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the earth shook Italy



YAPS
what are they yapping about?



'Coronation' of
International President
John Bellwood

The Magazine for 41 INTERNATIONAL
International Association of Former Members of Round Table
"May the Hinges of Friendship Never Rust"



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half-yearly!

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Message from the 41 International President



Over 200 of us attended Royal Forest of Dean/Gloucester/Cheltenham for the 33rd Annual General Meeting of 41 INTERNATIONAL. On your behalf, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Forest of Dean 41 Club who arranged the AGM & Conference for 41 Club Great Britain & Ireland. In particular I would like to mention Dave Green the Convenor & Dick Stanley the Registration Officer for their excellent organisation & hard work (I think that they actually enjoyed it as have all members of Forest of Dean 41 Cub who were involved).

We said farewell to Past President Dieter Straka (Austria) & welcomed Matti Hinttala (Finland) as Vice-President. Jean-Louis Boileau (France) follows Matti Hinttala as Vice-President next year & then, I believe, that India will be nominating N S Krishna Kumar ('KK') as India hosts the Presidency in 2012/2013 after France.

We have a new Treasurer in David Illingworth (now of Cyprus), a new Editor in Rajan Mittal (India) & a new webmaster in Gunnar Stumpf (Germany). Our sincere gratitude goes to Renato Bonfini who has been Mr International Website for more than 10 years; & to Bob Parton who assumed the post of Editor some three years ago when the International Magazine 'Courier' had been absent for a time. Bob Parton created a magazine of which 41 INTERNATIONAL has been justly proud. My thanks go to the 'three musketeers' - Ha De Gesch, Bruce Morgan & Bob Parton - for arranging my coronation at the Thistle Hotel Cheltenham on Saturday 25th April 2009. All those who witnessed the splendid occasion will probably agree with me that the three of them seemed almost natural in their chosen outfits.

I am pleased to say that 41 Club continues to expand. I am aware that new Clubs are being started in Rabat (Morocco), Melita (Malta), Iceland, Sri Lanka, Uganda & Rome. These are the ones which I know about - I am sure that there are others. Randolph Riedlinger (Italy), our International Extension Officer, is keeping an eye on developments.

There are four other matters which I would like to mention in this report. The Young Ambassadors Exchange ('YAP') programme continues to give young people, who are members of a 41 Club family, an insight into the culture & way of living of another country. Germany, Belgium, India & South Africa are particularly active in this programme. The Strategic Working Group was born at the International AGM in Merano under the leadership of Past President Beat Berger to examine & secure the future of 41 INTERNATIONAL. We expect to receive an interim report at the Half-Yearly Meeting in October 2009. France have proposed a new fees & voting structure for the Member Associations of 41 INTERNATIONAL which I have asked David Illingworth & Bob Parton to look at, reporting to the Board in the near future. The Board will then be making its recommendations to the Half-Yearly Meeting. Randolph & I met with Round Table International, Ladies Circle International & Agora Club International at the RTI AGM in Netherlands recently, under the umbrella of a 'four clubs one vision' synopsis created by George Psaras, the RTI President. Tangent, who represent most of the former members of Ladies Circle, were not invited as they were perceived to be 'not international'. Council will have to decide at the Half-Yearly Meeting whether a meeting with the other three international Associations gives added impetus to our international relations.

The 41 Clubs of Germany, New Zealand, Italy, Cyprus, France, Romania, India, South Africa & Belgium together with Round Table International have all warmly welcomed me to their AGMs since I took over as International President. Vice-President Matti, standing in for me, has been welcomed at Denmark, Norway & Austria. Thank you all for your kindness & generous hospitality (Helen also says a big thank you on the occasions when she accompanied me) & I have to say that the friendship, camaraderie, humour & laughter were superb, all for the benefit of 41 Club & 41 INTERNATIONAL. Thank you very much.

We are all gathering together in Sursee, Switzerland for the Half-Yearly Meeting at the end of October & I look forward to seeing many of you again then. Werner Blessing & his team are organising an exciting weekend, which includes the Half-Yearly Meeting of 41 INTERNATIONAL, the Annual General Meeting of Club 41 Suisse and the Charter of Club 41 Lucerne number 112.

Take care, & please continue to appreciate the friendships made in Round Table & 41 Club. May the hinges of friendship never rust.

John Bellwood
President of 41 INTERNATIONAL 2009-2010



Humour

I Love this Doctor

Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, & that's it... don't waste them on exercise.

Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat & eat more fruits & vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay & corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable).

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body & you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!! Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO-O! Cocoa beans!! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food & diets.

And remember: 'Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive & well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out & screaming 'WOO HOO, What a Ride' AND.....

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition & health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies.

