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Former Members of Round Table  
"May the Hinges of  
Friendship Never Rust"



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Dear Rajan,  
I can imagine how difficult it is to obtain enough articles for an issue of "The Hinge" and I appreciate your effort and work done!  
I'm ashamed to say that I actually had in mind to write an article for the next "Hinge": I intended to put down some thoughts about several issues which were debated and voted in France and give some history background. But, unfortunately, time goes by too quickly, day to day business is still very hectic and so I just didn't manage to get it on paper. Sorry! And I still have to get the archive up to date.  
I do apologise and promise to try harder for the following issue.

Yours in friendship and in Club 41

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Dear Rajan,  
Congratulations on bringing out an excellent issue of "The Hinge". Thanks too, for giving space for Tangent India.

**Reeti Roy**  
**President 2010-11, Tangent India**

Dear friends,  
It is with regret that Johannesburg 41 Club announces the passing of one of its founding members Jack Lee, after a long illness. He was 86 years old.  
Jack withdrew from active 41 membership some 8 years ago after falling ill. He was a member of Johannesburg Round Table No 3 and, along with the late Ian Shirley, was instrumental in starting the first 41 Club in South Africa (now Johannesburg 41 Club).  
Our sincere condolences to his partner Estelle and his family.

**Philip Bragg**  
**ILO 41 Club, South Africa**

## Greetings from France: The International President Communicates



President Jean-Louis Boileau introduces his team

*The 41 INTERNATIONAL BOARD 2011-2012...*



Immediate Past President:  
Matti Hinttala



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Krishna Kumar (KK)



To quote the President: "As you can see here, there are many indications that these men are not always as solemn as a judge, the Round Table Spirit is always present and we can do our job without taking ourselves too seriously. But they began their work immediately after the last International AGM on 4th June in Toulouse."



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### WORKING GROUP:

In Toulouse, during the AGM, many delegates drew our attention to the fact that it was difficult to vote on whether or not to admit as full members those countries with less than 3 Clubs, without knowing the consequences on the fees and voting rights.

So, I proposed the creation of a working group to study these points, with volunteers from each Association. The entire Board with about 15 delegates from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, New Zealand, South Africa and Switzerland agreed to work on this subject.

This has led to very constructive work with many exchanges and many proposals. I have received more than 75 mails from this working group and made a first synthesis and sent it to all the members of the Group. Since then, other proposals have been received.

We all hope to be able to present a good document for our next HYM in ITALY, this October.

I would like to thank all the participants of this group for the excellent work, and of course I refuse to relent towards the other delegates because, as I had clearly explained in Toulouse, I was asking for volunteers - it was not an obligation at all.



Of course, to prevent those who are not participating in this think tank from discovering the subject at the last minute, I will send the final synthesis to everybody before the HYM in Italy.

## INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING

During the summer, the Board used to meet to approach all the points to be discussed during the year.

Last year we were in Frankfurt, a place chosen because its airport receives low cost airlines to help us manage our small budgets.

This year, I asked Steve Ganado, the International Round Table President if he and his Board would agree to a common meeting with us. Steve very happily accepted the proposal and said that we could have a good constructive meeting together. He has invited us to attend the RTI Conference in Bremerhaven (Germany) on 26 -27 August, and to have our common Board just after the Conference.

We will be there.

A detailed report of this meeting will be given to all the delegates during the HYM.

## VISITS TO THE ASSOCIATION:

My first visit as International President has been to ICELAND on 11th June to attend the Charter of the new National Association of 41 Club Iceland, which has applied for membership of our International Association. This, of course, was accepted by a unanimous vote in Toulouse and our 41er friends from Iceland will be officially received next April in Chennai.



A large delegation from Germany, led by Ulver Oswald, who has done so much for this country, was present at the Charter programme, very well organised by the Convenor Eggert Jönasson, and the new National President, Smari Rikardsson. A big British delegation and



the Italians with Randolph also attended the event.

Everything was perfectly organised and we received a very warm welcome. 41 INTERNATIONAL is very happy



Post Tour, organised all around the island to discover the volcanoes, were the happiest.

I could not stay, because I was at the National AGM in AUSTRIA the next week-end.

The Austrian AGM was organized in Hall in Tyrol, just close

to welcome such a nice Association full of friendship and fellowship, with wonderful Round Table Spirit. Those who could extend their sojourn for a wonderful



to Innsbruck, on the 11th of June and attended by a very large number of delegations that I would rather not quote, for fear that I may forget some.

But what was very interesting was the presence of an important delegation from Namibia. An Austrian 41er, Freddy Krems, like Ulver in Iceland, has worked for years to help in the creation of new Clubs in Namibia. Although



they are not yet ready to apply for full membership of 41 INTERNATIONAL, they are seriously considering this opportunity, without "rushing" into it.

After two mandates, our very good friend, President Christian Roessel, handed charge to the new President Erwin Fleberger.

And, while I was in Austria, KK our Vice President was attending the AGM in CYPRUS.

**Jean-Louis Boileau**  
President, 41 INTERNATIONAL

## News from the “Pig Charity Festival” and “Danube Summer Games” – events of Club 41 Romania

At Club 41 Romania, the following events take place on a regular basis: The winter meeting, “Santa Claus comes to Children” organised by Quatalagor, Brasov on 26th December and in February the “Pig Charity Festival”, organised by Club 41 Campulung Muscel no.5 and the “Danube Summer Games” by Club 41 Drobeta Turnu Severin no.2. As “Santa Claus comes to Children” has already been featured in an earlier issue of the Hinge, we present here two other events.

### The Pig Charity Festival



Banner- Pig Charity Festival



Winter landscape

Club 41 Campulung Muscel no.5 organised The Pig Charity Festival, on 4-6 February 2011, where the members of Club 41 Romania, the Romanian Round Table, Ladies Circle, and last but not least, Virginia and Duccio Arrighi from Italian 41 Club participated. The Festival was held at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains at the Place Poiana Sasului, as you can see in the pictures.

The National President summoned the National Board Meeting, which took place on 5 February 2011. All the participants spent unforgettable moments in a fairy tale atmosphere, visiting the cave of Dambovicioara and sleighing. A barrel of traditional plum alcohol was the perfect accompaniment for the exquisite dishes. The place being extremely well chosen, everybody promised to be present at the next edition of the Festival.



Winter party on the Hill

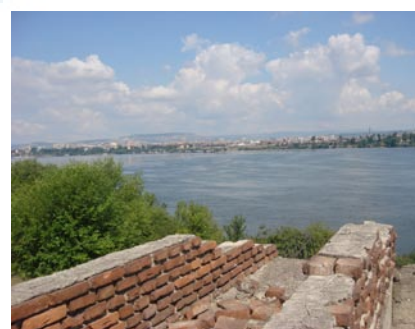
### The Danube Summer Games



Latino-Dance



Corner's Citadele Ostrov- Simian



View of Drobeta Turnu Severin from Simian Castle

The Danube Summer Games is one of the most successful manifestations in the life of Club 41 Romania. The Club which is in charge of this event is Club 41 Drobeta Turnu Severin no.2. It takes place in the first weekend in the month of July. This year the participants were comfortably accommodated at Trajan Hotel in Drobeta Turnu Severin. The programme started with a friendly dinner accompanied by talking, dancing, eating, and folk music until 2 am.

On Saturday morning we visited the Iron Gates, the Hydro Energetic Group and our guide was John Damoc, Founder President of Club 41 Drobeta Turnu Severin no.2 and the plant engineer. From the Iron Gates, we travelled by coach to





PartyTime!

Orsova, a place from which we took a ship for a nice cruise on the Danube. The afternoon was interesting: the National Board got together to discuss the problems whereas the others were happy to visit the city. The Gala Dinner took place at the same hotel in a pleasant atmosphere where live music and good food played an important role in the festivities.



What a view!



An enjoyable boat ride



Hydro-Energetic Group- Iron Gates

We were lucky to visit the Shimian Island where the citadel of Ada-Kaleh was reconstructed. Ada-Kaleh was an island which does not exist anymore, as it was sunk when the Hydro Energetic Group was built. The island is in the middle of the Danube and we were lucky to be taken there by boat by Eugen Boruga, National Vice President Club 41 Romania. We were amazed by the wilderness of the place, a kingdom of rare birds and vegetation. The pictures will speak about the wonderful days spent there! These are places worth visiting, so we kindly invite you to the next Danube Summer Games!

**Ionel Moldovan- National President, Romania**  
**Gheorghe Floroi – National IRO**

## New IRO for Great Britain & Ireland

Following in the footsteps of my predecessors Ken Boden and Andy Waite, I was fortunate to be elected the IRO for GB & I at our National Conference in April. As a member of Andy's International committee I quickly came to realise what great fellowship there was to be had beyond our shores. To represent my country is indeed an honour and I hope that I can build on the very firm foundations laid down before me. So what do I hope to achieve? At our first committee meeting I explained my plans. A new look International calendar has been introduced (see <http://www.41club.org/pages/InternationalDiary.htm> ) making it easy for our members to find out about overseas events. I am also working on an overseas club finder, with the use of google maps we hope to introduce a system where members can locate details of any club within our organisation. I have also appointed a member of my committee to compile a database on clubs that are already twinned and also to handle the numerous twinning requests that we receive at both club and regional level.



During my visits to their AGMs, I have already met quite a few fellow IROs and I shall be working closely with them to ensure that we keep updated on International issues and events. I look forward to the challenge set before me and hope to meet many of you during my term of office.

Yours in Continued Friendship  
**Dave Campbell**  
**International Officer, GB & Ireland**  
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*Twinning, did you say, Dave? Club 80, incidentally my Club in India, is ready. And could we have your contributions to **The Hinge** please? – ed*

**We present here, 2 interestingly different reports of 1 programme –  
the International AGM pretour: read on -**

## ***Zambian 41ers experience French hospitality in Bordeaux***

### **An Amazing Pre Tour Experience: 29 May – 03 June 2011**

We started our trip to Bordeaux by travelling to Paris from Johannesburg on the A380 – a marvellous aircraft. We were received at Bordeaux Airport by incoming International President Jean-Louis Boileau who was directly responsible for our presence on the Pre Tour. I had met Jean-Louis on a river cruise on the Kafue River when he visited Zambia for our AGM. After a warm welcome, our amazing Pre Tour experience was underway.

