



# THE HINGE

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Santas big & small



Discovering Sterfontein Caves



41 leadership – yesterday, today & tomorrow



I'm a big guy, I am



Palace hopping on a bike?



Snow filled fun



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## Au Revoir Jean Louis

A Round up of the International President's year - Pictures say it better than Words!



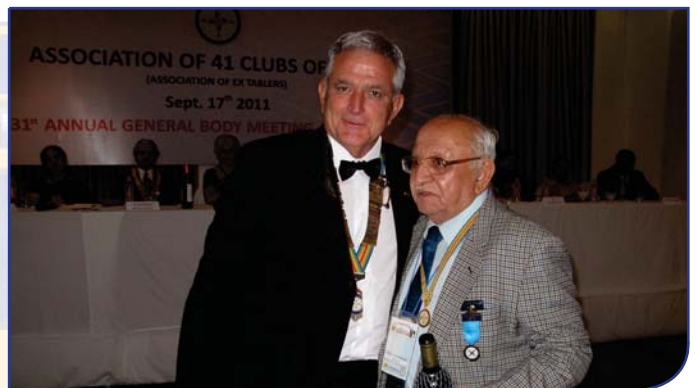
Jean Louis & Pascal at the South African AGM 2011



Jean Louis & his team 2011-12 at the International AGM in Toulouse



Addressing the Board at the HYM 2011 at San Vincenzo

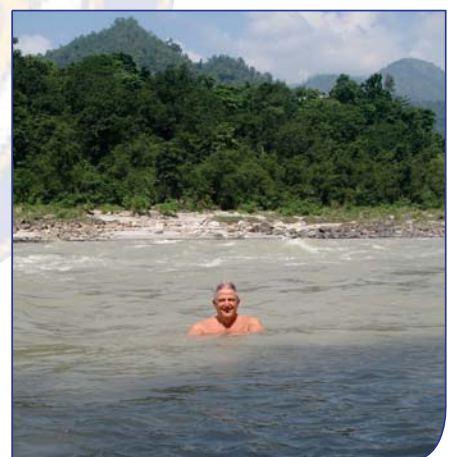


Presidents past & present – with Past 41 International President Indu Chandhok at the 2011 AGM in India



Banner exchange at HYM 2011 in Italy

Cooling down in the Ganges after the Indian AGM 2011



A light moment with Romanian Founder President Gheorghe Floroi & 2011 Convenor Duccio Arrighi



Back to serious business? With OTD IRO Engelbert Friedsam and Indian IRO Ajit Khullar



Dear Rajan,

What a triumph. No wonder you have the same initials as Rupert Murdoch.

***I am sad that The Hinge is not being printed. It is devalued if it is available only on the internet.*** The cost was do-able as far as 41 INT finances are concerned and I personally thought that *The Hinge* was a super 'freebie' for the members and advertised the purpose of 41 Club. I wondered how you managed 34 pages and thought that there must be a 'gusset' but then I remembered...

Any comments I might have are now perhaps superfluous, as you are no longer dipping your pen in the ink pot after the next issue. Are there any signs of a successor?

If I were to make any initial comments, having scanned only the last few pages, I would wish to have a comprehensive list of those countries where there are 41 Clubs and which are not members of 41 INT. They would include Suriname and Sri Lanka. Matti Hinttala has a full list (from me) and should be able to fill in the blanks, as it were. I would also wish to beef up the liability clause, which is rather weak at the moment, put your email and residential address beside where you sign off your Editorial, put in bold 'the last date for receiving your contributions will be ....' or even give it (as well?) a separate block on page 2 and I would query whether Germany held an AGM in Speyer at the same time as the 41 INT HYM (page 32).

But generally, dear Rajan, I have an enormous feeling of enjoyment out of reading your excellent publication. I just hope that the Board is getting its act together and making plans to fill the chasm which will be left when you retire as Editor.

My love to Jogi, kindest regards to you both and...

HINGES

**John Bellwood**

**International President 2009-2010**

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*Thanks John for the bouquets. The complete list of non-member countries which have 41 Clubs (as per the latest International Directory) is on the back cover. I leave it to the next editor to incorporate the other suggestions as I shall now take the back seat! – ed.*

Dear Rajan,

***Sorry unable to download this copy of The Hinge.*** I still feel it is a wrong decision because not even 25% of ex-tablers will download and read all you say.

In friendship,

**Indu Chandhok**

**Past International President**

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Dear Rajan,

Thanks for sending THE HINGE which I find is a Jumbo edition with many interesting articles and wonderful photographs. Of course it will take some time for me to finish reading it and I will revert to you when I have done so. ***I guess we'll have to make a habit of reading off the monitor now!***

I shall be forwarding this great magazine to members of the 41 Clubs in Calcutta, clubs 8, 12, 35, 84, 94, 131 and of course Bhubaneswar & Patna for their information and pleasure.

As one editor to another, I take this opportunity to congratulate you for having done a great job as editor of *THE HINGE*; you have done 41 Clubs of India proud, my friend.

Warm regards,

**Rohit Pombra**

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Dear Rajan,

I've read *The Hinge* and I send you all my congratulations. You have done a very fantastic job. Thank you for all you have done for our 41 CLUB INTERNATIONAL.

Warm regards to Jogi, I'm looking forward to meet you both in a few months in Chennai.

Yours in continued friendship,

**Denis BECK**

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Dear Rajan,

Excellent presentation. Interesting reading. Your best issue.

**Siddharthan**

**President**

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# Welcome International Vice President

A blessed life is to be born in a good family. I had excellent parents who gave me everything in life. God sent a lovely lady to be my wife. Relatives are born with us but friends are what we make.

A wonderful life started with my friends in Round Table. I was too shy to even hold the mike. Round tabling certainly opened my vision for a better perspective in life - to be friendlier, to make a friend and understand what he is – take his good and tolerate his weaknesses. In the same manner in Free-Masonry, I also learnt more about the depth of brotherhood and the care and love one should shower on one's subordinates, labourers and their families. And uphold the path of honesty.

The paths of these blessings have not ended. My friends have trusted me and have honoured me to be their incoming President.

Pardon me if I make mistakes on this path. Give me a helping hand with every step I take in holding our friendship together. Give

me the right thoughts to bring in more friends into our world of friendliness. As your incoming President, I ask of you to bring every friend closer to your heart, know his faults and still learn to love him.

Let us care for each other with honesty in our hearts. This I believe will certainly lead us to calmer, more blissful and happier days in life.

There is so much more I can say on what and from what I have got from this movement – it will be endless.

May the Hinges of Friendship Never Rust.

**KK**

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## About KK

KK, as NS Krishna Kumar is popularly known, was born on 29th October 1954 in Chennai, India where home was part of an edible oil godown and he “grew up climbing oil tins”! Well, he didn't stop at oil tins – as a 41er he climbed to the post of National President in 1997 and, barely five years later, he takes over as International President 2012-13. Evidence too, of his passion for racing, a sport he indulged in as a college student!

KK thoroughly enjoyed his term as a Tabler, but “served only as treasurer since I was very busy with my business”. However, he got very involved in 41 Clubs where he held the posts of National Secretary, National President and IRO too.

He is now “enjoying myself with great world-wide friends and looking forward to completing my year as President with good memories and by expanding the 41 fraternity”.

KK's spirit of daring and adventure was most evident in 1979 when he eloped and married Vini! He “later became best friends with my father-in-law” he declares!!

After graduating in Commerce, with “great love for gardening, travelling and law”, KK got involved in the manufacture and exports of garments. He lived in USA for almost a year and gained a lot of experience.

KK was largely responsible for introducing edible sunflower oil in India in a big way and had an edible oil manufacturing plant. His great-grandfather and grandfather were land dealers and he has always kept track of this business too. He is now retired from various lines and has got into affordable housing. “My hope and prayer,” he states, “is to continue this and, God willing, would like to promote high quality orphanages.”

KK has one sister who has dedicated herself to running a well renowned school for children with dyslexia at Chennai.

Vini & KK love pets and now live in a farm on the outskirts of Chennai.

KK will be the 3rd Indian 41er after Indu Chandhok and Sam Sampath to take over as International President.

## HYM 2011 – San Vincenzo – a Pictorial View

Quote from the 41 Treasurer's  
report for the HYM Oct 2011:

“On the balance sheet there is a  
left side and a right side:  
On the left side there  
is nothing right and  
On the right side there  
is nothing left.”