1. The Japanese eat very little fat...& suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat... & suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
3. The Chinese drink very little red wine...& suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine...& suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.
5. The Germans drink a lot of beer & eat lots of sausages & fats...& suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION

Eat & drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

Contributed by
Bob Parton
Secretary, 41 International

Hinge Mail



Thanks to the organizers, who have done a marvellous job organizing the International AGM of 41 Clubs in Cheltenham.

THE CONDITIONS WERE EXCELLENT FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS ... COUPLED WITH A FINE SENSE OF HUMOUR:

... RTBI punished France, forcing them to sit right next to Switzerland,
... TRF replied with the presentation of the message of the Queen,
... UK-meat importers used pork meat, imported directly from Mexico, for the breakfast sausages,
... Le Ministère de Santé Française launched a warning to all who had eaten the "Full English Breakfast" at the Thistle Hotel in Cheltenham.

YIF
Werner Blessing
President 2008/09, Switzerland

The Last Issue of The Hinge (The Hingette) was an Information Binge.
It was a great treat reading about the new team of office bearers. Very well presented, we felt, me & the lady, as if we were meeting them in our own drawing room.
Great job done. Keep the info rolling in & the HINGES shall never rust.

Regards
Tony
41 Club 3, India

Having been responsible as editor for the first 7 issues of The Hinge it is with great pleasure that I can send these few words of greetings to Rajan. I wish him all of the best of success in his endeavours with the coming issues. It is good for Club 41 that we are able to have this variety & I am sure that Rajan will be able to build on the good start that we have made with this magazine

Bob Parton.

Charter of 2nd Club 41 in Malta of Club 41 Melita

Date: Thursday 29th October to Sunday 1st November 2009

Venue Hotel: Corinthia Marina, St. Julians

Programme: to be held in conjunction with the AGM of Round Table Malta except for Charter of new Club on Saturday morning.

Price of Programme: € 230 inclusive of all events organized.

NOTE: This particular week marks a first for Malta in that during the same weekend, Round Table Malta & Ladies Circle Malta will also hold their AGM. Furthermore, Round Table Malta is also organizing a Euro Dive-Week starting on Monday 26th October. So there is a lot to do & see in Malta during that week. Further details of the programme can be viewed via the following link: http://www.roundtablemalta.com/?Malta_Dive_Week or <http://maltadiveweek.roundtablemalta.com/diveweek/Welcome.html>

Further Details from the Club Chairman Andre or Club IRO Alex

There is already quite a lot of interest shown & we already have 15 confirmed Club 41ers from UK attending our Charter:

One final detail: We are looking for a club to be our Mother club. & also clubs to be able to do twinning with.....

Should there be any more issues or clarification or just more information required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for now & hope to see many come & support us.....

Yours in fellowship,
Alex Abela

Visit by H.R.H. John Bellwood & "Kiwi" Helen



A rather late report on the doings of our beloved leader, 41 Club International President & wife on their visit "Down Under" to New Zealand.

As the IRO for New Zealand I seem to have access to snippets of information about all sorts of people and events world wide. It came to pass that there was a new International President who was crowned at his induction. I have seen, as many of you have also his pictures and souvenir program from the Coronation.

What you might not have seen is the "Pretender" also dressed in the Royal Garb practising for his turn. This worthy gentleman apparently was so dismayed by his audacious actions that he has now turned to religion & has become the

"Penitent" & I believe he has lately been in retreat on an island in Cyprus, or at least that is what he would have me believe! May well have been a 41 International board meeting.

However I digress, I was writing about H.R.H. & his visit!! John & I had been communicating for 2 years about them coming here & it was with great delight that we learned they would be here for our AGM in Blenheim.

Imagine traveling so far for such delight, decadence & debauchery!!!!

They arrived on the 21st May and spent time catching up with friends, family & future in-laws. Woops that should be now in-laws, I believe the wedding was just a few days ago, another Kiwi into the fold. Looks like a Kiwi take over John! I invited John to come along to the Christchurch 41 Club meeting & pass judgement on our act for AGM which we put on for the members who were not able to attend AGM.

This of course was a cunning plan to help us win the prize because we thought he would be one of the judges & maybe we would be able to bribe him. As you can see he must have been quite desperate for funds as the notes he can be seen uplifting from my hat were actually Russian Roubles that I had hiding in my desk for years wondering "what the hell will I ever do with these, where will I ever find some mug to accept them". Job done!!! We found out later that John & Helen weren't being judges but putting on an act themselves with Gordon & Elaine MacNab who also came to the AGM.

Helen unfortunately had other plans for that night so Tina (my better half) & I picked John up on our way in our little truck with our props on the back & squeezed John in between us. Lots of fun had of course and our Chairman, (ex pat bloody Brit) Ralph Lloyd presented John with a Christchurch Banner. We never have had a banner before so in desperation I had made one up on paper which John seemed to think was fairly special.