As we arrived at the 5 Star Regent Grand Hotel, we knew we were not just in for a fabulous time, but also in complete luxury. Dinner at Café De L'Opera afforded the 4 Zambians the opportunity of meeting our fellow Pre Tour companions from France, UK, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Denmark, India, Belgium and of course David Illingworth. The party was on!

From Monday through Thursday we were entertained with Chateau wine tastings, Bordeaux, Medox and Saint-Emillion vintages. Exceptional lunches, mayor receptions and sumptuous dinners. All in the most idyllic surroundings. Not to mention a ferry to cross the Gironde Estuary and a home night in Saint Emillion.

The balance of cuisine and wines at every event was remarkable. French and 41 Club hospitality of the highest order. What about the wine, oyster and shrimp feast? – Just to whet one's appetite! All this took place under the charming leadership of Jean-Louis and the lovely Pascale who could not do enough for us.

To cap it all, we had a remarkable busload of 41ers, wives and partners, including Founder Member of 41 Clubs France, Daniel Penchen and his lovely wife Janine. Rudolph Erni and David made us laugh constantly with their schoolboy antics. Bob Parton set a new standard for 41 Club commitment with much support from Gisela.

Commuting with Alan and Rosemary Culver and John and Rosemary Livingston of UK, previous visitors to Zambia, was wonderful. Steen Lehrmann and I discovered we both preferred continuing to drink more after lunch at La Eadene (owned by a 41er) instead of village walking!

Connecting the Pre Tour with quite a memorable AGM in Toulouse, we could not have imagined how French charm and hospitality would provide a 10 day experience of a lifetime.

Thanks to Jean-Louis and Pascale, remarkable hosts; to Alain Juppe and all our now lifelong friends, fellow Pre Tour travelers - Merci Beaucoup. Thanks also to our fellow Zambian companions Mulenga and Nixon Tembo. Thank you 41 Clubs France.

**Andy Anderson**  
**Past President 41 Club Zambia**

### **Pre Tour: 41 International AGM 2011**

### **A Taste of Grand Cru-**

### **An Unforgettable Journey through the Wine Region of Bordeaux**

It is late afternoon on Monday May 30th, 2011. Directly after the AGM in Ancona, Italy we have arrived in the city of Bordeaux for the reception event with the mayor of Bordeaux at the "Hotel de Ville". 62 International Oldies / 41ers from 13 countries join the 5-day Pre Tour organised by Jean-Louis Boileau, the incoming 41 International President and his lovely partner Pascale. We are put up at the best and most exclusive 5-star hotel in Bordeaux for the next 3 nights. Jean-Louis never told us how he managed an affordable rate for the hotel, but somehow he did! Everybody enjoys the luxury which provides the perfect start to great fun, fellowship and deepening friendship throughout this journey.

On Tuesday the tour programme leads us to the Medoc region where the world famous wine villages of Margaux, Saint Julien, Pauillac and Saint Estephe are lined up like a string of pearls. As Jean-Louis is a true "child of Bordeaux" and a member of Club 41 Saint Émilion, he has put together a very special programme for us visitors, which we are delighted to discover when we are taken on a visit to the world renowned winery of Château Léoville Poyferré. Madame Anne Cuvelier, a member of the Léoville Poyferré family, personally takes us through



41 International President Jean-Louis Boileau  
with the mayor of Bordeaux and Roger Gautier,  
Past President Club 41 France



the process of wine production and tasting. Thanks to the great connections of Jean-Louis, we are treated like VIPs. The tasted wine is young and needs some more years to mature.

We then land up at a "school of wine" where we are taught how to taste wine in a more professional way. We are shown how to develop a much better understanding of our senses and asked to "vote" and express what we have tasted in each wine. At the end, each of us is categorised on the basis of the kind of wines that suit our individual tastes, of which we are given a detailed description, with surprisingly accurate results, at least in my case. What an experience!

After a heady wine tasting session, the bus takes us over the wide river Gironde to the wine village of Blaye where, to our surprise, President 41 International Matti Hinttala and Krishna Kumar (KK), new Vice President 41 International, are honoured with the membership of the wine guild of the village of Blaye. Both are dressed in the uniforms of the wine guild and have to swear that they will continue drinking wine throughout their lives. Both of course do so and as a result they are asked to sign the membership document of the wine guild. We are all impressed by the ceremony that is conducted by the current members of the guild!

On Wednesday we arrive in the region of Arcachon, visit the famous oyster farms and have a great buffet lunch on the sunny terrace of an oyster farmer with fresh oysters (all you can eat), snails, and the best of ham and cheese. Of course



Oyster farms near Arcachon

white wine is a must! We are given a lovely fresh "Entre-Deux-Mers" and a great red wine from Bordeaux. This is life! – And Tabling at its best! After this wonderfully memorable lunch we go for a boat trip in the bay and finish the day with a "Sun-Downer" at the largest sand dune of Europe. What a lovely day in the midst of great international Tablers!

We leave the hotel in Bordeaux on Thursday and drive to Saint Émilion where we are home hosted by members of the local 41 Club. This is now Jean-Louis' "home turf", where he provides us with very special moments and experiences. After a short walk through the small town we separate into 3 groups and each group visits a different winery. Ten Tablers are selected by Jean-Louis to visit one of the world's most famous wineries: Château Ausone. This is a very special moment for people who know how impossible it is to be allowed to visit this exclusive winery under normal

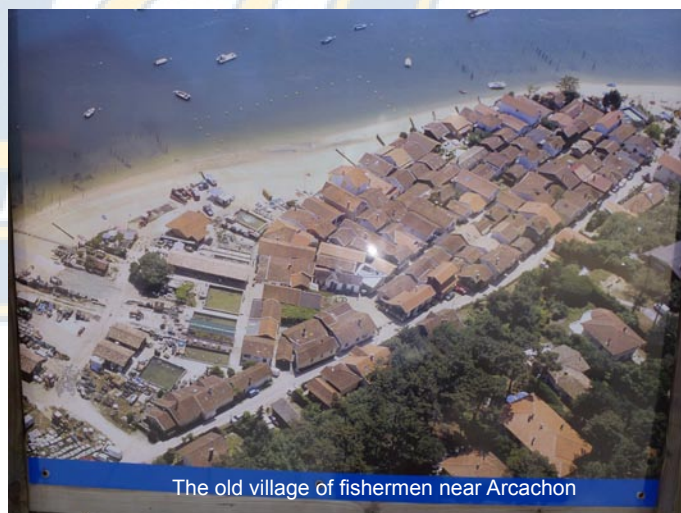
circumstances. We arrive at the Château, where the owner Alain Vauthier receives us in person, shows us the cellars and also does the wine tasting with us in person. None of us has experienced such exclusive wine tasting before! We taste wines from 5 different years down to year 1995. There is silence in our group during this remarkable tasting, where most bottles of wine are in the 4-digit Euro range. We learn that Jean-Louis is a personal friend of Alain Vauthier, who is also member of Club 41 Saint Émilion. Now we understand why this exceptional visit is possible! Another wonderful experience for all of us! Well done, Jean-Louis!

Alain Vauthier personally signs books about the history of Château Ausone for us before we carry on for lunch to restaurant "La Cadene" in the centre of the town. The owner is another 41er of Saint Émilion, Abdou Maarfi. Of course he is another friend of Jean-Louis, what a surprise! On each table we find red wine labeled "Saint-Émilion Grand Cru – Club 41 Saint Émilion" including the 41 Club Logo. The meal is superb and the wine is great. Some of us just cannot resist and have too much wine – as a result, our spirits are really high! After lunch we have the reception of the mayor of Saint Émilion at the town hall.

The final dinner of the Pre-Tour takes place at Château Beau-Séjour Bécot. It is one of the two other wineries which have been visited for wine tasting in the morning. The final surprise is a lottery at the dinner where we can win several Magnum bottles of Saint Émilion Grand Cru wines. The money goes towards a service project of Club 41 Saint Émilion. Unfortunately we Germans have no luck with this lottery ☹!

On Friday morning, after some wonderful home hosting, we make our way towards Toulouse and get to view prehistoric paintings in the cave of Lascaux II. Another amazing experience during this Pre Tour!

All participants have had a great and memorable experience of their lifetime. A big, big THANKYOU Jean-Louis and Pascale! When can we have more of that?



The old village of fishermen near Arcachon



# INTERNATIONAL MAIALFEST "CLUB 41 ASCOLI PICENO"



*In 10 years, we have made in all colors ...*

As a symbol of local tradition, Ascoli Piceno in Italy has, for the last 10 years been the venue for the legendary 3-day non-stop Ascoli MAIALFEST, with food and wine, history, tradition, folklore, culture and a lot of entertainment. This year the event turned "International" thanks to the qualified presence of the International President Matti Hittala, the International Past President John Bellwood, the International Past Secretary Bob Parton and his wife Gisele and the Swiss Vice President Claudio Matasci.



They had a great time starting Friday evening when they were invited to wear the fabulous gala apron called "paranza", and welcomed by the sounds of trumpets and the beat of drummers, during an evening based on a medieval theme held at the headquarters of the District of Porta Maggiore. This district is one of 6 districts so called "Sestieri" of Ascoli Piceno, which parade and compete in the so called "Giostra of the Quintana", a historic commemoration inspired by a celebration which goes back to 1400 A.D. Then going on



with folk music and songs, our guests were involved in a kermesse with the Mayor of Ascoli, Piceno Guido Castelli who, bringing the greetings of the city to the guests, invited them to visit the city of the "100 towers".

A riot of local food and wine rejuvenated more than a 100 people present. The next day, in a city whitened by snow, they got on the "Pork Bus" (equipped buses) and headed towards Abruzzo, more specifically to Torano Nuovo where they visited a Company called "Prosciuttificio Costantini". As the 6th edition of the "Little Pigs' Racing" was cancelled over there due to an impractical track, an all-female competition called the "Sausage Stuffing" took place and during which Gisele Parton excelled perfectly.