41 International Board 2011-12



Banner Exchange – Italian 41 President Paolo Pisani and the  
Romanian Delegation



Councillors at the 41 HYM



“Let’s get over with this business session!!”



Shutter bugs focus on 41 International  
Honorary Member Beat Berger





Colourful Moments



With Puja Khullar & Vini Krishna Kumar



With Virginia Arrighi & Sig. Sparapani



The discussions continue – Engelbert Friedsam, Jean Louis & Ajit Khullar



Gheorghe again! This time with International President Elect Werner Blessing & French National President Daniel Zanoletti



Aerial view of the Leaning Tower of Pisa and its surroundings



# THE (PAPER) HINGE

(International Magazine for Former Members of Round Table)

## An Obituary

You have only to visit your local newsagent to find a vast array of magazines for sale, covering subjects such as housekeeping, gardening, politics, sport, playboys, playgirls, clothing, no clothing, etc. It is abundantly obvious that the preferred method of reading for the vast majority of the population is the reading of printed matter; and the day of the Tablet, the iPhone, the Kindle, the internet to replace the printed paper is still many years (?) away.



Since I first heard about the existence of 41 INTERNATIONAL, the international magazine for former members of Round Table had been named Courier. In fact my archives revealed from a recent search a 1983/84 edition (I was still in Round Table then, just). It was number 6 and dated May 1984. The next edition of Courier I have is dated February 1997 and is number 19, implying that Courier was published once each year. This edition gave notice of the Great Britain AGM and International AGM in Glasgow, Scotland, in April 1997. I remember seeing some foreign gentlemen and Alan Reynolds (GB) disappearing into a separate room at the Conference and, on asking what they were up to, I was told it was "41 INTERNATIONAL".



Dieter Straka from Austria was asked to assume the post of Editor of Courier after Wolfgang Roesel in October 2002. Editions number 25 and 26 continued to be printed magazines but the AGM in Arras, France, in April 2004 withdrew adequate funding and Courier numbers 27 (September 2004) and 28 (December 2004) were then available only on CD. They extended to 68 and 70 'pages' respectively and sometimes contained translations into English, German, French and Italian (in no particular order). Courier on CD was not a success and publication ceased.



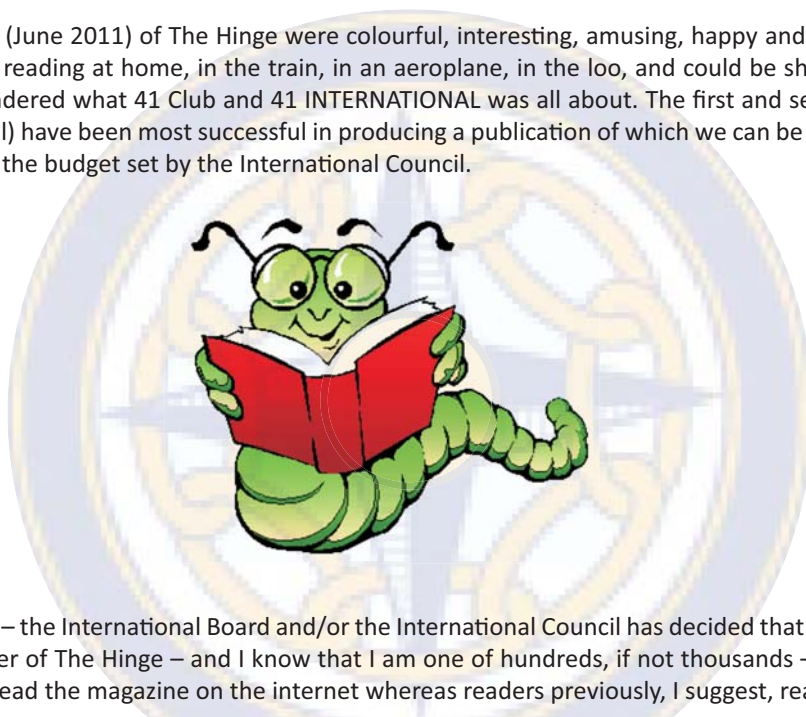


Like a phoenix from the ashes, an International Newsletter (with pictures) was distributed to the delegates at the AGM in Dortmund in 2006 and Bob Parton (Germany and Birmingham, England) – a rising star in 41 INTERNATIONAL – agreed to put together a new international magazine.

Hinge or The Hinge (it had varied over the years) had been the title of the Great Britain 41 Club magazine but the name had been dropped in favour of what was considered a more appropriate name – it now has the title of “LINKS” (which is German for LEFT). Great Britain confirmed that there was no reason why Hinge or The Hinge should not be adopted by 41 INTERNATIONAL; [www.hinge.de](http://www.hinge.de) was not available but [www.thehinge.de](http://www.thehinge.de) was, so a new International magazine called The Hinge was born.



Editions 1 (May 2006) to 11 (June 2011) of The Hinge were colourful, interesting, amusing, happy and were magazines which 41 Club members would enjoy reading at home, in the train, in an aeroplane, in the loo, and could be shared with their family and handed to anyone who wondered what 41 Club and 41 INTERNATIONAL was all about. The first and second Editors of The Hinge (Bob Parton and Rajan Mittal) have been most successful in producing a publication of which we can be proud and which has been printed at a cost lower than the budget set by the International Council.



But now – sadly, sadly, sadly – the International Board and/or the International Council has decided that The Hinge will be available only online. To an avid reader of The Hinge – and I know that I am one of hundreds, if not thousands – this decision is a tragedy. Quite frankly, very few will read the magazine on the internet whereas readers previously, I suggest, read it from cover to cover.

So goodbye, farewell, adieu, to The (Paper) Hinge. We loved you when we could pick you up, cuddle you, kiss you and take you everywhere with us. Unless, of course... we start all over again like we have done in Dortmund and publish as a magazine what is the greatest advert and communication for our movement, showing the world the good (charitable) work we do and the fun we have being amongst friends.

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**2 PIECES OF  
ADVICE**  
FOR MARRIED MEN

**Never** laugh at  
your wife's choices;  
you are one of them.

**Never** be proud of  
your choices;  
your wife is one of them.

## Discovering India on a Motorbike

Whenever the monkey bites me and the winter break for bikers in Europe gets too long, I travel to India. Travelling here is very easy, because of security, good infrastructure (hotels, lodging) and much more flexibility in traffic – which allows the rider (driver) more individuality in driving style.

Best equipped with a powerful Bullet 350, a mobile and a 41er directory from 2006/7, this year our journey took us from Goa to north India.

After 4 days through Mumbai, Pune and Nashik – famous not only for grapes – we arrived in the vicinity of Surat. During a lunch break I studied the 41er directory, called “the book”. Soon I found a member interested in travelling.

I dialled his number to hear words that sounded like, “ulallalaala ulalalaa blabla”(is it Hindi or Gujarati for something like: hello, who’s it?).

“Here is Heinz from 41,” I said, “the crazy Austrian who travels through India on a motorbike!”

“Oh welcome, my husband is also in 41!” said the voice on my phone.

“I’m reaching Surat this evening and would like to have a beer with the 41ers of Surat!”

So things started getting set in motion...

5 minutes later I got a call back from Rajan Mehra. He promised to organise a meeting for me that evening. To explain the way, he asked me to hand the phone to my driver.

“I AM THE DRIVER!” I said.

“Ok ok, come into the city,” I think he did not believe me, “stop at a distinct point and call me again, Surat is not such a big city!” That sounded easy for me, but Surat is a 2.5 million city, not big for an Indian, but very big for an Austrian. Our capital Vienna has just 1.8 million people and the second biggest town Graz, where we live, has just 275,000. I did as he told me, drove into Surat and stopped at a shopping mall.



**Dinner with Surat 41ers**

15 Minutes later an employee of Rajan’s stopped beside me and guided me very carefully through rush-hour traffic in Surat to Rajan and Jayshree’s place. Of course we were home hosted, anything else is impossible in India.

After having refreshed ourselves, we were guided to the home of Surat’s Chairman Jayesh and his wife Sangita, our hosts. It’s the first “green” house in the city with solar power lit LED bulbs.