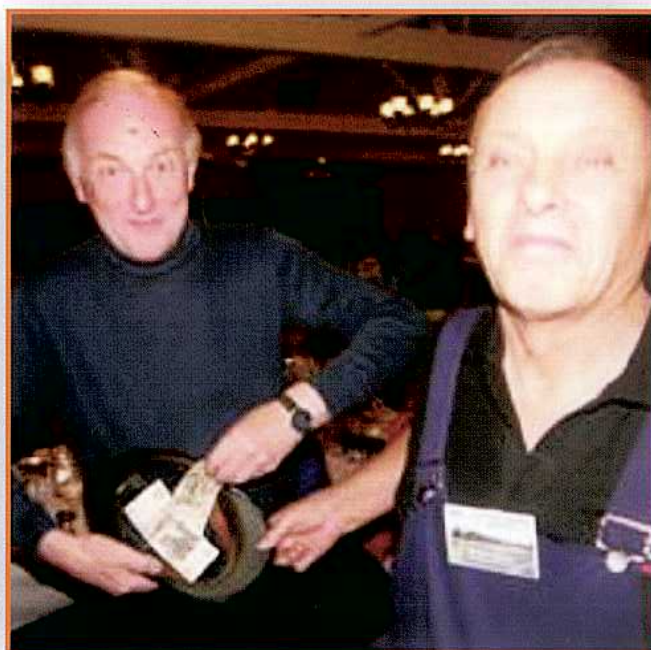


Prior to their arrival & while they were catching up with things family, I had been inundated with e-mails to pass on from Bob Parton, so on their way up to Blenheim they called in for morning tea & Helen, being a Great Kiwi Girl from way back, took over & played mother as Tina was at work while I did all the secretarial work. H.R.H. John was most gracious & awarded me the grand title of 2nd assistant secretary which Helen considered just a fob to get free work done.

Oh I wish we had more time with them but after this lot they probably won't come again!!

John & Helen stole our hearts with their humour and spontaneity from the time they first arrived and were introduced to New Zealand 41 Club.

Suck up line before the next bits of scandal!!!



Opening speech from H.R.H. had him even asking for a "Blow Job", he was it turned out asking for someone to re inflate one of the model planes hanging from the ceiling but certainly was a great start for the weekend.

Once again here's H.R.H. gathering funds, still desperate cause this time it's only a \$5 NZ note, worth a bit under €2 and he wasn't allowed to go for the next one!!!!!!!!!!!!

That's the sheriff in the background carefully taking notes; we got most of the money back later!!

On a more serious note John made excellent speeches and told us a lot about what is happening within 41 Club both on the International and British scene and was very

well received by all.

John and Helen thank you very much for coming & taking the time to spend with us, you are well remembered & more than welcome to return as we know you will; too many "Kiwis" in the family.

Grin and bear it, we are not too bad & we really enjoyed your company.

YI41
Derek Johns



Tangent India New Horizons

Tangent India, the national body for Tangent Clubs in India, held its 1st Annual General Meeting on 12th September, 2009 at Kolkata. It was a well attended meeting represented by members from 5 out of the 6 clubs which form Tangent India as well as several guests. We were specially honoured by the presence of Helen Bellwood, First Lady of 41 International & Tangent member from UK at this historic meeting. Sameer Nayyar, the only gentleman present, is the Tangent Coordinator for the Assn. of 41 Clubs of India. Jogi Mittal who had held the post of President for 3 years since the formation of Tangent India passed the responsibility on to Rachna Jain the new President from Delhi. Reeti Roy from Kolkata was nominated Vice President. She takes over as President in 2010.

Looking Back

Just over 3 years ago, an enthusiastic bunch of Past Ladies Circlers, Past Tablers' Wives and 41ers wives across the length and breadth of Mumbai took off on a tangent to initiate a movement which has already been highly successful across the UK, Germany and some other parts of Europe. It was the then President of the Assn. of 41 Clubs of India, Sameer Nayyar who acted as the catalyst for the formation & charter of the 1st Indian Tangent Club in Mumbai in May 2006.

With 2 more clubs chartered in Delhi in September the same year, Tangent India was formed & recognized at the 41 Clubs' National AGM at Agra in September 2006 with Jogi Mittal from Mumbai as its 1st President. Despite the initial speed at which Tangent took off, response from across the country was a little tardy. During the last three years, 3 more clubs have been chartered in Hyderabad, Delhi and Kolkata, the last 2 having been chartered as recently as September 2009. We now have 6 clubs representing North, East, West & South India & with further expansion the target is to create a truly pan-Indian Tangent India.