After a tiring afternoon and glasses of excellent Rosso Piceno red wine called "Tenuta Del Borgo", and accompanied by the President of Club 41 of Ascoli Piceno Fabio Petroni, the Vice-President as well as National Secretary of Club 41 in Italy Domenico Vannicola, Matti, John, Bob and Claudio arrived in the old village of Offida. They were welcomed by the Italian National Board consisting of Paolo Santaniello, Paolo Pisani, Stefano Cera, Augusto Ferrari and Giuseppe Giacomelli who accompanied them to the Regional Wine Cellar. There, among armed warriors and young ladies, they were welcomed to the table in a festive atmosphere with 200 other fellow-guests and members from more than 20 Italian Clubs 41, bringing greetings and thanks for having enjoyed the show of the Quintana with horses, waders, ladies and archeries, headed by Petroni Fabio who did the honours.





The entire evening was based on a medieval themed show with breaks aimed at rewarding winners of the various competitions of the day, such as the "Sausage Stuffing" and the "Pork Zelig", with an award for the Past President of Club 41 of Ascoli Piceno and a special award for the evening to yours truly, for having participated in all 10 editions of the event named "Paolo Macor" of the Trieste Club 41. Awards with particular and personalised "Apron costumes" and "Celebrating Magnum costumes" made by the artist of Ascoli, Patrizio Moscardelli, were donated to the International Summits with Matti, John, Bob and Claudio located in the front row ready to sing and dance.



Late at night they boarded the "Pork Bus" in order to return to Ascoli Piceno, and where saying goodbye, they promised to meet again for the next edition of Maifest 2012 on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd of January 2012.



On Sunday, everybody went to Onna, situated in the city called L'Aquila, where together with the inhabitants of Onna, Ladies Circle, Round Table, Agora and Club 41, they celebrated the 1st Anniversary of the handover of the "Multifunctional Youth Center", built thanks to the donations of all national and international clubs.



A visibly moved  
Matti Hittala

thanked all the friends of Club 41 of Italy, for having successfully and brilliantly achieved what had in the beginning just seemed to be a nice idea, but difficult to realise, and made an appointment at Onna for the next year, on 22nd January 2012.



**Domenico Vannicola**  
Secretary, Club 41 Italy



# CHESTNUT FESTIVAL 2011

Dear International friends,



It is my pleasure to invite you to our CHESTNUT FESTIVAL 2011.

We will start our programme on **Friday, 4th November 2011** by welcoming you at the Hotel Marlingerhof, where the "Get Together" evening will start at 8 p.m.

## Saturday, 5th November 2011

Between 10.00 and 11.00 o'clock we will start our hike along the Walweg of Marling (a medieval irrigation system where you walk along a little creek, with a magic view of the valley of Burggrafenamt). The walk will be between 1 and 1.5 hours long.

Around midday we will have our rustic lunch in the Haidenhof where we can sit inside or outside, depending on the weather.

Then we will walk back to the Marlingerhof and take rest.

In the evening between 7 and 8 p.m. we will celebrate the Chestnut Festival in the Brandiskeller. This is a very rustic old cellar, where we will be spoilt with very good food. There will be much fun too!!

On **Sunday, 06th November 2011** you will drive or fly home after having had a fantastic weekend with international friends, new and old, and having done something for your health with the walk and something good for your belly with exciting food and red and white wine and pure water which is all included at the following price:

### Cost per person:

Get Together on Friday	35.00 €
The whole of Saturday	90.00€
Total	125.00€

### Hotel accommodation in the Marlingerhof:

48.00 € per person for a twin bed room with breakfast

58.00 € per person for a single bed room with breakfast

We look forward to welcoming you in large numbers to spend an unforgettable weekend in a Mediterranean environment in the Southern Alps.

**Riedlinger Randolph**  
**President 41 INTERNATIONAL2008-09**  
**President of Club 41 Meran-Merano**  
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## Uganda here we come!

### Old Tablers from Germany visit 41 Club 1 Kampala

It was hot! It was Africa! It was Sunday 27th February 2011. And it was Table time! Six Germans took a minibus from **Kisumu, Kenya** after attending the opening of the Secondary School at School of Hope, a Round Table Germany National Service Project, to the border of Uganda. We were looking forward to visit our friends at 41 Club 1 **Kampala in Uganda**.

After 2.5 hours, fortified by some cold drinks from the cool box, we arrived at the busy Ugandan border of **Busia**, where James Kiwanuka, the well known Uganda 41er, and his wife Helen from 41 Club 1 Kampala were already waiting for us, smiling, and with a great "Hello friends, welcome to our great home country Uganda!". The luggage was quickly loaded on to the Ugandan cars and we started the 2 hour journey to **Jinja** and further on to the Heaven Hotel, situated at the **River Nile Waterfalls**, a few kilometres below the origin of River Nile at **Lake Victoria**. James and Helen stayed with us at this very natural and great resort, having dinner with a direct view of the water falls accompanied by the sound of the falls! We felt like we were in paradise during this stay! Next morning James showed us the point of origin of river Nile and brought us to the **Bujagali Waterfalls**, which impressed us deeply because of the massive volume of water coming down the falls.

The following 1 hour journey to Kampala turned into 4 hours because of the Kampala road traffic. Unbelievable! We Europeans think traffic is very bad in the European cities... go to Kampala and then make a judgment! James had booked us into the Cassia Lodge hotel with a great view over the city of Kampala and a view of Lake Victoria. Surprisingly the city of Kampala has lots of greenery and together with Lake Victoria and the islands in the lake we had an amazing view of the city from the veranda of the hotel.

We spent the day at **Chimp Island**, a resort for chimp orphans, an island in Lake Victoria, and 25km from **Entebbe**. We could see how the present population of 44 chimps is

well kept in the wild of the island, but also learned that the entire chimp population is rapidly diminishing in Africa and much more needs to be done to keep these species surviving for the future!

The evening turned out to be a joint Table evening with 41 Club 1 Kampala. James had arranged the evening at his home, joined by sixteen 41ers and partners including us 6 German Old Tablers. The evening began with reading the aims and objectives of 41 International, followed by a meal with Ugandan specialities from a big buffet. With individual discussions during the meal, the German Oldies learned a lot about Uganda, the life there and also about key problems in the health sector, i.e. poor quality of hospitals. The five 41ers from Kampala who joined this event reported on their activities, especially in helping bringing Round Table back to Uganda and building the Kampala Round Table. The visiting Oldies from Germany did the same about their table club activities. The current Chairman of 41 Club 1 Kampala, Joseph Tinkamanyire (Tinka) drew our attention to an important subject and asked for help: Kampala Round Table is planning an important social project, i.e. donation of birth beds for a Kampala hospital, to get attention in the society of Kampala and with this make joining Round Table attractive for young men. The Germans offered help for this and now plans need to be put together by our Kampala friends.

The evening ended after lots of fun, fellowship and friendship with the exchange of banners and pins and the promise that we will see each other again at one of the coming 41 International events, a country AGM, or a personal visit during future journeys. A great visit to a 41 club in a country in the middle of Africa ended for us Germans!

**Engelbert Friedsam**  
**OT 74 Hanau**  
**President District 7**  
**IRO Old Tablers Germany**

#### Husbands

A wife asked her husband to describe her.

He said, 'you're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K.'

She said, 'What does that mean?'

He said, 'Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful,

Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous Hot.'

She said, 'Oh that's so lovely.

What about I, J, K?'

He said, 'I'm Just Kidding'

#### HUMOUR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

One Charter, two articles - one by the German visitors and the second one by the organisers. Together they take us on a magical journey of blue lagoons, waterfalls and natural geysers combined with the "warmth" of an Icelandic Charter and AGM.

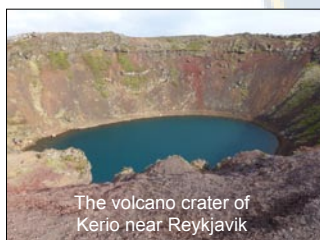
## ÉG TALA EKKI ÍSLANSKU

### Report on The Charter of the National Organisation and First AGM of Old Tablers Iceland

We all know this island from the news about the volcanic ashes disrupting air traffic; we know it from the banking crisis... hmm. Is there anything else we know? Not really, so we are all excited about our visit to Iceland. First lesson: No, you do not need to speak Icelandic! English is fine everywhere in Iceland and - to our surprise - even German is spoken a lot! We immediately notice that when we Germans are picked up by bus at the airport 40 km outside of Reykjavik by the first National Old Tablers Iceland President Smári Rikardsson. He loads our luggage, gets on the bus behind the steering wheel and surprisingly drives the bus himself! A total of 38 international Old Tablers / 41ers (thereof 19 Germans) have made their way to Iceland to join the Charter and welcome Old Tablers Iceland in the great family of 41 International!

On Thursday June 9th, 2011 most of the international visitors have arrived and join a spectacular visit to the "Blue Lagoon", a huge natural outdoor pool in the middle of black volcanic lava, where hot water is used from the volcanic underground. All enjoy swimming in the "blue water" of the lagoon, having drinks at the bar built directly into the pool - while the cold wind blows above us. This is the experience of a lifetime! The day finishes with home parties deep into the "Icelandic night" where we meet more Tablers and Old Tablers from Iceland. By the way in an "Icelandic night" during summer, it never gets dark as Iceland is close to the polar circle... also another experience!

On Friday June 10th, Old Tabler Gudmundur Magnusson and Smári take us onto the "Golden Circle Tour", where we witness breathtakingly natural landscapes like the enormous Gullfoss waterfall and the original Geyser region, where a 15-20 meter high hot water eruption accompanied by steam and sound takes place about every 5-10 minutes! We learn that Iceland has only about 320000 inhabitants (2/3 of them in the region of Reykjavik), but is the 4th largest island of the world, which is about 80% of the size of Great Britain. The circle-road around the island is more than 1600 km long! More than 90% of the land is unfit for habitation because it is covered by either volcanoes or glaciers. How impressive!