**Heinz with 41ers Madhukar, Dinesh & Dipak in Ahmedabad**

By the time we had showered, 10 more 41ers had arrived with their wives. Later the whole group of more than 20 moved to a nice restaurant. During a fine vegetarian dinner, we enjoyed a very interesting conversation. But...they were not very happy to hear that we would be leaving the next morning.

After a pleasant daytrip of 300 km we arrived in Ahmedabad, with a population of about 4.5 million. On a YAP tour of India a few years ago, my son had stayed with Dipak and Tejal Thakore. Now I contacted Dipak, who organised our stay as also dinner get-togethers with 41ers from ‘Amdavad’ for both our evenings.

Here too we earned no applause for leaving after 2 days, but our target was Rajasthan. Had we followed up





**Heinz & Manuela in Rajasthan**

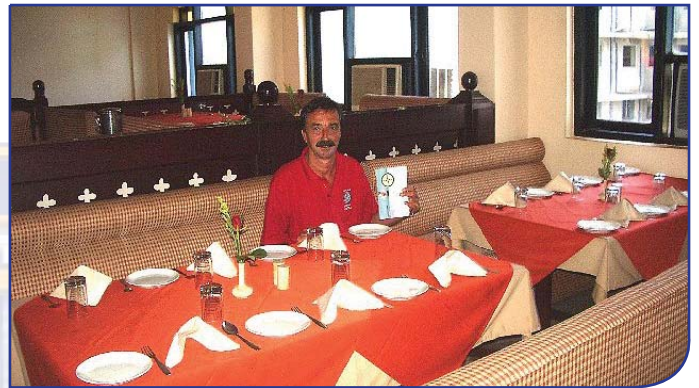


**On the road to Ajmer – where's Manuela?**

with all the kind invitations, we would never have reached Mt. Abu, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Jaipur and...

So after about 25 days and 5,150 km we arrived, well and healthy, back in Goa. Here in Goa, I had some contact with 41ers, but in March 2008 the meeting had looked like this →

Heinz in Goa in 2008! But this year, thanks to Facebook, I discovered a very good contact to Round Table 128 in Panjim. As they had hosted a mass tour from Estonia, I had the pleasure of being invited by Kumar Ankit to his Best Western Peace Valley.



**Heinz in Goa in 2008!**



**Tr. Kumar Ankit with Heinz**

At least the end of the story should teach you how small our world is:

Dipak from Ahmedabad knew I was planning to stay in Mumbai at the end of this journey and introduced me to Rajan Mittal. During the dinner at Rajan & Jogi's, his son Varun also joined us. I met some YAPs from India in 2009 in Salzburg. Rajan's son was in this group and drove with me there to a friend's home near Salzburg.



**YAPs in Salzburg 2009 – Rajan's son is in the white t-shirt**



**The last evening in Mumbai, India –  
41er Bobby, Lata, 41er Rajan, Jogi, Manuela & Heinz**

For me another story about and from *"Incredible India"*.

**Heinz Bubik**  
**Club 41 Graz, Austria**  
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# AGM 2012

## Club 41 Austria

### June 22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

organized by:

Club 41 Tamsweg/Lungau

[www.club41.at](http://www.club41.at)



## Booking

via Club 41 Homepage: [www.club41.at](http://www.club41.at)

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sat (incl.gala)	€ 109.-
sat/sun	€ 119.-

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Serviceproject of the AGM 2012

A chance for people on the dark side of the street  
 Friedensflotte Lungau "Mirno More"



## Travelling to Tamsweg/Lungau

### airport

Salzburg or Klagenfurt: both ~90 min by car

### by train

not so easy to reach us by train

stations in the north: Salzburg, Bischofshofen, Radstadt

station in the south: Unzmarkt

### by car

from north and south:

A10 Tauernautobahn; exit St.Michael i.Lungau

from east:

S6 (Judenburg), B 317 (Scheifling), B96 (via Murau)





**Friday, June 22<sup>th</sup>**

## **Registration & Welcome**

Hotel/Pension Kandolf (clubhouse)

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Registration

7.30 p.m. Welcome



**Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Farewell**

Clubhouse

Hotel/Pension Kandolf

10 a.m.

## **Helpline:**

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**Saturday, June 23<sup>th</sup>**



9 p.m.

**AGM 2012**  
**Club 41 Austria**  
Wirtschaftskammer

10 a.m. **for non-delegates:**

historical train to Mauterndorf

1 p.m. Lunch at the castle (all)

4 p.m. Shuttle to Tamsweg



7 p.m. President's cocktail  
(invited guests only)

8 p.m. Gala Dinner

Gambswirt



## **Hotels recommended in Tamsweg**

### **Hotel/Pension Kandolf**

Kirchengasse 1

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Please book for yourself and  
book in time!

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## HUMAN? (ANIMAL!) INTEREST STORY

### The story of Jasmine, an abandoned dog that became an animal sanctuary's resident surrogate mother

#### A True Story



In 2003, police in Warwickshire, England, opened a garden shed and found a whimpering, cowering dog. The dog had been locked in the shed and abandoned. It was dirty and malnourished, and had quite clearly been abused.

In an act of kindness, the police took the dog, which was a female greyhound, to the Nuneaton Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary, which is run by a man named Geoff Grewcock, and is known as a haven for animals abandoned, orphaned or otherwise in need.

Geoff and the other sanctuary staff went to work with two aims: to restore the dog to full health, and to win her trust. It took several weeks, but eventually both goals were achieved. They named her Jasmine, and they started to think about finding her an adoptive home.

Jasmine, however, had other ideas. No one quite remembers how it came about, but Jasmine started welcoming all animal arrivals at the sanctuary. It would not matter if it were a puppy, a fox cub, a rabbit or, any other lost or hurting animal. Jasmine would just peer into the box or cage and, when and where possible, deliver a welcoming lick.

Geoff relates one of the early incidents. "We had two puppies that had been abandoned by a nearby railway line. One was a Lakeland Terrier cross and another was a Jack Russell Doberman cross. They were tiny when they arrived at the centre, and Jasmine approached them and grabbed one by the scruff of the neck in her mouth and put him on the settee. Then she fetched the other one and sat down with them, cuddling them."

"But she is like that with all of our animals, even the rabbits. She takes all the stress out of

them, and it helps them to not only feel close to her, but to settle into their new surroundings. She has done the same with the fox and badger

cubs; she licks the rabbits and guinea pigs, and even lets the birds perch on the bridge of her nose."

Jasmine, the timid, abused, deserted waif, became the animal sanctuary's resident surrogate mother, a role for which she might have been born. The list of orphaned and abandoned youngsters she has cared for comprises five fox cubs, four



badger cubs, fifteen chicks, eight guinea pigs, two stray puppies and fifteen rabbits - and one roe deer fawn.

Tiny Bramble, eleven weeks old, was found semi-conscious in a field. Upon arrival at the sanctuary, Jasmine cuddled up to her to keep her warm, and then went into the full foster-mum role. Jasmine the greyhound showers Bramble the roe deer with affection, and makes sure nothing is matted.

"They are inseparable," says Geoff. "Bramble walks between her legs, and they keep kissing each other. They walk together round the sanctuary. It's a real treat to see them."

Jasmine will continue to care for Bramble until she is old enough to be returned to woodland life. When that happens, Jasmine will not be lonely. She will be too busy showering love and affection on the next orphan or victim of abuse.







Pictured from the left are: “Toby”, a stray Lakeland dog; “Bramble”, orphaned roe deer; “Buster”, a stray Jack Russell; a dumped rabbit; “Sky”, an injured barn owl; and “Jasmine”, with a mother’s heart doing best what a caring mother would do...and such is the order of God’s Creation.

And, just in case you wondered, Snopes.com <<http://snopes.com/>> has verified the truth of this wonderful story and the reality of these photographs which accompany the story.



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## Entente Cordial

### English & French Clubs Enjoy a Wonderful Twinning Experience



French IRO Remy Senicourt & UK IRO Dave Campbell



The English group of visitors to France on steps of the town hall



The day finished with a few drinks before returning to the ferry for the return trip. This year there have been a number of clubs in the UK that have found twin clubs overseas. We in Great Britain are actively working with IROs in other countries to encourage these types of meetings which can be great fun and ultimately lead to long term twinning.

**Dave Campbell**  
IRO Great Britain & Ireland  
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Following the success of last year's joint meeting onboard a cross channel ferry, UK 41 club Region 25 reunited with their French friends from Region 1 France on 18th February 2012. This time, the meeting was held in a Calais restaurant and was attended by over 60 people.