Moving Ahead

The key words to future growth are expansion, organisation & consolidation, all of this through our motto of continued friendship. We also look forward to interaction with our senior and larger counterparts in UK & Germany. It's a pity that, in the words of 41 International President John Bellwood, "Tangent, who represent most of the former members of Ladies Circle, were not invited at the RTI AGM in Netherlands recently, under the umbrella of a 'Four Clubs One Vision' synopsis created by George Psaras, the RTI President as they were perceived to be 'not international'". We hope that one day, sooner rather than later, Tangent Clubs the world over get together to form an international body & get the recognition they deserve.

Jogi Mittal

Tangent coordinator Sameer Nayyar hands over the Charter Certificate to the ladies of Tangent Club No. 5, Delhi



Tangent club Kolkata is chartered in the presence of John & Helen Bellwood, Debashish Roy & Sameer Nayyar



The 1st AGM of Tangent India in progress

The Uganda Experience 2009

Germany Sponsors 41 Club No. 1, Kampala, Uganda

In 1991, the German Round Table Magazine "Echo" published a letter by President James Kiwanuka of Round Table No. 9, Jinja, Uganda, requesting German Round Tables to develop a friendly connection with their Table. He wrote: "Our Table was started in 1958 by expatriate staff from Europe. When Idi Amin seized power in 1971, it collapsed & was only revived in 1987". He continues: "... Uganda has gone through quite a bit of a turbulent political history in the past. But things have changed a lot in the past five years ... This is to request as many German Tablers as possible to please communicate and help building strong bridges between Uganda and Germany".

Herbert Kaiser, then OT Vice-President, took an interest in the '90s, & worked energetically towards establishing a connection. But at first he found success only on a personal level & despite personal invitations to each other they could not meet. Nevertheless Herbert succeeded in obtaining admission for James' two daughters and his wife Regina in German High Schools.

It was not until 2008, that Herbert & his wife Birgit traveled to Kampala, & were enthusiastically received by James. This was the beginning of a relationship based on mutual trust, friendship & cooperation & resulted in the creation of 41 Club No.1, Kampala, Uganda on 28 July 08! Back in Germany, Herbert won over the entire board of Old Tablers Germany, especially its president, Albert, for having taken over the sponsorship, especially the preparation & organization of a dignified & appropriate charter celebration!

President Albert & Herbert, with his wife Birgit, & the two OTD-IROs - Anno & Hans-Dieter traveled to Kampala in July 2009. To their delight, they found that British 41er John Caulkin from Stratford upon Avon with his wife, Cathy were already there!

Seven Ugandan 41ers were formally chartered on 10 July 2009 on the terrace of a beautifully located hotel, surrounded by an exceptional dance company. The German Tablers had provided everything. President 2009/10, Joseph Tinkamanyire (Tinka) received club banners, buttons & chain of office (very important!), stickers & gifts for each of the seven new 41ers. In return, their friends from Germany & England have been richly rewarded. The speeches had words of wisdom sprinkled with friendship & humour.

Our friendship now stands firmly on its feet. James has already attended the September 2009 German Half Yearly Meeting in Munster. Conversely, planning has begun for a trip of German "oldies" & their wives to Uganda in July 2010. The opportunities for deepening our friendship are great - we will realize them.

Hans-Dieter Gesch OTD - IRO



41 INTERNATIONAL

23-25 AUGUST

Welcome to JYV





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April 2010

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Indian YAPS Euro-Trip

Beer, Boat Rides & Barbeques : Indian YAPS have a Blast on their Euro-Trip

Our trip to northern Europe started at Mumbai airport on the 30th of May, the nine of us were going to spend the rest of the month traveling together far & wide across Europe visiting the 4 beautiful countries of Denmark, Germany, Belgium and France. For most of us it was our first time in Europe and naturally, we were very excited to see new countries with beautiful landscapes, meet new people and see how they live. ;)

Our Yap 'Euro-Trip' started when we landed in Paris airport, and immediately we had to run through the massive airport to find terminal 2D! No sooner had we arrived in Europe that I got stuck at the immigration counter for 30mins and Varun (The Tank), Rushil (White Boy), (who obviously were trying to help me) & I got separated from the rest!!

The Three-Musketeers (as we were to be known later around Europe) had our 1st little adventure. And there were definitely many more to come ...We were later joined by our band of merry men, Nakul (Dr.Evil) and Chiraaaag(the man with the moves) and not to forget Sai/Sid(the poet).

After nearly missing our flight, we finally landed in Copenhagen airport and breathed a sigh of relief, we finally arrived in DENMARK! We met up with our hosts who took us to the town of Korsor where we were to stay for 4 days. My host Mr. Carsten Flink was the yap co-ordinator and he always kept us informed about our activities and took very good care of us. In Denmark we visited the 41 President's beach house (where we tried Danish Schnapps), a Viking museum, the writer HC Anderson's home, the student town of Århus, had a wonderful tour of Copenhagen by boat and went to an amusement park called Tivoli...which spelt backwards is 'I lov it'. And we all definitely did.