The volcano crater of Kerio near Reykjavik



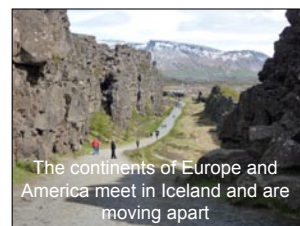
The Banner Exchange



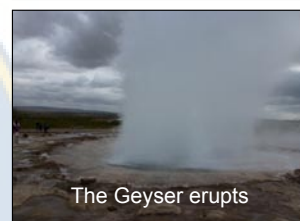
Jean-Louis Boileau carefully watches the lava fields of Iceland!



The impressive Gullfoss waterfall



The continents of Europe and America meet in Iceland and are moving apart



The Geyser erupts



Jean-Louis Boileau, the 3 Presidents from the 3 Old Tablers Clubs of Iceland, followed by Ulver Oswald, and Eggert Jónasson

On Saturday June 11th, about 20 Old Tablers from the 3 existing Old Table clubs of Iceland meet for their first National AGM and Charter. We, the international friends, will join them at the "banner" lunch when the official charter takes place. The morning starts for the international guests with a 3-hour trip on a whale watching ship in the cold sea around Iceland. We are swaddled in enormously thick clothes provided on the boat which makes us feel like we are astronauts ☺! It is fun and adventure! We screen the sea for whales, but can only discover dolphins and puffins (famous sea birds of Iceland). The guide provides us with a detailed description of the whales which we are made to believe are right there below our ship - but at the end have not seen them!

All the international guests join the "banner" lunch, where Eggert Jónasson, the Convenor of the Charter officially welcomes us to the charter of the National Organisation of Old Tablers Iceland. Ulver Oswald from OT 118 Bergheim, Germany, delivers the opening speech in Icelandic. He explains the history of Old Tablers Iceland and how they formed 3 Clubs over the years. For about 15 years Ulver and his wife Rosemarie have been visiting Iceland and spreading the idea of forming Old Tabler Clubs. During their recurring visits both have built deep friendships with many Tablers in Iceland over the years and with this Charter of the national organisation, they have now completed the procedure of getting Iceland into the 41 International family. Engelbert Friedsam, IRO and official representative from godfather Old Tablers Germany congratulates the members of the new national board and wishes the organisation a great start in developing international fellowship & friendship in the years to come. Our 41 Club International President Jean-Louis Boileau then delivers the charter speech and welcomes Iceland as a new member of 41 International.





The German "delegation" of 19 Old Tablers

The gala evening takes place in an atmosphere of warmth and friendship. About 80 – 90 participants are entertained - not by any band. No – the Old Tablers from Iceland play their own music. Fantastic! Smári starts playing the guitar and sings well known international songs, Eggert Jónasson starts playing classical music on his flute – the event is absolutely great and very special.

Most of us depart in the belief that this is not our last visit to our friends in Iceland and there will be many opportunities in future to return to deepen this friendship that has just begun!



The Iceland Old Tablers "in action" at the gala evening.



Ulver and Rosemarie Oswald at the gala evening

For those who have read up to this point: The headline is in Icelandic and means "I do not speak Icelandic"!

Finally one last word for Rosemarie and Ulver: congratulations and a big, big THANK YOU to both of you for your hard work which helped our friends in Iceland become members of 41 International!

**W Christoph Weimann – OT 153 Landshut  
Engelbert Friedsam – IRO Old Tablers Germany**

## THE FIRST AGM OF OT ICELAND – JUNE 11th 2011

Following the coldest Icelandic spring in decades, the formation of OT Iceland took place during the 2nd weekend in June. By then the weather had begun to change for the better and in Reykjavík we experienced double digit temperatures for the first time since the autumn of 2010!

The preparation for the event had begun in the spring of 2010 when the Icelandic clubs formed an organisation committee of 4. The committee members were Aðalsteinn Árnason from club no. 1 in Akureyri, Eggert Jónasson from club no. 3 in Reykjavík and Smári Ríkarðsson and Sveinn Andri Sveinsson from club no. 23 in Reykjavík.

In Iceland we now have 3 OT clubs, one in Akureyri and two in Reykjavík. Active members are close to 50. Round Table in Iceland has about 250 members and OT therefore has good growth potential in the coming years.

After months of hard work, June finally arrived. The first international guests came in on Wednesday and all 36 had arrived by Friday morning. Why come to Iceland if not to enjoy our spectacular landscape and that's what our international guests did. They visited the Blue Lagoon, did the Golden circle tour on Friday as well as whale-watching on Saturday. Of course they also enjoyed nice gatherings such as home parties, dinner in the skiing hut and of course the Gala dinner on Saturday.

The AGM was on Saturday June 11th. Our guests rose early for the whale-watching boat trip. Meanwhile, the Icelandic clubs held their individual Annual meetings followed by the Icelandic AGM. Around lunchtime the AGM was postponed until the Banner lunch and now the International guests joined for the Banner. The highlight of the Banner lunch meeting was when Mr. Jean-Louis Boileau, President of 41 International, formally announced the formation of OT Iceland. A moment that many of our Icelandic members will remember for long, following many years of hard work to make this dream of ours a reality!



A Toast to the New Association

The Saturday evening Gala was filled with friendship and good spirit. Good friendships had been formed during the weekend with much to discuss and enjoy. Good food, music, speeches; in other words everything that a good Gala should have!

On Sunday morning the majority of our International guests left for the Post Tour around Iceland. On behalf of OT Iceland I would like to thank all the International guests for joining us on this historical and important weekend of ours. We will remember your friendship and good-will forever. Very special thanks to Ulver Oswald and his lovely wife Rosmarie. Their long lasting help and persistence has made it possible to form OT Iceland. We love you Ulver and Rosmarie!

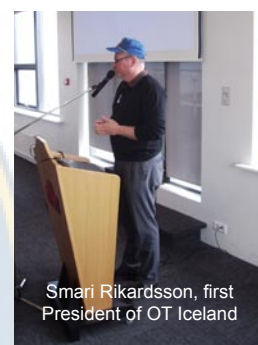
We in OT Iceland are already looking forward to the International AGM in Chennai, India in April next year. I feel certain that OT Iceland will have a good number of participants in India!

Yours in OT and friendship,

**Eggert Jónasson  
Convenor of the AGM weekend in Iceland 2011**



Banner lunch



Smári Ríkarðsson, first President of OT Iceland



Gardar Gislason, Palmar Orn Thorisson and Kristjan Gunnarsson



## Marina Mélange - The 41 Clubs' International AGM



April 20, 21 & 22  
2012

"May the hinges of friendship never rust"

**Vanakkam!**

Chennai -The Gateway to the South is today a curious amalgam of Coromandel Ancient, Imperial modern, Indian Independent and Tamil Renascent resulting in a blend of the ancient, the historic and the contemporary. Madras, as it is popularly known, was the first of the three major port cities of India dating back to the early years of East India Company and is today one of the country's four metropolises.

April 2012 is the best times to visit Chennai despite the soaring temperatures and the sapping humidity and we welcome you with folded hands to join the experience of witnessing the 2012 International Agm of 41 Clubs from 20th to 22nd April. A feather in our cap will be the crowning glory when another Indian, our own Krishna Kumar (KK) takes over as the President of 41 Clubs International.

Welcome to Marina Mélange, home to Marina, one of the longest city beaches in the world and indulge in a Melange of myriad activities that showcase the diversity of Indian culture and tradition blended with warmth, friendship and fellowship.

The entire conference will be held on one of the finest beach properties Radisson Resort Temple Bay at Mammallapuram overlooking the breathtaking Bay of Bengal. It will be our effort to give you a fascinating smorgasbord of the five senses:

See- Sights to behold, Smell-Fragrances that linger, Taste- Tastes to relish, Hear- Sounds that resonate, Feel- Touches that heal.

Our website [www.marinamelange.com](http://www.marinamelange.com) has all the details about the Conference venue, convention hotels, and various pre and post Tours along with the costs. A promo video has been developed and a link has been provided on the website.

We now request you to register early and be a part of this fascinating experience that has come back to India after many years. Looking forward to seeing you all at Marina Mélange.



**Ajit Nair**  
Conference Convener.



## Programme :

APRIL 20, 21 & 22, CHENNAI.

All Events are at the AGM venue - Radisson Temple Bay Beach Resort,  
Mamallapuram.

- 20th April (Friday)
- Registration Desk Opens at 9 am
  - Trip to Shore Temple (Mammallapuram) at additional cost
  - Informal Night - 6.00 pm  
Village theme to cover Indian tradition and culture

- 21st April (Saturday)
- AGM starts 8.30 am
  - Ladies Programme - 10.00 am
  - Lunch - 1.00 pm
  - Fellowship - 6.30 pm
  - President's Banquet - 7.00 pm  
(Delegates to be seated)

- 22nd April (Sunday)
- Farewell Brunch - 8.00 am onwards

Cost - ₹ 8000 (Indian Rupee) or equivalent  
for a single person



# Round Table/ Old Tablers Deutschland - formulate our future together ...

Or:

## What happens when the advisory board and National Council of Old Tablers Germany (OTD) and Round Table Deutschland (RTD) arrive for a joint meeting in Munich?

That's an interesting question that was answered very simply after the common weekend: it was intensive work, an exchange of views, and laughing a lot together. The most important aspect was that one had seriously discussed how to represent the mutual expectations and positions/views of the two organisations.

We all know that Tablers retire from Round Table Deutschland at the age of 40. Despite all the ever so creative interpretations of the statute, it is very difficult to succeed at the age of 42 if you are still trying to run as a full member. "Your 40th birthday does not mean the end of your career as a tabler. It is possible to follow the same path – and that is by becoming a member of Old Tablers Germany (OTD)"

In Munich, Round Table Deutschland unambiguously presented their actual points of view on the common future of Old Tablers Germany (OTD) and Round Table Deutschland in order to avoid further hypotheses and assumptions like "...what would Round Table Germany (RTD) members think about this ...?"