During the formal part of the meeting, speeches were made and banners exchanged, after which a superb meal was enjoyed by all present. There then followed a short walk to the historic Calais Town Hall where the group were given a guided tour of the building.



Hotel de Ville, Calais (Town Hall)

"I understand that over twenty four 41 club members and their partners from the UK are going to the International AGM in Chennai - can any other country beat this"????



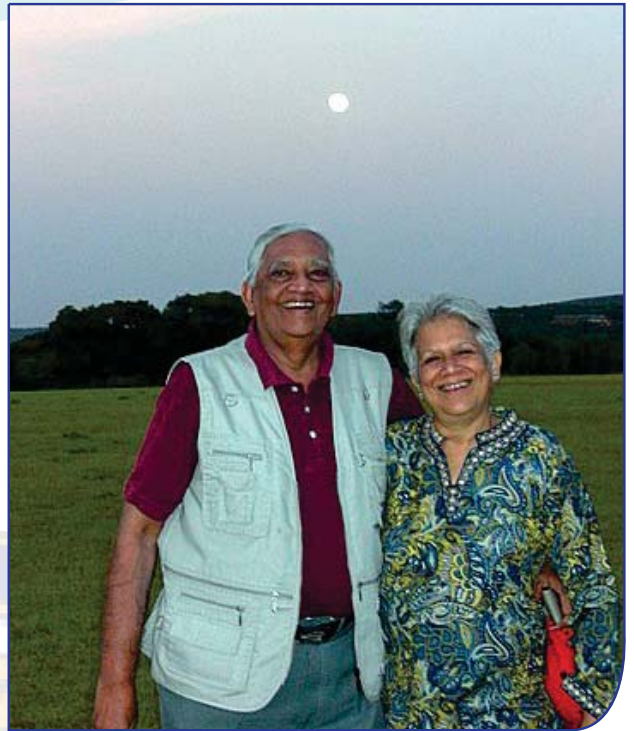
## The 41 Song

41er Dipak Shah from 41 Club no. 3, Mumbai, enjoys playing the guitar and singing popular retro songs. He livens up every party with his music which has made him very popular.

Dipak is well known for having composed the Round Table India Song in 1970 when he was a Tabler with Bombay West Round Table #6.

The song was adopted by WOCO at the Hamburg Conference in 1976.

He has now composed a special 41 song which he will be singing at the International AGM in Chennai in April 2012.



41er Dipak with his wife Usha

A long long time ago, we met together so  
Formed the Round Table... stayed close to make it stable  
Been so close...heart to heart, never to drift apart  
Happy days with tuffy days, worked so hard in many ways  
But that my friends, after all these years, was not so long ago

#2

We formed the Forty One, together till our days are done  
Across so many lands...we linked international hands;  
Bonds of friendship, bonds of peace ...Ushering, days of ease  
Till the day we turn to dust –

‘May the Hinges of Friendship never rust’

‘May the Hinges of Friendship never rust’

#3

So together, we grow...and together we glow  
Till the day is done, You-son-of-a gun, till life is fun-  
Let’s FLY together, let’s YAP together, entwined as one  
Forty One, Forty one, Forty One  
Forty One, Forty one, Forty One

Lyrics: Tony Mittal, Jai Rao & Dipak Shah

Music: Jai Rao & Dipak Shah

Sung By: Dipak Shah

# Welcome to 41ers - Destination Tampere!



With a population of well over 200,000, Tampere is the largest inland city in the Nordic countries. Tampere is also one of the most active Old Tablers' cities in Finland.

Founded in 1779 on the banks of the Tammerkoski Rapids, Tampere evolved into the most highly industrialised locality in Finland during the 19th century. Thanks to the new city planning, former industrial areas such as Finlayson and Tampella are alive again: cafés, restaurants, shops, cinemas, museums and galleries have found locations there. Nowadays Tampere is a high end technology center with education, research, and tech companies: i.e. Nokia R&D activities are concentrated in Tampere.

NY Times: The 45 places to go in 2012: 1) Panama 2) Helsinki and it's only 90 minutes away from Tampere!

(Reference: <http://travel.nytimes.com/2012/01/08/travel/45-places-to-go-in-2012.html?pagewanted=all>)

## Welcome!

There is a lot to see in Tampere: original Finnish architecture, breathtaking lake sceneries, magnificent glacial ridges, beautiful parks and lush forests next to the city centre - and what could be better than a lake cruise on a beautiful summer's day? See yourself at <http://www.visittampere.fi/> Not to mention the incredible companionship of Old Tablers. So why waste any more time, just start booking!

The 41 International Half Year Meeting Organization Committee has been working to make your stay complete.

## Official Program: (as it is now)

### Friday 31st of August 2012

- Get2gether Party. Theme: Glitter (Live Band)

### Saturday 1st of September 2012

- Official Half Year Meeting (and at the same time Area III Euromeeeting)
- More details about AREA III Euromeeeting : Mr. Aki Viilo, email: [akiu.viilo@gmail.com](mailto:akiu.viilo@gmail.com) or GSM +358 44 501 2160
- Ladies' Program
- Gala Dinner (Live Band)

### Sunday 2nd of September 2012

- Farewell Brunch



## Accommodation

To book the hotel room from official conference hotel:

Sokos Hotel Ilves

Tel. +358 20 1234 631

Fax +358 3 5698 6263

Email [ilves.tampere@sokoshotels.fi](mailto:ilves.tampere@sokoshotels.fi)

Prices:

- Double room: 123 € / night
- Single room: 113 € / night

Use the reservation code for special price: HYM120830



## Sokos Hotel Ilves

19 stories high, Sokos Hotel Ilves is a prominent landmark in Tampere. Classy Sokos Hotel Ilves is located at the bank of Tammerkoski, in the heart of town, close to all services and the lively cultural life and night life. The modern rooms offer modern luxury amenities. The hotel comprises 6 different restaurants (all non-smoking): Amarillo, Fransmanni, Masuuni, BallRoom, Pub Ukko Nooa and Ilves Bar & Night. The meeting facilities accommodate up to 300 people.

Restaurant Amarillo and Pub Ukko Nooa will be closed for renovation starting from December 18, 2011. Restaurant Amarillo will reopen at the end of January 2012 and Pub Ukko Nooa in February 2012.

### Registration fees (full program):

- - Early Birds (before 30th of April 2012) 199 €
- - Late Birds (until 31st of July 2012) 259 €
- - On site (can't guarantee hotel room) 350 €

## The Lamb Lunchtime Club - LONDON

**W**e held our 26th Anniversary meeting at The Lamb on 14th March 2012 followed by lunch at Loch Fyne both in Leaden Hall Market, London EC3.

There were 30 of us who met at The Lamb and 28 of us dined afterwards.

Who are we?

We have been meeting at the same venue since 12th March 1986 when it was decided to have a central meeting venue for the Round Table Family. In that time 3608 have attended at an average of 12 each meeting. I know this because we have an attendance book which we all sign. We also met at other London venues prior to this time.

It is open to Round Tablers, 41ers, Ladies Circlers and Tangent members. There are no rules - just turn up and meet like minded people. Friends are welcome. They do a good pint and very nice sandwiches. Occasionally we dine locally especially at Christmas and for our Anniversary.

Anyone who is in London on the second Wednesday of any month is welcome to pop in and join us. We meet in the basement bar anytime after 1230hrs and stay for as long as we can (work permitting!!) Please wear your badge.

My question to you is do you have similar meeting venues in your country? If so, please send me the details. If not, why not?

Please also let me know if you have attended The Lamb before and now live outside the UK.

Look forward to meeting you next time you are in London.