After Korsor we traveled to the south of Denmark to the town of Turner/Hoyer where we spent 3 days. Our host Jan's daughter Johanna, took 4 of us to her friend's house party. And it was a delightful experience to meet Danish people of our age group, interact with them, tell them about India & learn about Denmark. We were treated like VIP celebs from India - we had a blast!! The next day we organized 'The Indian Night'. Fittingly India won a T20 match & Denmark beat Sweden 1-0 in football. So we all decided to go out into town to celebrate!! It was the perfect end to a wonderful week in Denmark. We said our goodbyes & hopped onto a train to Germany.

In GERMANY we stayed in the humble but beautiful town of Schwerin for 4 days. Nakul & I stayed with Mr. Hajo Reuter, who is a hunter by profession and specializes in hunting deer. He was a lot of fun to talk to and interact with; he had a dog named 'Oontaplatz' which we liked very much. He also took me to play football at a local club with his friends.



In Schwerin we visited a hydraulic pump factory, the duke's castle which was the symbol of the city, went for yet another boat ride around the town & a plant/flower exhibition called the BUGA, which left a lasting impression on us. On one of the days we travelled to the city of Hamburg & visited its famed cathedrals, churches & the spectacular harbour...& got to experience another exciting boat ride! from Schwerin we travelled to the harbour city of Bremen. Here all the 12 of us stayed together at a bed & breakfast hotel by the river. It was the first time we stayed together under one roof & consequently we as a group came a lot closer.

In Bremen we walked around the harbour and through the streets of the wonderful city. We visited the Werder Bremen football stadium & The Beck's Beer Brewery apart from which we also experienced the happening nightlife of Bremen City.

Our next stop was BELGIUM where we traveled a lot - 6 cities in a week!! First we stayed in a youth hostel in Westerlo for 3 days & traveled to Antwerp to spend the day. Here we visited the famous diamond museum & saw loads of Indian diamond merchants. In Brussels we tried the famous Belgian beer, visited a chocolate museum & saw the famous manekapis. Next we went to the French speaking part of Namur which was a mountainous region with loads of steep cliffs and gorges. We then traveled to Brugge which is considered the Venice of Belgium because of its canals & of course went on yet another wonderful boat ride! After which we went to Roselare where we spent our last 2 days before we went to France. Belgium went by like a blur mostly because of all the traveling we did.

Our hosts in Roselare drove us down to FRANCE ...our last destination on our euro-trip. We first stayed in Lille for 2 days & were lucky enough to experience the festival of music. It was amazing to see the whole city out on the streets celebrating. Every corner had Street Dancers, Live Bands or DJs playing techno/trance...It was definitely a night to remember! The next few days our hosts Manon & Juliette took us to their beach house where we spent a lot of time together talking in French and teaching them some Hindi. It was lots of fun!

We went to the city of Bologna for a city tour & saw its famous chateau, & went to the northern tip of France, which had German bunkers from WWII, from where we could see England only 11kms away. It was the most scenic and beautiful place we visited on the entire trip. We then hopped on a train to Reims, the city of champagne - our last & final stop. We went to the Champagne factory of Moët & Chandon & Dom Perignon. My host Louis-Marie Marlo took us to meet his friends at a BBQ party. We met people from Brazil, China & Australia as well. It was an international party indeed. The next day our hosts were kind enough to take us to Paris where we went up the

Eiffel Tower- Right to the Top - & naturally all of us were overcome with joy by this majestic wonder of the world. We also walked through Champs Elysses & visited the Louvre museum. After this we bid goodbye to Europe & packed our bags to leave the next day. But little did we know the surprise in store for us the next day at the airport. Rushil, Ayesha and I were unbelievably given an extra day in Paris! Because Air France had over booked the flight - it was a scene straight out of a movie! With our 600 euros compensation & hotel accommodation for the night, we strolled around Paris like we owned the place! It was the perfect story book ending to our amazing Euro-trip...which started with me almost being deported in Paris when we arrived,



to us spending an extra day in Paris itself. Perfect! It was definitely Karma. I so wanted to meet that immigration officer that day on the street & say thank you ;-) ...hahaha.

Finally after an amazing day & an even better evening under the sparkling Eiffel tower sipping some wine, our journey finally (finally this time) came to an end and obviously we were sad to leave Europe. We made loads of friends in Johanna, Alexander & Phillip Natashia, Emily, Pedro and his sis, Mannon & Juliette, Sophia & of course Klaus (the original one). Together we shared loads of experiences, had a lot of laughs & had an absolute blast! We came back with memories to last a lifetime. It was truly an epic trip - one that all 12 of us will cherish for a very long time. 54 different types of Beer, 26 different types of Wine, 7 Boat Rides, 20 Train Journeys, Pump Factories, Flower Shows, Castles & many Barbeques later, we finally arrived back in Mumbai & were welcomed by the 'sweet' smell of INDIA...lol ;) From the Scholl, Prrost, Chin-Chin & Saunte we were finally back to the Talli!