### Topic 1: Is Old Tablers the future or the end of Round Table?

Spontaneously every tabler of both fractions had this to say: "What a banal question, OT is the future." In order to grant future progress, Round Table Deutschland therefore asked Old Tablers Germany (OTD) and Sponsor Tables for assistance to recruit new members for RT.

**Topic 2:** The abovementioned issue also had a reference for further discussion – namely the **inclusion of Non-Tablers into Old Tablers Germany (OTD)** which Round Table

Deutschland has firmly rejected at the moment. Instead Round Table Deutschland repeated their appeal to OT for more assistance in the recruitment of new members.

### Topic 3: Service in Old Tablers (OT)

Round Table Germany (RTD) clearly voiced their opinion that Old Tablers Germany (OTD) should not become a Service Club but should support Round Table's activities. Round Table wishes in fact that OT help them because without their assistance most of their projects would not have been successfully closed. However Round Table leaves it to Old Tablers to decide whether to do active service or not.

Developing and maintaining friendship and tradition is never as easy as working together in joint projects.

### Topic 4: Name change from Old Tablers Germany

Well, that's always a matter of names and English words. Round Table Deutschland said they look forward to being called "Old Tablers Germany" one day because it embodies for them the most important element in the name – namely "Tablers". They also interpret the word "Old" traditionally as "venerable" and not as "shaky and dismantled". Their research in the direction of "41" has not really motivated them to discuss this further.

**Bob Parton**  
**Life Honorary Member, 41 INTERNATIONAL**

With an Abstract from Quotations from Round Table Germany Presidium, National Council of Round Table Germany, Speakers of Round Table Germany (RTD)

## HUMOUR

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



## Glimpses of the 41 International AGM at Toulouse...



41 International Council Meeting at Work



Delegates - New Zealand, Romania, South Africa & Switzerland



C41 Romania President, Ionel Moldovan, IRO C41 India, Ajit Khullar & IRO C41 RO Gheorghe Floroi at the Gala Dinner



John Bellwood offers Queen Elizabeth's Letter!

## ... and the OT Germany AGM at Coburn



Delegates from 41 Club Romania, President Ionel Moldovan & IRO Gheorghe Floroi



Golden Stomach Members at the Gala Dinner

## Journey to the “Round-Table School of Hope” in Kisumu , Kenya

### A different kind of “Big Five” of Africa!



All the pages in The Hinge would not be enough to give you all the impressions from the trip to “our” Round Table School of Hope (RTSoH) in Kisumu, Kenya, near Lake Victoria. 20 friends from Round Table Germany and Old Tablers Germany visited the site in Kisumu at the end of February 2011 to officially open and hand over the Secondary School that has been built with collected and donated money from Old Tablers of about 125 Old Tables in Germany who had worked hard to raise funds for the school.

The Round Table School of Hope is “our” school, but in reality this school belongs solely to the children being educated there. We

take the education of our children for granted only because they are not living in Kenya! The average lifespan of women in Kenya is 45 years and that of men is 55 years. About 12.5% of the women die at childbirth and about 23% of new babies die because they lack medical treatment. It is obvious that these children begin life with an unfair lack of opportunity when you compare it to our society.

### The opening of the Secondary School of Round Table School of Hope!

The school bus takes us on gravel roads through the suburbs of Kisumu and stops at a huge iron gate, with the words “Disciples of Mercy – Academy” in big letters on it (this is the name of the school since the beginning). Now here it is, “our” Round Table School of Hope. When we left the bus, all was still “roger” for us. Then the Iron Gate slowly opens...



Music starts playing – loud, African, full of happiness and inviting... We see a long pathway up to the first school buildings. On both sides of the pathway are children from all school classes in coloured clothes, singing, dancing and clapping their hands. In the middle of the pathway are two “Special Needs Kids” as main actors. We walk through the gate and are surrounded by about 520 kids happy in the typical African way. Because we are visitors and Tablers, we are deeply thrilled with the emotion of being part of this wonderful organisation and the kids are thanking us for this! The kids enjoy welcoming us. And we enjoy being with them. We Tablers have tears in our eyes.

One of us, Stefan Buegler, walks in front, dances and laughs with the kids, “breathes the moment” and continues walking in front of us: Why? Stefan has been here many times before. He has inherited this service project; he has developed the Round Table School of Hope for Round-Table Germany and has been in charge of the organisation since this project was selected as the National Service Project (NSP) of Round Table Germany in 2007-2008. Stefan is happy and proud – and



he is allowed to be! We follow him on the way through the dancing & laughing kids.

Slowly we begin to understand that this is all about what we see and feel. This is fabulous and unique! It is really a School of Hope. Finally we can see for ourselves what Round-Table has built. The kids stretch their hands and we do a “high five” with them – their joy increases as we carry on! Ours as well! Slowly we also start to dance. This moment is breath taking, goes directly to the heart and is overwhelming. This project stands like a lighthouse in the middle of Kenya and it is alive – every day!

We take a seat in the assembly hall of the school next to about 300 kids. After the welcome speech of the director of the RTSoH, Natalie Odipo, who migrated with her mother from Australia to Kenya at the end of the 80s, the kids put up a performance for us: The handicapped “Special-Needs-Kids” play music with their own instruments and dance on the stage. This is followed by the fantastic performance of a young girl from primary school, who has participated at a national theatre festival. Finally we watch the performance of 7 kids with a deep political content: human ignorance, discrimination, tribe behavior, election misuse, power of teams, political power and reunification. It shows that the education concept of the school is working and that the content is from real life.



After this unforgettable welcome we start strolling through the school: We join the class room teaching, join the breaks and lunchtime meal with the kids. We look around, ask many questions and also walk by the school owned little farm with cows and vegetables. This farm provides the food to feed the kids during the day. By selling milk from the cows they raise funds to buy additional food for the meals.

We move on to the new building of the Secondary School, which has been built with the funds raised by Round Table and Old Tablers Germany. Today the official opening and handover takes place. Stefan Buegler and Engelbert Friedsam cut the ribbon jointly with Natalie and the school is officially opened. At the entrance of the school, a board on the wall thanks all donors. Next to that there is the RTSoH-Logo and the date of the opening painted on the wall.



The courtyard of the building is beautifully decorated. On a podium there is a tent which provides some shade to the invited VIPs for the school opening speeches. We inspect the new building, and then we take a seat. Natalie gives a short speech, and then two girls get on to the stage and start singing "We are the World". At the same time the main entrance to the courtyard opens and slowly all kids enter. They spread out left & right along the building, upstairs and downstairs. 520 children wave RTSoH-flags like in a stadium of 2 levels and join the 2 girls in singing "We are the world" – and we are in the middle of this.

After this breath-taking emotional opening event, the member of the Kenya parliament representing the district of Kisumu takes the microphone, brings greeting from the official authorities and applauds the engagement of Round and Old Table and values the concept of this school. His final statement is that this is a "school of excellence" in Kenya, which he has not seen before on such a high level. The representative of the local government has the same to say.



Now it is our turn: Stefan welcomes all participants with "Hello my friends" and gives a big "thank you" to all who have been involved in making this project such a success. He is very happy about the fact that the children can now use this school to get further education for their life. Round Table 70 Lueneburg officially hands over a cheque with a 6500 Euro donation to build the Primary School in the small village of Dago (about 20 miles away), where up to 2006 no school existed at all. Natalie, the team of teachers and the kids are overwhelmed – and so are we!

There's more to come: We continue our visit to the "Vocational Training Centre". The participants of this training centre learn different professions: bakery, carpentry, sewing, metal works including welding, artistic work, working on computers. After two years of practical education the participants get a certificate and official "permission" to start such a business on their own.



We get back to the area where the main school buildings are. Two additional new classrooms of the handicapped children's school are now officially handed over - also donated from Round Table. Now we carry on to a new building next to the main entrance gate to the school area. Natalie explains to us that this is the "Patient-Support-Center" for medical treatment, which has been massively expanded using donations from Round Table and Old Tablers Germany and which is now also officially opened and handed over. With this extension and the addition of laboratory facilities, more than 20 medical assistants will provide up to 100000 medical treatments per year for the kids, their families and also the local population around the school. In this context RT & OT financed a blood analyzer machine for the laboratories. In addition to the analysis of blood, the main focus is on immediate urgency medical support, treatment of HIV, consulting and medication to avoid pregnancy, recurring control of babies and as a key activity, investigation of malaria cases and follow on treatment. This extended "Patient-Care-Centre" is also run by Natalie and her organisation and will now cover a large geographic area around the school.

Our visit comes to an end – we say goodbye with lots of hugs, shaking hands and clapping hands together with “our” kids. “Glowing” eyes look at us and follow us on the way out of the school area. We do not notice that we are back on the gravel road with the bus. Our thoughts are still in the school and the wonderful kids who have a chance for a better future just by getting education!

We are all convinced and deeply impressed with this fantastic project. Whichever one of us had heard about RTSoH from discussions, videos or photos, now knows how sustainable and perfectly well it is organised, how well it practically functions and what it means and contributes to the people of Kisumu. None of us will ever forget this school.



In the evening there is an “RT-Farewell-Party” on the terrace of Sanjay Mandavia’s home, our friend and 41er from Kisumu. After all the overwhelming impressions we can also take it easy, dance and have fun with the Round Tablers and 41ers from Kisumu and Nairobi. We party with lots of new international Tabler friends from Kenya, and are relieved that it all went off so well, cheerfully and happily!

### Impressions from the visit:

The RTSoH has shown to us that it is a great self sustainable RT-project. Even 3 years after the project has finished being a national RT-service project, there has been no decline. On the contrary, the school further develops, functions well and grows. It has proved its worth by having a great concept of education, recognition and sustainability. This project is a great success for all German Tablers!