Yours in Friendship

**Dave Leon**  
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41'er Vereniging van Suider-Afrika

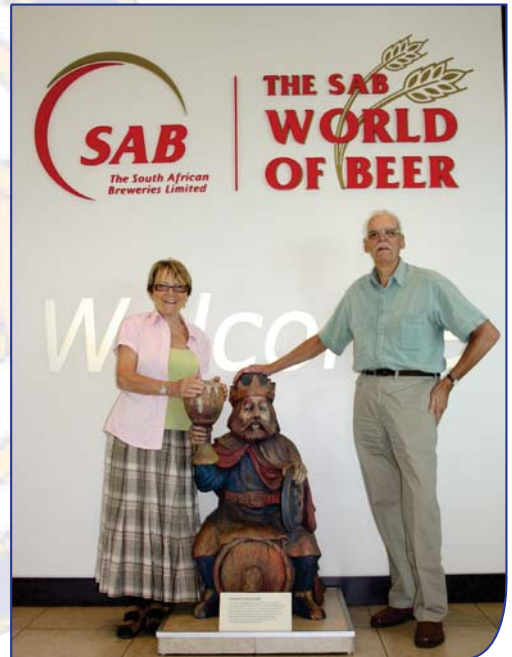
## South African 41 Clubs Embrace Friendship

Hello Fellow 41'ers,

Things in the 41'ers Association of Southern Africa are going really well. Many of our 41'ers are enjoying their Table 'retirement' tremendously by means of socialising through Open Houses and many other social activities. Our AGM in 2011 was a huge success with a total of 55 International delegates attending the President's Banquet including the International President, Jean-Louis and Round Tablers.



Enjoying a drink with Bruce & Philip



Alan & Rosemary on the pre-tour in South Africa



Great fellowship in Bloemfontein



The 3 musketeers





Alan & Rosemary in the Sterfontein Caves



Jean Louis & Pascale at our AGM in 2011



YAPs with sponsors

that was held in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

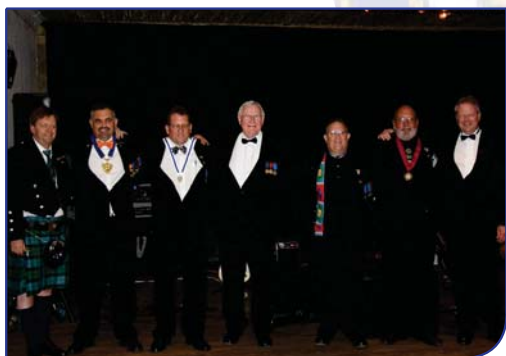
We are now busy preparing for the outgoing YAP tours to Belgium, Germany and India with youngsters already applying. **I believe that the YAP programme is one of the best programmes to come out of the 41 Club International. It educates youngsters on what Table and 41 Clubs do across the world and gives them invaluable insight into the cultures of other countries. It allows them the opportunity to travel internationally at a lower cost than normal as they are all home hosted by 41'ers.**

We had our first Executive meeting at the end of November 2011 so that planning for the new year could commence. I am happy to say that we are well ahead of our plans with quite a number of members ready to join our Association. We have furthermore updated our website with new and exciting items on our regalia page. Our newsletter goes out on a monthly basis and is well received; to subscribe go to [www.41ers.co.za](http://www.41ers.co.za)

We have successfully hosted the YAP tour last year with the YAPPERS taking part in 2 tours, 1 inland and 1 coastal along Kwazulu Natal. Both tours ended at our National AGM



2011 HYM in Italy



Council 2012

We have started a more active approach to **communicating with Round Table** Southern Africa and have started posting articles in the Inkundla magazine. I believe it is very important for us to forge even stronger relations with Round Table **as they are our future.** We have managed to help them understand that while they are our future we too are theirs and that our knowledge of Round Table should never be lost. After all the strength of many Associations and/or clubs lies in its values and traditions and no other club has greater values and traditions than Round Table and the 41 Clubs.

In our 41'ers Association we have taken the initiative that only we are to blame if our Association decreases in numbers. We can look elsewhere for members or blame the declining economy or even that we do not have the time anymore but having said that, we are the ones to blame. The Association is only as strong as its leaders and members and cannot be stronger. The decisions we make will

affect the Association for the rest of its being. Look at what happened when Round Table decided to change the age limit to 45. In many Associations across the world, it did not work. By doing that they also affected the 41'ers Association as those guys would now take much longer to join. We need to think very carefully about the decisions we make and try our best not to allow them to be emotionally or 'politically' driven.

Anyway in closing, remember why you became a Tabler and a 41'er and everything else will fall into place. I look forward to seeing you all in Chennai and later in the year at our National AGM in Somerset West, Cape Town South Africa!

**Remember to have fun, enjoy life and embrace the friendships you have around you!**

Regards,

**Bruce McKay**

**National President**

**41'ers Association of Southern Africa**

[brucemck@intekom.co.za](mailto:brucemck@intekom.co.za)



## Association of 41 Club of Cyprus Annual General Meeting 2012



**Anogyra Village - Limassol**  
**29 June - 01 July 2012**

### Registration Form

Surname: ..... Name: .....  
Accompanied by: ..... Club No: .....  
Tel.: ..... E-mail: .....

Events	No of persons		
Friday Taverna Night in Limassol .....	( ) .....	€30	.....
Saturday Lunch in Limassol .....	( ) .....	€25	.....
Saturday AGM in Anogyra Village .....	( ) .....	€5	.....
Saturday Gala Dinner in Anogyra Village .....	( ) .....	€35	.....
Sunday Lunch in Limassol .....	( ) .....	€35	.....

#### Accommodation at **Kanika Elias Beach Hotel** (4 star, [www.kanikahotels.com](http://www.kanikahotels.com))

For logistic reasons and convenience accommodation is offered in Limassol, where we have secured the following rates:

Double Room Inland View	Bed & Breakfast	€54.00	per person/per night
Single Room Inland View	Bed & Breakfast	€89.00	per person/per night
Double Room Sea View	Bed & Breakfast	€68.00	per person/per night
Single Room Sea View	Bed & Breakfast	€103.00	per person/per night

Reservations for accommodation at the hotel must be made through **ML Smart Events**,  
Tel.: +357 25355480, E-mail: [smartevents@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:smartevents@cytanet.com.cy)



Astra Car Rental are offering a 30% discount from the daily rate for members attending the AGM. Cars can be provided at both international airports on a 24hr basis or they offer free delivery/collection from any hotel in Cyprus.  
Please reserve in advance: Email: [reserve@astragroup.com.cy](mailto:reserve@astragroup.com.cy)  
Tel.: +357 22 558 242, 22 558 227

*N.B.: The owner of Astra Car Rental is a member of the 41 Club*





## Traditionally Simple, full of fun, Friendship and Enjoyment

Once again we venture back to our roots, celebrating our AGM in the beautiful village of Anogyra.

Anogyra is situated halfway between Limassol and Paphos and it is only a 30 minute drive from Limassol.



A small winding lane leading westwards from Avdimou village takes you to Anogyra village. The journey takes you past deeply cut ravines and gnarled carob and olive trees and as the road swings upwards, in a steep bend, you are rewarded with the stunning view towards the Episkopi coast. You are some 500m above the sea level and only 8 km from the blue sea.

Around the next bend you come to the village's spring, named "Apikreni", which means not bitter. It is the most romantic monument in Anogyra. Recently cleaned and restored, its cool and refreshing water once served as a grateful resting point for a traveler venturing up the winding road to Anogyra. Local tradition says that whoever drinks water from this spring will forever remain a resident of Anogyra (get married there) care for a drink?

### PROGRAMME

**FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2012**

20.00 - 24.00

**Taverna Night in Limassol**

**SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2012**

16.00 - 19.00

**AGM in Anogyra Village**

(Refreshments and village delicacies will be offered)

Tour of the village for Accompanying Persons

**Gala Dinner in a Village Taverna**

Cyprus Meze including unlimited local drinks

(Exchange of Jewels)

Entertainment programme

20.00 - 24.00

**SUNDAY 01 JULY 2012**

08.30 - 10.30

**Breakfast**

13.00 - 15.00

**Lunch in a Fish Taverna**

*It is with a heavy heart that we received the sad news that three of our 41ers had passed away over the past year. While we shall miss their presence, we reach out to their families with our condolences. May their souls rest in peace.*

**Old Tablers Deutschland**  
**In mourning of our friend**



**Gunnar Stumpf**  
**(1968 – 2011)**

Gunnar was president of RT 107 Celle in 2006/2007, where he was instrumental in driving the Table. He was also the key in setting up and running the PR work at RT 107 Celle. He contributed with his IT knowledge significantly to this work.

After joining OT 33 Celle he took on the challenge of the role of webmaster in 2009/2010 for 41 International.

With Gunnar we lose a very active and determined Tabler. His death took us all by surprise and makes us think. We all join the sorrow of his wife Indra, both his small children and his father Otto.

We will keep the memory of Gunnar as a good old Tabler friend.

