (The Church of our Mother) the church is a symbol of Dresden which was rebuilt, after it was bombed during the last war.

A 41 Club Tabler Prof. Fritz Wenzel from Karlsruhe OTD Club was very much responsible for the rebuilding of the famous Church where monies had been sponsored from all over the world. As Rosie and I had the possibility to visit all above mentioned historic and town sights the last year, we decided to participate on the Elbe paddle-steamer cruise. We saw wonderful castles which are situated along the

river and great vineyards and nice villages. In all it gave us an exiting idea of what are the surroundings of Dresden. On the evening the Gala in the Park Place Hotel. Before the Gala we held the Presidents meeting, where we could welcome Denis Beck, which probably will be the new French I.R.O. and many other I.R.O.'s and National Presidents of many visiting countries. During the evening was presented the new German Board with his new President Joachim Karg from Stade and his wife Veronika. Also I presented the Past International President Einhard Melzer with the newly produced International Past President chain with medal, acknowledging him for the great job he has done between 1984-1985 as International President. Unfortunately I could not hand this Past International Presidents chain onto Ernst Ulrich Walter, who was Int'l President be-



The old and the new, in 2009, 41 International Presidents discuss 41 changes John Bellwood and Uwe Kerstan

tween 1977-1978, because he couldn't participate on the gala evening. So I'm looking forward that I or my successor will be able to do so in the near future. The evening ended with nice dancing, meeting new friends and having interesting talks and learning new information.

The next day the long drive back home, but having in my heart a great remembrance of a wonderful meeting and feast in the middle of great friends.

Thank you Germany
Randolph Riedlinger
President 41 INTERNATIONAL

New Zealand



Once upon a time in a far away country on the other side of the world;

Aotearoa, (the long white cloud) New Zealand, Godzone call it what you will is a small country with about 4.25 million people settled around 150 years ago by mainly people of UK descent and since then from many other places so we are now quite a melting pot of cultures including our indigenous Maori and many other Pacific nations.

Back in the good old days, around the 70's and early 80's there was a vibrant Round Table movement here and we had many Conventions with in excess of 1000 people attending, all was well in the world, we were young and dedicated.

In those days our shops traded 5 days a week with many closing at 5p.m., 6 or 6.30 on a Friday night and the 6 o'clock swill at the pubs was a thing of the past. Carefree days I guess you might say. This meant that the weekends were free to do service work like projects and still have time for families, sport etc.

Then some bright spark came along with the idea that everyone needed to be able to shop every day and weekend trading came along, (there are shops open every day apart from Christmas day and Easter Sunday and some of our bigger supermarkets are now open

able to do voluntary work and both partners were working to pay for all the stuff that seems to be so necessary these days (we used to be able to get by without or buy second hand when we could afford things). Now there seems to be only time left for self, family and sport.

We now have a "me first" mentality, especially in our younger people in the

ranks, having a great time with our old friendships, travelling to far places and making so many more friends. The flip side of that is we welcome guests and delight in being able to show them "Our Place" so please make New Zealand a "Must See" on that all important list for life.

We no longer do projects or fund raising, most of us worked tirelessly for

Round Table and having achieved the magical 41 were relieved to be able to rest and recuperate. Our wives/partners join with us on most activities as they are the ones who have made it possible for the work we were able to



Sunset over Amberley

cities and the only Round Tables left are in far smaller and/or more isolated towns.

Round Table New Zealand has only 140 members left and in most of the Clubs the ones left are of 41 Club age who are struggling to keep Round Table alive.

do while in Round Table.

After all the Aim of 41 Club is to Unite, Maintain and Promote Friendships among Ex Tablers wherever and what a big family we are.

Our AGM's are really just a big reunion of old mates and I guess that's the same



However we have a very lively 41 Club of around 400

everywhere, we had around 80 at our one in Oamaru at the beginning of the month with a theme of "Rugby, Racing and Beer" (Kiwi values at their best) and a wonderful weekend was had by all. That's another story!!!!

Now off to bed children, story time is over.

Cheers Derek Johns

June 2008

24/7).