Cheers!
GAURAV

European YAPS in Bangalore

From the diary of a YAPS host

7 girls (from France, Germany, Austria, Denmark and Belgium) came down to Bangalore on an August Sunday morning and were received by Jugnu, Rhoda, Manoj Nair & Nithya. 2 of them stayed at my residence. Sunday afternoon was hosted by Club 52 at Windsor Manor & it was a fabulous afternoon with great food & they really showed the excellent hosts that they were. Every one enjoyed. Incidentally Club 52 were very keen on having a joint meet with our club. Club 74 took over & showed them around the city. Anjana & I joined them for dinner at Fortune Hotels near Cunningham Road for dinner.

Monday : Club 89, led by Kutub took them at 11 a.m. for a tour around some good places around Bangalore. At 4.30 p.m., Anju & Preethi took the YAPS out for shopping & later our club hosted them for the evening at HINT. It was a great evening.

Tuesday : Jugnu had organized a student interaction at Christ College at 9 a.m. which lasted over 2 hrs. Later Club 60 took them on a Heritage tour of Bangalore. They were shown the Bull temple, & some Heritage temples & churches of Bangalore, the Mysore Sandal Soap Factory, etc. The tour ended at 6 pm. followed by a short visit to Hard Rock Café. Later the dinner was organized at Orange Peel Restaurant by Club 69. Incidentally one of the member's son who owns the restaurant shared his experience on running a kitchen. It was amazing.



Wednesday : The YAPS were dropped off at Royal Orchid at 7 am. Breakfast was packed & given to each of them. Devika (41er Bhaskar's daughter) took them to Mysore & they were shown the Chamundi Hills, Mysore Palace, Jagmohan Palace & Museum, Tipu's Palace at Srirangapatna followed by a lunch at Hotel Metropole Courtesy Jugnu. On the way back they were shown some sugar cane fields & a Sugar Factory. They returned to the city by 7.30 pm. Anjana & I hosted a dinner for 4 of them at my residence along with Rhoda, Kayu, & Ayesha, who were also hosts. They shared all their experiences over the last 10 days in India & we wound up by 11.30 pm.



Thursday : All of them were put on a train to Salem at 6 am to complete the rest of their tour.

OK, guys, this is the first YAP hosting that our club has done. Hope to see many more from all our members from next time onwards. Jugnu did a great job of organizing every detail meticulously so that there was not a single hitch anywhere. I must say he was better than a professional tour operator.

Cheers !!!

Nithya

Potpourri

The 41 International AGM in Pictures



Babes in the Woods - Where's the AGM?



Quick on the Draw



Take that!



Check this Out



The Long & the Short of it



Fagged Out



Dentist Needed!

Club 41 in the Eternal City

A Club 41 was chartered in Rome on Saturday 26 September 2009, as the No. 30 of the clubs in Italy. "The nation's capital is no longer without its Club 41", national board members (most of whom were present) stated with satisfaction. Members from 15 Italian clubs and from clubs in Austria, France and Switzerland joined the proud members of the new Club 41 Rome for a weekend full of events. A seafood dinner in a restaurant off the tourist track on Friday night was followed by a guided walking tour to little known underground monuments in the Fontana di Trevi area on Saturday morning. The weather was warm and a black tie reception and dinner was held in the garden courtyard of the Hotel Quirinale on Saturday; those who hadn't left yet were waved good-bye at a Sunday brunch on a terrace overlooking Rome. The proud founding members of Club 41 in Rome, and their contact data, can all be seen on www.club41italia.org. If you happen to be in Rome on the second Tuesday of any month, please join us for our regular members' dinner. Just contact president Aldo Ivaldi or the undersigned.

IRO, Martin Hartl.

The Italian Earthquake Disaster

41 Club Italy made a presentation to the International AGM in Gloucester in April 2009 asking for donations to pay for the rebuilding of the community centre in Onna, a village near Aquila in Italy which had been devastated by an earthquake earlier in the year. 41 Club has responded positively to the appeal & various cheque presentations were made at the Gala Dinner during the 41 Club Italy AGM in Ascoli Piceno in June. Donations included a cheque for €1,000 from Forest of Dean 41 Club/41 Club Great Britain & Ireland following the International AGM. The earthquake this time was reminiscent of the earthquake appeal which had been launched through Round Table in about 1980. On that occasion, Round Tables in various countries sprang forward with aid.

A coach load of 41 Club members & their partners travelled to the earthquake zone immediately after the Italian AGM on Saturday 6th June. The authorities would allow only 4 members of 41 INTERNATIONAL to enter the restricted area - Werner Blessing (Switzerland), Hermann Proyer (Austria), Ha De Gesch (Germany) and John Bellwood (International President) were those who were accorded the privilege of entering into the earthquake zone. They were accompanied by Celso Cioni, the founder of Round Table Aquila and a resident of Onna.