**Raphael Herbig**  
**President OTD 2011/2012**

**Remembering Jari Kukkonen**

Dear Friends!

I am sad to tell you that Jari Kukkonen, former president of Old Tablers Suomi Finland and IRO (a member who never had the possibility yet to attend the Stomach meetings), passed away on the evening of 20th January 2012 after a rather long period of being in hospital.

Those who knew Jari remember him as a wonderful and cheerful gentleman around whom there never was a dull moment, a true Tabler always helping others and sometimes also needing help while visiting AGMs abroad. Please raise a glass in the memory of Jari tonight wherever you are.

Yours in Friendship

**MYSNR**  
**Matti Hintala**  
matti@hltech.fi



## In memory of William Henderson



William Henderson, Ex-Chairman 41 Club Dubai, (known by his friends as Will) passed away on 8th August 2011 in Dubai and is survived by his much loved family, wife Jane and children Lucy, Ruth, Struan and Joy.

Will started his career in the Marine Industry as an Engineer Cadet with BP 47 years ago. In his 17 years working from the UK he moved through the ranks with BP and Denhams Ship Management, until he travelled to the desert and gambled on moving his career and young family to start an exciting new chapter in their lives.

30 years after making that move, he had established himself as a reputed and respected Global business owner - founding Henderson International LLC, giving his wife and four children a life some would envy and proudly keeping his strong accent, being the true Scotsman he was.

His love for all things nautical, his jovial sense of humour and his belief in other people's abilities made him a cherished family man, honourable boss, respected and loved friend, and someone all people enjoyed to share a tippie or two with, along with a good story. With these qualities, it is a certainty that he will be sorely missed at all future family gatherings, dinner parties and at the 41 Club table.

**Lucy Henderson (Will's daughter)**  
**With inputs from Graham Porter**  
**Chairman 41 Club Dubai**  
bin\_porter@hotmail.com

*RIP Friends - Ed.*

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## Quotable quotes

"The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible." George Burns

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year." Victor Borge

"By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher." Socrates

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury." Groucho Marx

"My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe." Jimmy Durante

"I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back." Zsa Zsa Gabor

"Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat." Alex Levine

"My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying." Rodney Dangerfield

"Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP." Joe Namath

"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap." Bob Hope

"I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it." W. C. Fields

"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." Will Rogers

"Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you." Winston Churchill

"Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty... But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out." Phyllis Diller

"By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere." Billy Crystal

And the cardiologist's diet: "If it tastes good spit it out."



Dear Friends,

**W**e are waiting for you in Modena, country of motors and warm welcome, next 1-3 June 2012.

During our AGM Italy we will be able to combine formal events and friendly get-togethers.

We will offer you the opportunity to experience a "Gala Dinner" in "M.E.F." (Museum Enzo Ferrari) just inaugurated for your arrival.

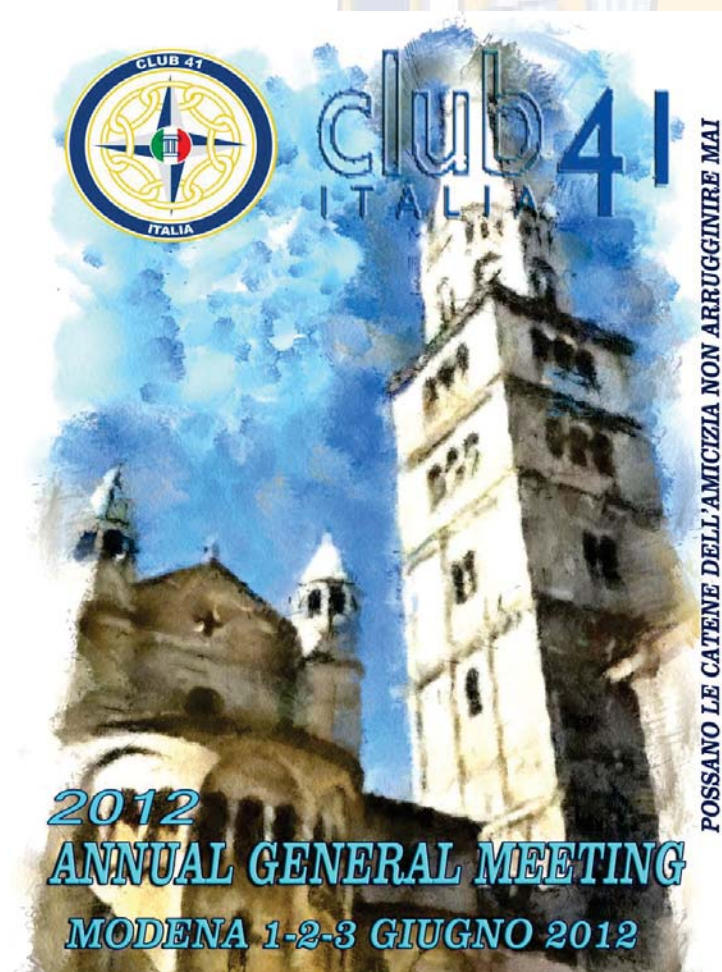
As Enzo Ferrari used to say, "What we dream can be done". We have realised this dream for our AGM.

See you soon in Modena.

**In Friendship**

**Paolo Pisani**

Together with Club 41 Modena



#### **HOTEL**

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**PRENOTAZIONI ON LINE: [WWW.CLUB41ITALIA.ORG](http://WWW.CLUB41ITALIA.ORG)**





## PROGRAMMA PROGRAM

**Venerdì 1 Giugno 2012**  
**Friday 1st June 2012**

17.00      Registrazione (Presso Hotel Canalgrande)  
5.00 pm    Registration (At Hotel Canalgrande))

20.00      Get together: "Hosteria Vecchia Pirri" € 40.00  
8.00 pm    Get together: "Hosteria Vecchia Pirri" € 40.00  
(Via Prampolini 8 Modena)

**Sabato 2 Giugno 2012**  
**Saturday 2st June 2012**

9.30      A.G.M. "Teatro Fondazione San Carlo"  
9.30 am    A.G.M. "Teatro Fondazione San Carlo"  
(Via San Carlo,5)

10.30      "Modena Tour"  
10.30 am    "Modena Tour"

13.00      Pranzo (Ristorante "La Secchia Rapita") € 40.00  
1.00 pm    Lunch (Ristorante "La Secchia Rapita") € 40.00  
(Corso Canalgrande, 4 - tf 059.4270743)

14.00      "Banner Exchange" Ristorante "La Secchia Rapita"  
2.00 pm    "Banner Exchange" Ristorante "La Secchia Rapita"

15.00      A.G.M. "Teatro Fondazione San Carlo"  
3.00 pm    A.G.M. "Teatro Fondazione San Carlo"

15.00      Visita Guidata "Abbazia di Nonantola"  
3.00 pm    Tour "Abbazia Nonantola"

20.00      Cena di Gala (Museo Casa Enzo Ferrari) € 80.00  
8.00 pm    Gala Dinner (Museo Casa Enzo Ferrari) € 80.00  
(Via Paolo Ferrari, Modena)  
  
(Formal Dress / Black Tie)

**Domenica 3 Giugno 2012**  
**Sunday 3rd June 2012**

10.30      Farewell Brunch € 15.00  
10.30 pm    Farewell Brunch € 15.00  
(Hotel Canalgrande)

Prenotazioni on line: [www.club41italia.org](http://www.club41italia.org)

**COSTO TOTALE MANIFESTAZIONE €160.00 (entro 2maggio 2012)**  
**TOTAL COST OF THE EVENT €160.00 (before 2st May 2012)**

**Dopo il 2 maggio 2012 € 175.00**  
**After 2st May 2012 € 175.00**

### **Why do I have a variety of friends who are all different in character? Some of them have obvious flaws, but then, so do I. How do I get along with them all?**

I think that each one helps to bring out a "different" part of me...

With one of them I am polite and as refined as I can manage. I joke a lot with another. I talk about serious matters with one. With another I laugh a lot. I share a glass of wine with one, and dance on occasion with another. I listen to one friend's problems and give them advice, and then I listen to another advising me.

They are all like pieces of a jigsaw. When completed they form a treasure box. A treasure of friends!

They are my friends who understand me better than I myself do, who support me through good days and bad days. They are the anti-depressants that I need to make it through life.