RTSoH has further big plans for the coming years: Even when the school now looks so perfect, there is still such a monumental potential for this kind of help in Kenya. We are now building the Primary Round Table School of Hope in Dago: The ground breaking of this school to build 8 class rooms has happened during this visit. In its planning stage is a dining room for the kids with a kitchen and a library. All this depends on getting the funds together through fund raising activities of RT and OT to buy the required land. It is therefore very important that the German Tablers support this project, as “our” Round Table School of Hope is supporting the future of the kids of Kisumu. The project for the future – **for Kenya and for Round Table/Old Tablers!**

Finally after this very emotional and educational visit there is only one thing left to say: **THANK YOU!** Thank you to Stefan Buegler, who has not only organised this trip, but has brought this wonderful project to Round Table and has relentlessly supported this project from the beginning. His dedication for us and with us Tablers and therefore for the kids of the school cannot be described better than with the RT words Adopt, Adapt, Improve. That is exactly what has happened here!!

Also a big “thank you” to Engelbert Friedsam of OT 74 Hanau, who has relentlessly communicated the RTSoH project within the Old Tablers organisation and has pushed for the necessary fundraising within OT. He is also involved in the RTSoH project now for years and is continuously visiting the RTSoH in Kisumu to ensure through thorough controlling that 100% of the donated funds are used for the project.

### Our “Big Five” of Africa have the following “content”:

1. The Round Table School of Hope is a true “lighthouse”
2. Hundreds of happy children who get education
3. Natalie Odipo as the “Manager” of RTSoH onsite
4. Stefan Buegler and Engelbert Friedsam acting for all Tablers, who have so far been supporting this great project
5. Friendship, Fellowship and International Tabling with Round Table and 41 Clubs in Kenya



## Finally: Numbers, general facts, facts of Round Table School of Hope

30% of all children in Kenya do not go to any school mainly because the quality of the government schools is so low that the children do not even learn fluent reading and writing over all the years at school. The size of school classes is up to 120 kids. The children are used as working members in the families or, even worse, go out for prostitution.

The RTSoH right now educates about 520 kids in regular school classes (about 45% boys, 55% girls) in Kisumu and 132 kids in the nursery school in the village of Dago. The average school class size is about 40 children. About 10% are HIV-positive.

The Secondary School is now officially opened and handed over. The additional capacity for education is about 280 kids. Because of the high education standard after finishing Secondary education at RTSoH, nearly all those leaving school are admitted to high school or university and will have the chance to get a supporting financial "stipendium" from the government. Very few students of government driven Secondary Schools get this opportunity, as the standard of education is poor.

At the Vocational-Training-Centre there are currently 13 handicapped youngsters who are educated in practical professions.

At the "Special Needs School" nearly 70 handicapped children are supported and get individual adjusted education – they would not get education at all without RTSoH. In most cases the handicap comes from malaria infections that have been diagnosed too late or have not been treated. Malaria is still number 1 of the deadly sicknesses in Kenya, even though it can be cured if diagnosed and treated early enough. The handicapped kids at RTSoH are supported by Tablers from Germany through a special "partnership" programme.



Because of the existing infrastructure and high quality standards, the Patient-Support-Centre in Kisumu has now got the government certificate as a reference centre to expand medical tests and medication. It is the only one in this region. 27% of the population which has been tested in the centre is HIV-positive. In about 25% of the detected cases the AIDS disease process has already started.

44,900 people have been educated / treated in the last 3 years during the period when this was a much smaller medical centre. Of them about 3,400 school kids, 9,000 prisoners from a nearby prison and about 10,000 youngsters were infected by AIDS & malaria.

Round Table Germany and Old Tablers Germany have raised and donated funds of about 630000 Euros since 2007 for developing the infrastructure of RTSoH. In Kisumu about 65% of the buildings of the Primary School including the medical centre and 100% of the Vocational Centre and the Secondary School have been built from the donated funds.

In the village of Dago, about 30 minutes away by car from RTSoH in Kisumu, 100% of the current infrastructure for the Nursery School has been covered by the donated funds. Now children who pass out of the Nursery School need the Primary School to carry on with their education at the level of RTSoH up to grade 8. To make this additional step on the journey of RTSoH possible, we need funds and donations to finance this next step 100%!



In the light of this: Guys carry on – more than 800 children in Kenya need us for their future education!

**Text: Jens-Peter Zeyn (RT 70 Lueneburg) and Felix Wegeler (OT 163 Rheingau)**

**Translated by Engelbert Friedsam (OT 74 Hanau)**

*Wow – well done! You have total support from **The Hinge** to highlight your achievements - ed*



## POST TOUR ICELAND:

From the Doorway to the Centre of the Earth to... Lifting Stones to... the Dancing Goat Elvis – **A Perfect Holiday**



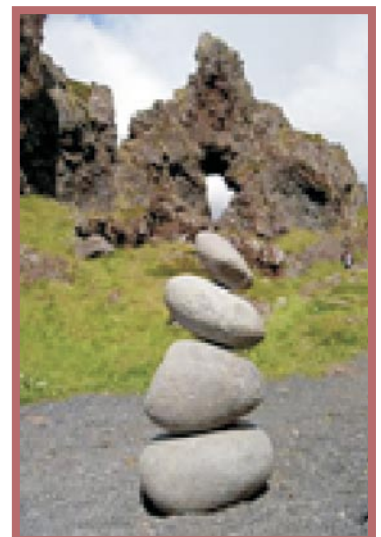
On 12th June the weather was wonderful (after all, it is Iceland) and everybody was recouping from the first AGM of Old Tablers Iceland had held the day before. The plan was to start the post tour at 13:00 hours. Some of the participants of the meeting were managing their bags as the driver Gudmundur Magnusson (Gummi) came with the bus to the Hotel Cabin. Most of the visitors were participating on the tour but those who weren't, greeted us and wished us good luck on the gravel roads of Iceland. Vaughan Harris pointed out that he had made a mistake by not coming along but the others commented that he would be able to come again and enjoy the island.

Loads of eatables were brought on board with some whisky and beer as well. The team headed north to the town of Stykkisholmur.

I, being the official travel guide of the group, had butterflies in my stomach, with so many nationalities on board. Would the Scots accept the Italians or the Germans start a war against New Zealand etc., I wondered. Having that in mind I appointed Randolph from south Tyrol to be the booze convener and of course, a trouble shooter from Scotland, Ian as sergeant at arms. After the law and order situation had been sorted out, there were no nationality related problems, of course!

In Stykkisholmur we stayed at a wonderful hotel. The trip next day was around the peninsula Snæfellsnes. First we tasted the Black Death (traditional Icelandic schnapps) and shark meat. We saw the glacier Snæfellsjökull, at the doorway to the centre of the earth, according to author Jules Verne's novel "Journey to the Centre of the Earth". At the beach of Djupalón most of the participants tried to lift the stones that were to decide what salary each should have on the fishing boats operating from there. According to tradition, four lifting stones are used by fishermen to test their strength and to qualify men for work on fishing boats. They are Fullsterkur ("full strength") weighing 155 kg, Hálfsterkur ("half strength") at 140 kg, hálfdrættingur ("weakling") at 49 kg and Amlóði ("useless") 23 kg. The Hálfdrættingur was the minimum weight a man would have to lift onto a ledge at hip-height to qualify. The heavier the stone, the higher the salary.

After walking along the cliffs at Arnarstapi, the goal was Eiríksstaðir where Erik the Red lived. Some of the participants were dressed up as Vikings; others were just playing cool. After the







inspiration of the woman in the Viking hut telling us about the killing of people and travel to Greenland and America in the years before 1000 we went to the hotel in Hrútafjörður. Gummi's sister runs the hotel.

In the morning the head was functioning and the focus was north and east. The plan was to drive along the road to Akureyri, the largest village of north Iceland and host of OT club no. 1. We visited Blönduós in the north where we met the mayor of the town Mr. Arnar Sævarsson, former member of Round Table 1. There we visited a museum that showed how the ice floating in the arctic sea is melting and the negative influence that it had on the population in the past. Though the museum was interesting, the jeep with 44 inch tyres owned by the mayor was more memorable. The agenda involved swimming and the outdoor facility in Höfsós was tested. For most of us it was a wonderful experience, at least the smell of yesterday vanished.



Club 1 in Akureyri organised a boat for us to sail on the fjord Eyjafjörður. The trip was about 3 hours. A humpback whale with a calf swam around the ship and the fishing tour was successful. At least one cod came on board. The staffs on board were old fishermen and their hobby was to rebuild the ship. We collected money for its maintenance. Later we visited the farm of the founder of club 1, Gummi Bondi and tasted his production, Icelandic ice crème. In the evening we had the famous Icelandic lamb meat soup with the fellows of Round Table and OT in Akureyri.

The plan was to drive next day over the inland road Kjölur. That road is normally open at that time of the year but it was still closed due to cold spring. The travellers had to take another route.



The last day was at a farm-hotel on the south side of the Isle "Vatnsholt". There we saw the famous dancing goat Elvis. The trip ended in Reykjavik on the 17th of June, the national day of the country. The collected fines were paid into a fund for children with cancer.

The trip was fun and I gained lots of friends. We might organise a trip like this again for Club 41/OT. If so, I hope to see you in Iceland soon.

To the participants, thanks for being so amusing.

Yours in OT/41 club

**Smari Rikardsson**  
National President of OT Iceland and guide of the  
Post tour of AGM 2011







## TURNING THE PAGES OF HISTORY –

### Club 41 Romania

#### A chronology of some special events leading to the foundation of the Romanian 41 Club

**August 1991:** Gheorghe Floroi from RT Brasov no. 1, Romania participated in the joint AGM of Club 41 Orléans no. 21 and RT Orléans no. 60 at Loiret - Orléans, in France. On this occasion, the chairman of Club 41 Orléans no. 21 offered to charter the first Club 41 in Romania. After this offer and letters received in 1992, a group of former members of RT no. 1 met and founded the first Club 41 in Romania. The founder members were Gheorghe Floroi, Gheorghe Mitran, Titus Pomană and Ioan Vlad (†).

Meetings were organised on **8th May 1992** and **25th January 1993** when the project of the statute and the proposal made by Club 41 Orléans no. 21 were presented. Letters offering the possibility of chartering the club in foundation in Braşov received from Jean Malard, President of Region 3 of Club 41 France and Jacques Gobert, National Vice-President of Club 41 France were also presented.