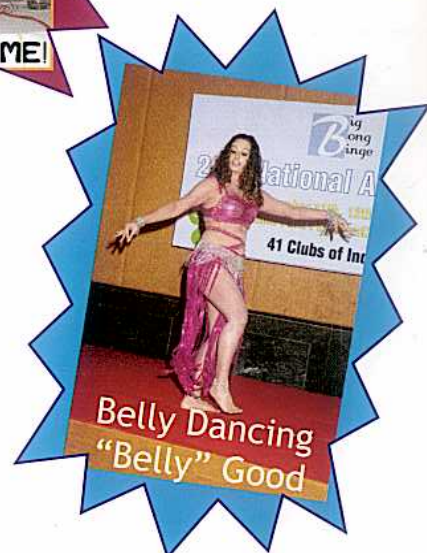
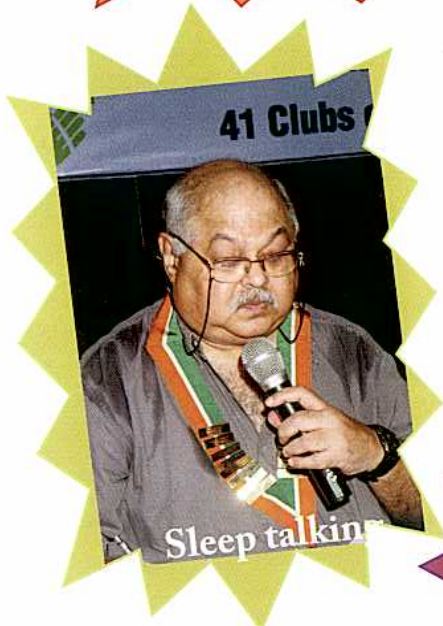
The scene was that of total devastation, even though the earthquake happened some four months before, & there was a total carnage of broken buildings, broken homes, broken lives and broken hearts. Celso Cioni was in his house in Onna when the earthquake happened & he lost his wife and six friends of his daughter who were staying in the house that night. Celso had not returned to his house since the earthquake so this was his first visit. Further details of Celso's heartbreak would be unfair but what the visitors saw was residents living wherever they could - in the garage, in tents in the surrounding fields, in tents on the local rugby field at Aquila. The site for the building which 41 Club is raising money for was also inspected; the visit surrounded by so much devastation will remain a memory probably for evermore.

Celso received the donations on behalf of 41 Club Italy at the Gala Dinner that evening. Everybody who has donated or will donate is absolutely assured that their money is gratefully received & will be put to very good use.

P.S.: Appeal funds already received amount to some 66,000 Euros and further donations have been collected & are on their way to 41 Club Italy, which amount to some 45,000 Euros. A truly magnificent effort.

Big Bong Binge

A Pictorial Tour of the 41 AGM in Kolkata, India



AGM Denmark - Soro

Friday morning: Michael Dalbo was kind enough to first receive me at Copenhagen airport Kastrup and then show me a little around the old Copenhagen with lunch by a canal just in the center of the city. After this we found our way back to the airport to fetch Jean-Louis & a little later also Andy Waite. Then the three of us visited Michael's house for a quick refreshment in Danish style & then on the road to Soro. 90 kms took all of 2 hours because it seemed to us that the whole of Denmark was going this way to spend a nice weekend in the warm sunny weather.

We arrived at Soro hotel, for a quick change of clothes and off to the small city of Soro to enjoy the get-together-party. A very nice evening together with old and new Danish friends with a good supper and lots of good wine and naturally "probably the best Danish beer in the world".

The evening program was created by all the participants by singing Karaoke. Our table was lucky enough to win the contest and we all enjoyed a big bottle of red wine as the 1st prize. A wonderful evening which lasted longer than we oldies could handle, the effect of which I noticed only later the next morning, to promptly forget it until the next time.

Saturday morning was a little gloomy & rainy but all the four of us foreign guests, Randolph, Jean-Louis, Andy & I were supposed to be taken with the Danish ladies for a small cruise on a lake in the center of Soro. But first we visited a special old historical school building in Soro still working as a school. Our guide knew all the details of the building with false painted windows, doors etc. that looked real and things alike never knowing what was real or not. His vivid guidance entertained us a couple of hours. After the visit to the school we found out that the cruise was cancelled or it was changed due to the rain to a nice moment in a lobby of one of the school buildings with some bottles of sparkling wine & the company of the lovely ladies. Before long we were needed at the meeting in the club house. New officers had just been elected & after that was my turn reading first the greetings from our international president John Bellwood and then a couple of words of mine. Congratulations to the new president Stig Petersen & many thanks to the past Lars Michael.