Doctors tell us that friends are good for our health. Dr. Oz calls them Vitamin F (for Friends) and recounts the many benefits of friends to our well-being.

Research shows that people in strong social circles have less risk of depression and terminal strokes. The warmth of friendship reduces stress and can decrease your risk of cardiac arrest or stroke.

If you take Vitamin F constantly you can be a lot younger than your physical age.

We should all value our friends and keep in touch with them.

Voila to Friendship - 41 ing.

## Tangent India – Cherishing Friendship



The 3rd AGM of Tangent India was held on 17th September, 2011 at New Delhi. It was indeed a momentous occasion for me when my predecessor Reeti Roy handed over the collarette to me. I felt honoured and humbled as I shouldered the responsibility of carrying the flag of this wonderful organisation, Tangent India. My new team is:

Vice President	Mini Kar	Club No.8, Bhubaneswar
Secretary	Pawan Jain	Club No.2, Delhi
Treasurer	Mamta Bhargava	Club No.3, Delhi
IPP	Reeti Roy	Club No. 6, Kolkata

After the formal proceedings of the AGM, members of host clubs of New Delhi presented a cultural programme which included a medley of songs and 'Giddha'—a vibrant dance from the state of Punjab in North India. Tangent members, dressed in typical colourful costumes with matching bangles and jewellery, their vigorous dancing steps in synchronisation with the beats of Punjabi folk songs enthralled all the guests. It only proved that age is no barrier if you are young at heart.

Then followed interesting games and prizes and, of course, a talk by a fitness expert. It was indeed a fun filled day, which bonded the Tangent members very well.

Having started in 2006, Tangent India now has 145 proud members from 10 clubs. The focus this year is to induct more members, add a few more clubs from various parts of the country and strengthen existing clubs. It would be wonderful if more and more past circlers and 41ers' wives join us in our efforts of extension. I am confident that they will find Tangent India a vibrant forum to 'Cherish Friendship' which is my theme for the year.

The next AGM of Tangent India is on 22nd September, 2012 at Coimbatore, South India. I take this opportunity to invite Tangent members to come in large numbers and enjoy Indian hospitality. We will have a great time together. Do write back about your plans and we shall be there to greet you.

**Aruna Ummat**

**President, Tangent India**

arunaummat@gmail.com

### Talk about a SENIOR moment!!!

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our club, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically I headed for the parking lot. My wife, Marnie, has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the club, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately call the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. I always call her "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard Marnie's voice, "Gary," she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

Marnie retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"



# Welcome to Old Tablers Germany AGM 2012

## Celle 4th – 6th May 2012



Old Table - OT 33, OT 107, OT 207 - Celle is organising the AGM 2012 from 4th to 6th May, 2012 at Celle. It will be great to welcome you during this big event in the beautiful city of Celle! For sure, it will be a wonderful weekend in friendship filled with lots of fun!

### Program Teaser

#### **Friday, May 04th, 2012:**

from 03.00 pm – 06.00pm Registration at Congress-Union, Celle – opposite of “Hotel Fuerstenhof”  
from 06.00 pm Welcome at the castle of Celle

#### **Saturday, May 05th, 2012:**

09.00 am Delegates’ meeting at Congress-Union in “Celler Saal”, Celle, opposite of “Hotel Fuerstenhof”  
09.30 am – 01:00 pm Program for international guests and non-delegates: Meeting point Congress-Union  
01.00 pm Lunch (optional): Congress-Union – at Thaers Pub. German hotpot (self paying) 5.00 €  
03.00 pm Private coffee parties: this is a special thing in Celle and has long tabler history  
06.30 pm President’s Cocktail reception & Banner-Exchange (invited guests only)  
07.30 pm Gala evening including dinner and Charter OT 207 at Congress-Union

#### **Sunday, May 06th, 2012**

10.00 am Farewell at Art-Museum. Time to say “good bye”, finger-food and drinks. Breakfast to be taken before at your hotels.

### **Register Online at [www.otd-agm2012.de](http://www.otd-agm2012.de)**

and get a special price for early booking **until 31st January 2012 registration fee 149,- € / person, from 1st February 169,- € / person.**

You will find a translation of the information and the registration on the website in English!

**Attention: For international guests - we recommend you book the “Hotel Fuerstenhof”, as it is directly opposite of the Congress-Union, where nearly all events are happening!**

***So hurry up with your registration! Your friends are looking forward to meet you and have fun together!***

***See you in Celle!***

## Getting YAPs ready for 2012

Dear Friends,

On 28th January we had our annual Yap-Convenor meeting in Bergheim/Germany where we finalised the programme for all YAP tours in 2012. Also this year we have on offer 6 tours to India, Europe and South Africa, which are published in this edition of "The Hinge".

As you may already know, all tours are organized by the YAP-Exchange-Association. We have installed a special homepage [www.YAP-Famex.de](http://www.YAP-Famex.de), where you can find all the necessary information which you should know if you would like to send one of your youngsters on a YAP-Tour. There you will also find a list of all national Convenors which will help you if you need further information.

Your children should be between the ages of 18 and 25 and be able to be a true ambassador of your country. The main focus is that the young people should be open to learn and understand the culture and daily life of the hosting country. The tourist's point of view should stay in the background. More important is the personal contact between the YAP and the hosting family.

The "tour fee" may differ from tour to tour. These costs are necessary to pay the internal transport from club to club. The "administration fee" (50 € per person) is needed to finance the costs of the office, insurance, bank account etc.

We all hope that you make use of this fantastic chance that "YAP" gives to our young people. They will learn more about other cultures and foreign nations than any other tourist trip can offer them.

Kind regards,

**Ulver Oswald**

**International YAP Convenor**

[oswald.BM@t-online.de](mailto:oswald.BM@t-online.de)

YAP-Tour to	Duration days	Start End	Seats	Tour fee	Admin. Fee 50, € p.P.	Hosting Nation	Invited Nation
Europe (North)	27 d	1st May - 27th May	10 seats	600,- €	50,- €	Denmark 1st May - 7th May	India
Copenhagen Arrival						Germany 7th May - 13th May	
						Belgium 13th May - 20th May	
Paris Departure						France 20th May - 27th May	
Europe (South)	30 d	17th May - 14th June	10 seats	600,- €	50,- €		
Vienna (Arrival)						Austria 17th May - 26th May	India
						Germany 26th May - 4th June	
Paris (Departure)						France 4th June - 13th June	
Europe	19 d	23rd June - 14th July	10 seats	0,- €	50,- €		South Africa
Frankfurt (Arrival)						Germany 23rd June - 4th July	
Brussels (Departure)						Belgium 4th July - 14th July	
India (North)	29 d	14th July - 11th August	12 seats	650,- €	50,- €	India	Europe
Delhi (Arrival)							
Kolkata (Departure)							
India (South)	27 d	25th July - 20th August	12 seats	625,- €	50,- €	India	Europe
Bangalore (Arrival)							South Africa
Chennai (Departure)							
South Africa	15 d	26th Aug. - 9th Sept.	10 Seats	625,- €	50,- €	South Africa	Austria
Johannesburg (Arrival)							Belgium
Kruger NP							France
Polokwane							Denmark
Pretoria							Germany
Bloemfontein							India
Kimberly							
Cape Town (Departure)							
(AGM Sumerset West)							



## YAP Tours from India to Europe & South Africa



**YAP EUROPE NORTH TOUR**

Place	From	To
Denmark	May 1	May 7
Germany	May 7	May 13
Belgium	May 13	May 20
France	May 20	May 27

Few more seats are available. Contact Shiv Karnani, YAP Convenor North, [shivkarnani@gmail.com](mailto:shivkarnani@gmail.com), +919831003564



**YAP SOUTH AFRICA TOUR**

Place	From	To
Capetown	August 26	
Johannesburg		September 9

No more seats are available.



**YAP EUROPE SOUTH TOUR**

Place	From	To
Austria	May 17	May 26
Germany	May 26	June 4
France	June 4	June 13

Few more seats are available. Contact Suresh Kanagasabai, YAP Convenor South, [suresh@arasappliances.com](mailto:suresh@arasappliances.com), +919894311365



## Just another look at how views change over time!!!

A group of 40 year old buddies discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waitresses there had low cut blouses and were very young.

Ten years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was better than most places and the wine selection was extensive.

Ten years later, when they were 60, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, at 70, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and they even had an elevator.

Ten years later, when they had turned 80, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before!