The proposal was accepted and letters were written in response. Following an invitation from the National President of Club 41 France, Gheorghe Floroi participated at the HYM 41 International, Nicosia, Cyprus in September 1993. On this occasion, the French National Bureau discussed the charter program with him, where it was decided that the French National Board with Club 41 Orléans, no. 21 should come to Braşov from 10th -13th March 1994 for chartering the new club.

**12th March 1994:** Club 41 Braşov, no. 1 was chartered by Club 41 Orléans no. 21 at the Teleferic Hotel, Poiana Braşov. The ceremony took place in the presence of the delegation of the French National Board of Club 41 led by National President Jacques Gobert, the delegation of Club 41, region 3, led by President Jean Malard, the delegation of the president of Club 41 International, Vice-President Trond Hersleth, delegation of the National Board of Ass. Ex-Tablers Club GB&I led by National President David Woodworth(†) and National Vice-President Alan Reynolds, delegate from Club 41 Austria, National President Horst Pinter, delegation from Club 41 Belgium led by President Club 41 no. 17 Halle Daniel Devker, delegations from Romanian RT, local RT and LC.

In the presence of 150 participants, Michel Louyot, Chairman of Club 41 Orléans no. 21 handed over the Charter to Gheorghe Floroi, Chairman of Club 41 no. 1. The first board comprised Gheorghe Floroi – President, George Mitran – Vice President, Ioan Vlad – Vice President, Şerban Mihai – Secretary, Popescu Vasile – Treasurer, Nicolae Vlad Popa - IRO. Club 41 no. 1 Braşov fulfilled the conditions and responsibilities as required of a National 41 Club and participated at the International AGM in 1994 in Hamburg, Beaune, Dunkerque in order to launch its international relations.

#### Leafing through the Charter Photo Album:



← Bucharest People's House, Visitors, Charter Meeting Tour-1994

→ Charter Signature & Presentation→



← Charter Celebrations



→ Visit to A. Saguna College→



← Banner Exchange



→ Visitors at Unirea College→





**April 1995:** Twinning relations were established with Club 41 Luxeuil-les-Bains no. 187, in Braşov and Luxeuil-les-Bains. Some members of Club 41 Braşov no. 1 participated in International AGMs such as Paderborn, Meaux, Namur in 1995. In the same year, as a follow-up of a project between Club 41 Romania and Club 41 Austria, a social project took shape. An asylum for aged persons in Brasov was equipped with a modern heating system.

Club 41 Braşov no. 1 focussed on the development of friendship all over the country. The French Board of Club 41 assured Club 41 Braşov no. 1 its support in the formation and charter of Club 41 Turnu-Severin no. 2.

**4th November 1995:** Club 41 Turnu Severin no.2 was chartered by Club 41 Tarbes no. 101, France, in the presence of delegates from Romania and abroad, highly honoured by the presence of the 41 International President Guy Mercier, French 41 National President Jean Pierre di Rosa, Councillor Serge Dienne and National President of Ex-Tablers' Club Alan Reynolds. Dămoc Ioan was installed as President of Club 41 Turnu Severin, no. 2.

**14th March 1997:** Club 41 Braşov no. 3 was chartered by Club 41 Luxeuil-les-Bains no. 187 in the presence of 41 International President Glauco Zago, 41 International Treasurer Renato Bonfini, International Councillor of Club 41 France Patrice Duront, President of Club 41 Luxeuil-les-Bains no. 187, Filidor (†) and Treasurer Yves Brenard, delegates from Club 41 Brasov no.1, Club 41 Drobeta Turnu Severin no.2, RT Romania and Ladies Circle. Ştefan Crişan was installed as President of Club 41 Brasov no.3.

**25th to 28th September 1997:** The AGM of Club 41 Romania and charter of Club 41 Craiova, no. 4 took place in Craiova. Delegates from Club 41 and Round Tables from Romania were present there as well as numerous representatives of Club 41 in Graz who chartered the club in Craiova in an enthusiastic atmosphere. The National Board of Club 41 Romania was elected for the year 1997-1998.

In order to be accepted as full members of the International Association of 41Clubs, the National Board initiated an intense exchange of letters.

**April 1998:** A delegation from Braşov and Craiova participated at the International AGM in Tampere, Finland where the membership of 41Club Romania to 41 INTERNATIONAL was approved.



National President 2010-2011 Dr. Ionel Moldovan and delegate Dr. Pretoriu Unguru in Finland at AGM 41 International in 1998

The first honorary members of Club 41 Romania voted from Romania were Gheorghe Floroi , Ioan Vlad (†), Gheorghe Mitran ,Titus Pomana and from abroad : Guy Mercier, France - 41 International President 1996, Alan Reynolds, England - 41 International President, 1998, Luc Desmet, Belgium - 41 International President 1999-2000, Jacques Gobert, - National President C41 France, 1994

**11th -14th March 2004:** Club 41 Romania celebrated 10 years of existence. Subsequently, these 41 Clubs received their charters: Campulung Muscel no. 5, Brasov no.7, Suceava no.6, Slatina no.8 and Craiova no. 9.



Celebrating 10 years of Club 41Romania

**September 13th 2008:** twinning relations were established between Club 41 Suceava no.6, Romania and Club 41 Beauvais no.25, France.

Club 41 Romania regularly organises the following: A Winter meeting on 26th December "Santa Claus comes to Children" organised by Quatalagor Brasov, in February the "Pig's Charity Festival", organised by Club 41 Campulung Muscel and "Danube Summer Games" by Club 41 Drobeta Turnu Severin no.2 .

The post of National President was held as follows: Gheorghe FLOROI, Gheorghe MITRAN, Ioan VLAD, Ştefan CRIŞAN, Ioan VLAD, Gheorghe FLOROI, Gheorghe MITRAN, Gabriel OPRESCU, Ştefan CRIŞAN, Nicolae Vlad POPA, Dan SOUCA, Mihai PONOVA, Mihai PONOVA, Dorel CERBU, Vifor MARINESCU, Gheorghe PETRESCU, Octavian VULPESCU, Ionel MOLDOVAN.

Club 41 Romania was highly honoured to host the 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM in Poiana Brasov, Romania, in 2002 and the HYM- 41 International in Brasov, Romania, in 2010. We hope that all the friends who attended these unforgettable meetings have good memories about them.

**Gheorghe Floroi**  
IRO, Club 41 Romania

## 'SHELTER BOX'

### How could Club 41 International play a part in helping those who have lost their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods through no fault of their own?

It hasn't happened to me – but it may have happened to some of you. It certainly happens to tens of thousands of people every year. You suddenly lose everything you have

and you are left with nothing other than the clothes that you are wearing at the time!

Imagine waking up and finding your home in ruins, all of your possessions swept away, your town or village gone and some of your friends and family killed. The emergency services – if they exist – are struggling to cope because they too have been hit by the earthquake, the tsunami, the volcanic eruption or whatever it is that has devastated your home and left you with nothing.

only way they are able to do this is because individuals and organisations - like ours – provide the money to equip the emergency boxes.

At our recent AGM in Toulouse, it was agreed that all member Associations of Club 41 International would consider ways in which we might help to provide humanitarian aid to those who suffer as a result of natural disaster. At the HYM meeting in Brasov when the resolution was discussed, big questions were asked about who would collect and manage any money that was raised: who would decide where the money was to be sent: how would we know that any money would be used properly? **'Shelter Box'** could be the organisation that provides the answers to those questions.

**'Shelter Box'** has now become a highly respected international organisation. It has partners in 18 countries including – Denmark, France, Germany, Switzerland, South Africa, New Zealand, Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway. Money can be donated to any one of these 18 **'Shelter Box Centres'** and we know how our money will be used. Other relief organisations provide medicine, or manpower, food or simply money. **'Shelter Box'** is the only one that does what it says 'on the box' – it provides shelter along with the vital basic emergency tools that a family of up to ten people needs in order to survive the immediate aftermath of a natural disaster.

We know how much each box costs – around £600. If we provide money for a box, we can actually track where that box goes and how it is being used! And it is **'Shelter Box'** that decides where and when to deploy emergency aid – not us!

So far, 41 Club in Great Britain has already raised £10,000 for **'Shelter Box'** – about 16 boxes! It's a start. If friends from clubs within 41 International decided to 'adopt' **'Shelter Box'** - then together we could make a real difference to the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves who have lost everything they ever had.

**Malcolm Lockey**  
**National President GB&I 2010 – 2011**



Fortunately, voluntary organisations around the world try their best to help at times such as these. One of them is **'Shelter Box'** – an organisation that was set up ten years ago in the UK in order to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to families who have lost everything due to natural disaster. Just Google – **'Shelter Box'** if you want to find out more about their work.

In their first year of operation they sent out 243 Shelter Boxes. In 2010, they were able to send out 45,046 boxes to different parts of the world where families had lost everything as a result of the devastating power of nature. In Haiti for example, Shelter Box was able to provide shelter and vital emergency equipment for 250,000 people. The

## HUMOUR

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



# Come and see the Old Rauma, Unesco World Heritage Site

**T**he Finnish OTSF AGM will be held in a town called **Rauma**. The event takes place in the spring from **23rd to 25th March 2012**. Come and enjoy Finnish hospitality and explore the unique old town of Rauma. Here are some footmarks for you to consider visiting Finland next March.

**Friday 23rd March:** The Rauma AGM starts. The theme of the **Get Together party** is the **joyful 1920s blues**.

**Saturday 24th March:** We have a unique programme for international guests. You will have the rare opportunity



The market place

of visiting the **Olkiluoto nuclear power plant; please register yourself for this visit well before the AGM**.

Saturday evening: The highlight of the Rauma AGM will be the **Gala Dinner at Juhlahovi**. You will enjoy Finnish gourmet food and good music.

**Sunday 25th March morning:** The **Farewell breakfast** kicks you back on your journey home.

How much does this cost? **The price for the weekend package is 149 Euros. The Saturday package is worth 99 Euros.** You can register via [www.otsfagm.fi](http://www.otsfagm.fi). We also advise you to get your registration sorted out at **Hotel Raumanlinna**.