While the cruise was cancelled we were invited to eat the lunch together with the boys, as Michael said, "men's food", no salads, just good pasta & meat. After a few hours of rest we found our way to the banquet room of our hotel. First a little more sparkling and a few small speeches while exchanging the banners, nice & cosy just like the evening gala with good food, good music in oldies style, dancing and rocking the evening away.

Sunday morning Michael ensured that we left the country at the earliest by taking us to the airport.

Thanks for the wonderful friendship.
Matti Hinttala
Int. Vice-President

Obituary



With deep regret we receive the news that our dear Old Table friend Hans Manger died on the night of 24th August at the ripe old age of 88. He follows his dear wife Fritz who died only six months ago.

Hans Manger was a true and loyal Tabler & Old Tabler from the very first years from Round Table & Old Tablers Deutschland. He was the founder member of OT 3 Wilhelmshaven & with his club joint founder of Old Tablers Deutschland. In 1972/73 he followed Einhart Melzer as the second national President from OTD.

He made International friendship his priority between the French and the British 41 Clubs and paid the same attention to his immediate neighbours the Dutch Winschoten. In 1994 he was presented with the Honorary Membership of Old Tablers Deutschland. During the last 10 years he was a member of OT 167 Jever, the club in the town where he had spent his early school years.

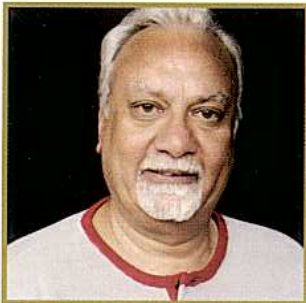
All of us from OT 3 and OT 36 Wilhelmshaven and also OT 167 Jever are in deep mourning for our departed Hans, but full of pride, that we lived such a special friendship in our Association with him.

Dear Hans—Rest in peace!
Herbert Kaiser,
OTD-Archivar/Präsident OT 167

41 International Calendar

| Date | Association | Event | Location |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 24.10.09 | INTERNATIONAL | HYM | Sursee, Switzerland |
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| 29.10.-1.11.09 | Malta | Charter | Melita, Malta |
| 6-7.11.09 | Italy | Chestnut Festival | Meran-Merano |
| 12-15.11.09 | Morocco | re-Charter | Rabat, Morocco |
| 17.04.10 | Great Britain | AGM | Scarborough |
| 24.04.10 | INTERNATIONAL | AGM | Jyväskylä, Finland |
| 06.06.10 | New Zealand | AGM | Wellington |
| 25.09.10 | India | AGM | Kochi |
| 16.10.10 | INTERNATIONAL | HYM | Brasov, Romania |
| 16.10.10 | Romania | AGM | Brasov, Romania |
| 30.10.10 | Switzerland | AGM | Zurich |

The Last Word



Not that I have not written before. I did, if you will remember in *The Hingette* - released at the AGM at Gloucestershire, UK. That by the by was not my first literary effort, bad as it may have been.

I have striven to be a writer since my school days. My maiden effort was after reading *LOVE STORY* by Erich Segal. Its success spurred me on in my literary pursuit. If Erich S could write a simple story in about a hundred pages or so, in a racy, down to earth, friendly way & make a name for himself & a fortune for his family, why not me, I thought.

Alas it was not to be.

Not that I did not put in any effort, my nose to the grindstone. I tried, Goddammit, I did; and sat diligently & worked. It just would not work - my flow of words dried up after a few thousand (or was it a hundred?)!! This goes back to my impressionable, early school & college days.

I do not give up easily though. The itch to write came back again.

My simple life's autobiography could be of interest to the world, I thought. Again - Kaput. I ran out of steam after a few hundred words. I wonder what the reader would have gone through, had I persisted and spluttered a little.

I mentioned some where - I do not give up easy. Lately, the urge to write is back.

After my daughter's recent marriage, I started a manuscript with grandiose plans on **THE BIG FAT INDIAN MARRIAGE**. Nothing original, I agree. I have a vague memory about a movie made on this subject - maybe some thing to do with the Greeks. I **CONFESS** - I'm still struggling after the initial rush of blood.

Now that I have told you about my attempts at writing, why don't you 41ers pick up your pen, laptop, keyboard, or whatever else modern tech has thrown up & please start your journey - writing, communicating, & getting across to all your friends in 41? I realise that you have missed the bus in this issue; however the next one is not very far away. To be precise, it is due for release in April 2010. Hence the last date for submission of your literary pieces is 20th February 2010.

So that The Hinges of Friendship never rust.

Look forward to putting you across to all your friends via The Hinge.

Rajan Mittal



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- (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.

So Big - a Handful



Past Tense - Future Tense!

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Great Britain, India, Indian Ocean, Israel, Italy, New Zealand,
Norway, Romania. South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Zambia

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