# Consecrated Events of the Romanian 41 Club

## AGM (30.09.2011 - 02.10. 2011) at CAMPULUNG MUSCEL - ARGES County



The Annual General Meeting of the Romanian 41 Club took place in Campulung Muscel and was organised by the local Club no.5, the Convenor being Aurel Jianu. More than half of the members enlisted in the Directory participated at the meeting, it being the necessary quorum. The meeting took place in the City Hall of Campulung Muscel.

Ionel Moldovan, the National President, opened the meeting. The delegates from 41 foreign clubs were present as follows: Heinz Bubik – NS, Club 41 Austria, David Illingworth - 41 International Treasurer, Denis Beck - 41 International Secretary, Remy Senicourt – IRO, Club 41 France, Giuseppe Giacomelli – IRO, Club 41 Italy and Frank Rehnhardt - National Secretary, OT Germany.

All the points in the agenda were covered except for two, which were to be discussed at the Extraordinary General Assembly in February 2012. The pre-tour took place in the Arges County, where a series of monuments were visited. The highlight was the Banner Exchange, which opened the Gala Dinner that took place at the restaurant Ciobanasul in Campulung (photograph above).

### Romanian 41 Club AGE and Pig's alms /Pomana Porcului (February 24-26, 2012)

The Extraordinary General Meeting too was held in the Campulung Muscel City Hall. The two remaining points on the AGM agenda were discussed. The choice of this place was due to the 9th edition of the consecrated festival called "Pomana Porcului". This is a Romanian tradition. Whenever Romanians kill a pig in their household, they invite their best friends to share the meal without paying. But unluckily this rule did not work at all here. Domenico Vinnicola, an ambassador of Ascoli Maial Fest - Italy was our special guest. You can have a look at the pictures from this event.



41ers at the start of the EGM



National Board at Work – EGM 2012

### Christmas Celebration organised by the Members of Round Table Brasov no.1 (December 26, 2011)



Santa Claus with Izabela Moldova, Alexandra Moldovan & Mariana Souza



Quatalagor children of Brasov – Christmas celebrations



Round Table Brasov no. 1 singing at the Christmas celebration

The pictures speak for themselves but I would like to add some lines. Round Table no. 1, represented by its Convenor, President Bogdan Negut, organised this moment with the participation of the members of Quatalagor Brasov no. 1 and their children. The place where the event took place is in the middle of the town and it is called AHA. The participants enjoyed listening to lovely Christmas Carols. While the members of the choir were singing, Santa Claus entered the room impressing both children and adults with his white beard, clothing and presents. Santa Claus



invited all the children to take their gifts and sing a song or recite a poem. The members of the Round Table no. 1 sang a carol and invited Santa Claus to come to their party next year too at the place and hour where he would be invited by the members of Ladies Circle Brasov no.1.

Santa promised to return. Not only did the children enjoy this meeting but so did the adults who had a snack and a glass of champagne to welcome the coming New Year.



Quatalagor members at Dinner Time

**End of Winter at “Cabana Postavarul”/ “Postavarul chalet” managed by Ionel Olosz - Convenor & Ioan Tataru, President, both belonging to Brasov 41 Club no.1 (March 3rd - 4th, 2012)**



The group ready to climb up to Postavarul Mountain



Who wants to dance with Gheorghe Floroi?

**CRAIOVA, Sarbatoarea Prazului si a Micro revelionului /The Leek Festival and the Micro New Year's Eve – December 27th 2011 organised by Club 41 Craiova no. 4.**



41ers from Craiova, Slatina & Turnu Severin at Sarbatoarea prazului Microrevelion on 27th December 2011



Santa with an oversized baby! – Catalin Banica sings as Eugen Boruga, National President and Gigel Albu, President Craiova look on

The party started at 7 pm in a fancy restaurant. A lot of people participated in this event, amongst who were Gheorghe and Carmen Floroi from Club 41 Brasov no.1, clubs 41 Turnu Severin no.2, Slatina no.8 and Craiova no. 9. The meeting was opened by Stefan Gigel Albu, the president of Club 41 Craiova no. 4. After the first course, Eugen Boruga, the National President of Romanian 41 Club delivered his speech. After finishing it, he invited Santa Claus to give a present to each member of the club. Each member said a few words, addressed their best wishes to the others for the coming New Year and told us jokes. The party was great and finished at 1 am. Everybody appreciated the food, the wine and atmosphere. The music and dances enhanced the quality of the evening. Should someone invite us next year too to such a party, we will not miss it under any circumstances!

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## 41 International Calendar - April 2012 – October 2013

<b>April 2012</b>			
20th – 22nd	41 International	AGM	Chennai, India
27th – 29th	GB & I	AGM	Jersey
<b>May</b>			
04th – 06th	Germany	AGM	Celle
11th – 13th	Iceland	AGM	Akureyri
27th	New Zealand	AGM	Australia
<b>June</b>			
1st – 3rd	Italy	AGM	Modena
2nd	Sweden	AGM	Borgholm
15th – 17th	Romania France	AGM	Vannes
22nd – 24th	Norway	AGM	Kristiansund
22nd – 24th	Austria	AGM	Tamsweg/Lungau
30th June - 1st July	Cyprus	AGM	Anogyra Village – Limasol
<b>September 2012</b>			
31 August – 02 September	41 International	AGM HYM International	Tampere, Finland
07th – 09th	South Africa	AGM	Cape Town
13th – 16th	Romania	AGM	Turnu Severin
21st – 23rd	India	AGM	Coimbatore
28th – 30th	RT International	AGM	Hyderabad, India
<b>October 2012</b>			
05th – 07th	Belgium	AGM	Wetteren
05th – 07th	Germany	HYM	Rheingau
12th – 14th	Spain	20th Iberian Cluster	Calpe Rocks
19th – 21st	Switzerland	AGM	Lugano
<b>April 2013</b>			
11th – 16th	GB & I	AGM	Llandudno, North Wales
25th – 28th April	41 International	AGM	Interlaken, Switzerland
<b>October 2013</b>			
4th – 6th	Belgium	AGM	Liège

### The Arrogance of Authority

A DEA officer stopped at a ranch in Texas, and talked with an old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for illegally grown drugs."

The rancher said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there.....", as he pointed out the location.

The DEA officer verbally exploded saying, "Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me!"

Reaching into his rear pants pocket, he removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the rancher. "See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land!! No questions asked or answers given!! Have I made myself clear.....do you understand?!!"

The rancher nodded politely, apologised, and went about his chores.

A short time later, the old rancher heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the DEA officer running for his life, being chased by the rancher's big Santa Gertrudis bull.....With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd sure enough get gored before he reached safety. The officer was clearly terrified.

The rancher threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs..... (I just love this part....)

"Your badge, show him your BADGE...!"





## The Last Word (The Last One)

Three years is a long time to be pushing a printed/web version of *The Hinge*, though Bob Parton, my predecessor, may have his own views. In hind sight I am glad I did it.

For it gave me an opportunity to interact at the International level by asking lots of Presidents, YAP convenors, webmasters, editors and IROs to communicate with me.

Sometimes it also took me to the Round table, Tangent and Agora Presidents, bowl in hand, to ask for contributions. I must confess, I was never disappointed and they gave plentiful.

I take a bow to all of them.

During the last three years, *The Hinge* has evolved from a 20 pager to a 36 pager. I am very proud that I have been able to carry on the good work started by Bob Parton. In spite of *The Hinge* not being a hard copy, I am happy that we have been able to produce a jumbo issue as promised in the last issue of *The Hinge*.



I believe that sooner or later we will go back to both the printed and web edition of *The Hinge*. The print version may appear quaint, yet it is the need of the hour, at least presently.

In this issue there is a piece from John Bellwood – an obit on the printed version of *The Hinge*. Yes, I am quite on the same page as John that there are many 41ers, from the old school and not from the iPad and Tablet generation, who want the touch and feel of the hard copy.

There is also trouble brewing in 41 on the issue of who can be a 41er. I guess Chennai is going to see a showdown of sorts and I am not particularly enthused at the spectacle of friends arguing.

I wish my successor as Editor of *The Hinge* a thumbs up and I'm sure that he will better his predecessors' efforts. Remember I will always be in the wings to support you. You can lean on me anytime.

And till we communicate again - a very warm, friendly Namaskar to all my friends.

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Cheers

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