**During the weekend** a visit to the **Old Rauma** is highly recommended. The Old Rauma is the wooden city centre of the town of Rauma and in 1991 it was listed as a **Unesco World Heritage Site**. The



The narrowest street in Finland called Kitukränn

area itself is rather tiny, only 28 hectares (0.28 km<sup>2</sup>). In that area there are about 250 lots and six hundred buildings. About 800 people still live there.

The town of Rauma expanded outside the Old Rauma in the early 19th century. The oldest buildings date from the 18th century, as two fires of 1640 and 1682 destroyed the town. Most buildings are currently inhabited and owned by private individuals.

**Locations of special interest** include the **Kirsti house**, which is a seaman's house from the 18th and 19th centuries. The **Marela house** is a shipowner's house dating back to the 18th century but with a 19th century facade. Both the houses are currently museums.

**The Church of the Holy Cross** is an old Franciscan monastery church from the 15th century with medieval paintings. Another building made of stone is the **old town hall** from 1776. **The Church of the Holy Trinity**, also from the 15th century, burned in the fire of 1640.

The appearance of the buildings has formed gradually over the past centuries. In some buildings, characteristics from the 1700s still remain; others have the appearance of the



The aerial view of the Old Rauma

1820s and 1830s. Majority of the buildings have received their current neo-Renaissance exterior during the active period of renovation in the 1890s.

The centre point of the Old Rauma is its market place, where people still have the habit of having a cup of coffee. The locals call it **pystökaffi**. The main street on one side of the market place is **Kuninkaankatu**. On the opposite side of the market place is another street called **Kauppakatu**. You can find many charming shops and boutiques along these two streets.

The narrowest street in Finland, called **Kitukränn**, is also located here.

**Ari Mantyla**  
**Chairman, OT Club 81, Jyvaskyla**

# 41 CLUB CYPRUS

## NEWS & CANDIDACY OF THE 41 INTERNATIONAL

### VICE PRESIDENCY 2014 – 2015



Welcome to Cyprus, the island blessed with natural beauty that ranges from golden beaches and rugged coastlines, to rolling hills and forest clad mountains; where the past co-exists side by side with the present, in a unique tapestry of living history.

Cyprus is located in the northeastern part of the Mediterranean Sea and is at the crossroad of Europe, Asia and Africa; an island with a long and varied history, with the cultural heritage of its people being its most important asset.

Cyprus 41 Club commenced functioning in 1987 and to date it numbers a total of 8 clubs with 115 members, while the Round Table commenced in 1978 and numbers a total of 9 clubs and 134 members.

The main aim and actions of the 41 clubs is to meet up, maintain their friendships, continue with charity projects, support Round Table events and their common events with Ladies Circle, as well as participate in meetings of the Round Table.

The assistance offered to the Round Table with regards to new members is by introducing prospective members and in any way possible supporting their membership.

On 18 June 2011 our club held its AGM in Paphos which was very successful and very well organised. We were honoured with the participation of officials from the Board of 41 Club International, as well as the Mayor of Paphos.

The main themes which had been discussed during the AGM were:

- The annual lottery which gave very good results and helped in the donation and charity programme and other club activities.
- The continued support of the Life Education Centres, physically and financially. Life education Centres are the National Joint project of the Round Table, the Ladies Circle and the Tangent clubs.
- The application and expected response of the official Government registration of the Club as an 'Association'.
- The increase of 20% in new members and the addition of one new club.
- The Travel fund has been introduced in order to encourage members to travel to the main events of 41 International, strengthening with this way the relations with 41ers international.
- In addition to Life Education Centre, it has been decided to donate, on an annual basis, to the Cypriot organisations which help children in need.

The new board of 41 Club Cyprus consists of the following persons:

Marios Tselepos	-	President
Makarios Charalambides	-	Past President
Stavros Papamichael	-	Vice President
Yiangos Hadjiyangou	-	Secretary
Michalis Loullis	-	IRO
Andreas Prokopiou	-	Treasurer

This year our club is faced with a great and historical challenge! A historical moment of our twenty five year old Association was the decision for the candidacy of the 41 International Vice Presidency 2014 – 2015.



For us Cypriots there are many reasons why Cyprus should be supported:

- ⇒ As Cyprus has never been given the opportunity of hosting such an event before, we believe this challenge will prove our capabilities!!!
- ⇒ We are capable of doing it as proved with the International Round Table and Ladies Circle events.
- ⇒ We believe that it is time for 41 International to encourage small Associations to engage in such activities.
- ⇒ The geographical position of the island, the fantastic resorts, the weather and the hospitality we Cypriots are known for, offer to all 41ers excellent reasons to support us.
- ⇒ In 2015 it will be the 30th anniversary of our Association and we promise to all 41ers an unforgettable 41 International AGM.
- ⇒ Finally whatever we Cypriot 41ers do for 41 CLUB, we do it with our heart.

On behalf of the Cypriot 41ers, I wish that at the AGM 2012 in Chennai, India, Cyprus will receive the positive vote for the organisation of this event.

In friendship

Michalis Loullis  
National I.R.O. 2011-2012



## WHY OUR GREAT-GRANDPARENTS WERE SOOO HAPPY

'Why our Great-Grandparents have such Fond Memories of Their Youth...'

(It's a wonder that they remembered anything!!)



Maltine:

Produced by the Maltine Manufacturing Company of New York. It was suggested that you should take a full glass with or after every meal. Children should only take half a glass.



A paper weight:

A paper weight promoting C.F. Boehringer & Soehne Mannheim, Germany. They were proud of being the biggest producers in the world of products containing Quinine and Cocaine.



A bottle of Bayer's 'Heroin':

Between 1890 and 1910 heroin was sold as a non-addictive substitute for morphine. It was also used to treat children suffering with a strong cough.



Cocaine drops for toothache:

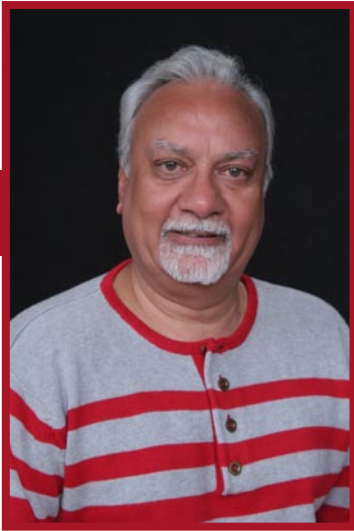
Very popular for children in 1885. Not only did they relieve the pain, they made the children very happy!

*It's no wonder they were called, 'The Good Old Days'!! From cradle to grave...Everyone Was Stoned!!!*

## 41 International Calendar - October 2011 – April 2013

Dates	Club	Event	Venue
October 2011			
14th – 16th	41 International	HYM	Tuscany Coast Castiglioncello, Italy
14th – 16th	Germany	AGM	Speyer
21st – 23rd	Austria	HYM	Graz
21st – 23rd	Switzerland	AGM	Berne
27th – 30th	Hungary	Charter	Budapest Eger
November 2011			
4th – 6th	Italy	Chestnut Festival	Meran-Merano
12th – 14th	Sweden	HYM	Upsana
18th – 20th	Italy	HYM & 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Club 41 Trieste	Trieste
March 2012			
23rd – 25th	Finland	AGM	Rauma
April 2012			
7th	Indian Ocean	AGM	Port Louis
13th – 15th	Denmark	AGM	Korsor
20th – 22nd	41 International	AGM	India – Chennai
26th – 29th	Great Britain & Ireland	AGM	Jersey
May 2012			
4th – 6th	Germany	AGM	Celle
25th – 28th	New Zealand	AGM	Hervey Bay, Queensland
June 2012			
1st – 3rd	Italy	AGM	Modena
2nd – 4th	Sweden	AGM	Borgholm
15th – 17th	France	AGM	Vannes
22nd – 24th	Austria	AGM	Tamsweg/Lungau
August 2012			
31st Aug – 2nd Sep	Finland	International HYM	Tampere
29th – 30th	Romania	AGM	
October 2012			
5th – 7th	Belgium	AGM	
5th – 7th	Germany	HYM	Rheingau
19th – 21st	Switzerland	AGM	
April 2013			
	41 International	AGM	Switzerland - Interlaken





## THE LAST WORD

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." So said Barack Obama when he was contesting for the Presidentship of USA.

Change is what we are seeing in an ever evolving world.

Reminds you of the Round Table motto of Adopt, Adapt, Improve.

There are changes taking place all over the world. First class economies like USA being downgraded. Greece and Spain having had to be bailed out by the E U.

The Indian cricket team being on the trot and then losing 3 consecutive tests at the hands of England, itself on a comeback trail.

We are seeing change taking place in the R T and 41 movements too. The Round Table retirement age being raised to 45 in some countries. Tangent and Agora sitting together. A discussion raging in 41Clubs of inviting Non Tablers to 41. The move at Toulouse to see if a few countries can come together to form an association if they cannot clobber together enough 41 clubs in one country.

And now a move to put The Hinge on the Facebook. And to go electronic. The Board has also decided in its wisdom to make The Hinge paperless, no hard copies, from this issue. This being decided, not taking the views of all the member countries, for sure - not of the present Editor.

All good (?) portents of an evolving, changing, thinking movement which is keeping up with times. These are dynamic times and we need to be flexible to adopt, adapt, improve.

It has been a pleasure to put together this issue with some new contributors, rather than the same old bunch sending in articles.

When I put my feet up soon at the end of my stint as the Editor of The Hinge for three years, I will have had the satisfaction of The Hinge having evolved, changed - for the better, I hope you will agree.

For my next, yet swan song issue, the last date for receiving your contributions will be 1st February 2012.

I am quite sure you are going to make a huge effort to make it a Jumbo issue for it is going to be released at the AGM in India - the land of the Elephant - Jumbo, in other words.

Namaste till we meet in Chennai in April 2012.

**Rajan Mittal**  
Editor



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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.



Hic – one too many?



Kolourful in Kisumu, Kenya

### Full Members

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

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Senegal, Uganda, United Arab Emirates

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