Suddenly there were less hours to be

members who are constantly trying to find more Ex Tablers to add to our



41 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date	Association	Event	Location
6th September 2008	South Africa	AGM	Durban
13th September 2008	41 International	HYM	Mauritius, Indian Ocean
27th September 2008	India	AGM	Madras/Chennai
2nd - 5th October 2008	All Associations	Past Presidents Meeting	Pitlochry Scotland
4th October 2008	Romania	AGM	Craiova
11th October 2008	Belgium	AGM	Tienen
25th October 2008	Switzerland	AGM	Biel
31st October - 2nd November 2008	Italy	Chestnut Fest	Meran/Merano
8th November 2008	Sweden	HYM	Uppsala
15th - 18th January 2009	France	15° Ski Trophy	Les Rousses, Lamoura, Jura
13th - 15th March 2009	Israel	AGM	Tel Aviv
22th March 2009	Finland	AGM	Turku
18th April 2009	Great Britain	AGM	Southport, Lancashire
25th April 2009	41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Royal Forest of Dean, GB
15th May 2009	Denmark	AGM	Soroe
15th May 2009	Germany	AGM	Stade
24th May 2009	Sweden	AGM (RT,OT;LC & Tangent)	Varberg
31st May 2009	New Zealand	AGM	Blenheim
31st May 2009	Norway	AGM	Kristiansand
6th June 2009	Italy	AGM	Ascoli Piceno
20th June 2009	Austria	AGM	Steyr
20th June 2009	France	AGM	Lille
3rd - 4th July 2009	Uganda	Charter	Kampala, Ugandas
15th August 2009	RTI World	AGM	Alkmaar, Netherlands
10th October 2009	Belgium	AGM	Liège
24th October 2009	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Sursee, Switzerland
22nd - 25th April 2010	41 INTERNATIONAL	AGM	Jyväskylä, Finland
19th September 2010	Romania	AGM	Brasov
19th September 2010	41 INTERNATIONAL	HYM	Brasov Romania

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Sudoku for Blondes



This was taken at 8.38pm you should have seen him at Midnight!

Half-Yearly Meeting, Sursee Central Switzerland 23 - 25th October 2009

AGM Club 41 Suisse HYM Club 41 International Charter Club 41-112 Lucerne 23. – 25. October 2009 Sursee – Sempachersee / Lucern



Registration:	Seminarhotel Nottwil
Welcome Party:	Rathaus Sursee
Gala Diner:	Prunksaal Kloster St. Urban
Fairwell Brunch:	Golfpark Oberkirch

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30 years Club 41 Austria

It started in the year 1978, the first Clubs 41 had already been chartered in Austria and it was about time to charter a national organisation. Since then the Austrian Club 41 family has grown to 32 clubs with approximately 800 members.

It can be noticed with pleasure that there is an upwards trend and that in the year of the 30th anniversary another two Clubs 41 will be chartered, which will of course strengthen our national organisation further.

We are also very pleased to have a close relationship to Round Table Austria. This is demonstrated by the joint publication of a club magazine and by joint regular board and half-year meetings.

For four times the nominated president of 41 International has been an Austrian, this will be the case again in the current club year with Dieter Straka.

Following the motto "Round Table is the past and the future of Club 41", the Austrian members of Club 41 try to assist the members of Round Table to recruit new members and support them to charter new clubs.

The idea of an annual national service project of Club 41 Austria is also gaining ground.

Isn't this reason enough for all of us to be happy about the achievements of the past 30 years

Fredi Krenn
President Club 41 Austria (2007 – 2008)



41 INTERNATIONAL

Objects;

- (a) to encompass all Associations consisting of clubs of Ex-Tablers.
- (b) to maintain at international level the contacts between those clubs.
- (c) to maintain at the same international level the bonds of friendship which unite all Ex-Tablers.

Full Members-

Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,
Great Britain, India, Indian Ocean, Israel, Italy, Netherlands,
New Zealand, Norway, Romania. South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Zambia

41 Club contacts in Australia, Czech Republic, Latvia, Estonia, Gibraltar, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Uganda, United Arab Emirates

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