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Greetings from the Round Table International Board of 2020-21, as the world has taken massive leap towards a COVID 19 free world, while nothing can fill the gap created by the once we have lost on in 2020, it is the resolve of the entire human race to have a better tomorrow that will set the tone for 2021.

This edition of the RTI Newsletter includes

Wonderful articles by

RTI VP Graham Cornelissen.

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GRAHAM CORNELISSEN

Dear brothers,

Recently I sat in on the annual general meeting with my local homeowners association. I quickly realised that the experience we as Tablers obtain on running a meeting is invaluable. Due to the dictatorial nature of this meeting, I sat back and thought of all that Tabling has taught me over the years as well as how this as shaped my life in general.

Tabling teaches us how to conduct ourselves in a formal meeting. Whilst many of us work in a professional setting, we do not get many opportunities to run a formal meeting. Something small like meeting structure and procedures to follow in a meeting is a great skill to learn.

As secretaries, we learn how to multitask and keep our fellow members accountable. We learn about finances and how this should be reported. We know how to approach new people and become life long friends with them.





We learn empathy when getting hands-on with those less fortunate than ourselves. We realise that money makes a difference, but that it is our time and compassion that saves lives.

We grow our networks beyond the borders of our area or country and meet people very different from ourselves. We travel locally and abroad and share in new experiences. We become global citizens.

We learn all these things when we get involved. We learn when we join meetings, when we help out on a charity day and when we stretch ourselves beyond our areas of comfort. We really do get out so much more that we put into Tabling.

None of this happens overnight, but as a rising tide, these improvements in our personal lives cannot be ignored. Before you know, you would have learned a great new skillset and would have translated this to your personal and professional life. Tabling allows us to be the best versions of ourselves.

With all these benefits as well as many others, it is clear to see that Round Table truly is the best organisation to join for any young man. It is our responsibility to go forth and share this with those gentlemen who have not yet seen the light.

Stay safe during this last month of 2020 and see you all in the new year.

Graham Cornelissen

Round Table International Vice President







Greetings brothers,

I hope this message finds all tablers and their near and dear once in good health. Finally, there is good news on the COVID 19 pandemic with vaccines being approved all over the world, and the new year brings new promises and in a way that we are more familiar with.

Past few months have been challenging for Round Table but one thing is sure, us tablers together can handle the toughest situations and work wonders.

Voice of a Tabler survey is one such example were thousands of tablers came together and created a clear picture of that the future of our organisation will look like, and trust me, brothers, it is spectacular! Social Media Training was initiated by the Pro and Branding team and again we have our enthusiastic tablers to thank for the encouraging participation.

Table Talk Shows have generated a lot of buzz and we are committed to having more shows.





Councillors Meet was attended by almost all associations and were exceptionally productive.

Each-one Bring-one is a concept initiated by Round Table International where we request all tablers to bring at least one person to our movement. This is will ensure rapid and sustained growth of Round Table. I urge all brothers to take an active part to ensure this concept is a phenomenal success.

Your Friend

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Round Table International President





ROUND TABLE BANGLADESH

Dhaka Round Table & Mymensingh Cyclist jointly arrange (COVID – 19) corona awareness cycle ride title - Stay Fit on Durant Bicycle, Sponsor Durant Bicycle. It was held today 27th November 2020 Friday at Mymensingh. Bangladesh Famous News TV Channel - SOMOY TV Report. Thanks SOMOY TV Mymensingh Chief Reporter Haronur Rashid for his cooperation.







ROUND TABLE BULGARIA

Recently, tabling in Bulgaria was all about Sofia. In October, we welcomed an old friend to our family. RT Bulgaria successfully rechartered its founding member in Sofia. The reborn RT 1 Sofia facilitated an outstanding recharter event during pandemic times. Greetings from abroad were delivered in person by fellows from RT Italy, RT Swiss and RT Romania. Part of the RTI Board and various tablers from all around the world were able to greet RT1 by video, including the Godmother club from RT 67 Antwerp. Founding members of tabling in Bulgaria came, shared their memories and gave valuable presents to the new generation of tablers in Sofia.

The story behind the recharter started 2.5 years ago with a group of four fellows and one vision. Umpteen meetings and thousands of litres of beer and wine later, in October, the club was rechartered by 10 newborn tablers. We wish our founding club and its members many more successful events, unforgeable services projects and countless hours spent together. RT 1 Sofia will start immediately its service duty aiming to take part in the Christmas Parcel Convoy 2020. The project is also supported by RT 3 Plovdiv.

We are happy to announce that even in 2020 RT 3 Plovdiv will award scholarship to outstanding talents from local universities in Plovdiv. Sadly, due to current situation Europe and Bulgaria, RT 3 decided to act responsibly and cancelled the scholarship gala, but scholarships amounting to 6000€ will be provided in person to the finalists.

RT 5 Varna is further growing and being an example for what tabling should be. During the pandemic situation their AGM was cancelled, but we can't wait for their birthday event next year.











Also, during pandemic times in the recent weeks RT Bulgaria welcomed visitors from abroad. We still claim to be among the best host in the RT International family and are more than happy to welcome fellows from abroad.









CELEBRATING The th D D ANNIVERSARY OF A CHARITY PROJECT

Georg Ots Tallinn Music College Students' Contest-concert For Round Table Estonia 5 Tallinn Nord Scholarship

Some things start very small and end up having quite an impact. None would have guessed that the small scholarship project started in 1996, would by 2020, become one of the longest standing supportive & charity tradition in Round Table Estonia and also in Estonian music landscape. The goal of this charity project is to not only provide scholarship to the most talented young students, but also to give an opportunity to practice performing to larger audience, to receive much needed feedback and assurance on this difficult path.

Most of Estonia's renown musicians have started their vocational journey from that college and many who participated in the contest since the beginning, have found here the final nudge of inspiration and audience feedback to start their successful career. The most famous of recent contestants is soul diva **Rita Ray** who received 4 nominations in Estonian Music Awards and who's song "Disco Stu" has reached BBC 2 channels with 15 million listeners since 2019!

Young promising musicians have entertained previously with various instruments and styles from A to Z. Saxophone and jazzz, piano, guitar, classical song, rhythm music and bigband, cello, opera and surprisingly even accordion! Despite what one may think of the level of performance, this is not a Sunday school church choir rehersal but a full length concert, performed by the most passionate and





skilled students in the College. Many of them perform their own creation, many perform famous titles that are well known worldwide and some create songs just for this event alone. We have experienced goosebumps from the Bodyguard movie theme "I have nothing" originally performed by Whitney Houston, jawdropping accordion-solo cover for A.Piazzolla song "Escualo", Estonian version of rock band Oasis and finally a solo artist from 2020 event who won using just voice, base guitar and a looper. Truly amazing and inspiring to our club to continue developing this tradition.

2020 winner video:

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2020 anniversary event was also a big step for us in another way. To overcome physical participation restrictions and deliver this experience to a wider audience, we introduced professional online broadcasting. This happened in cooperation with the local jazz club Philly Joe's team and their specially developed jazz music broadcasting platform - Phillyjoes.tv, which features 4K camera feed and uncompressed audio. As a result, the concert was made available online to many places around Estonia, including orphanages, nursing homes, families with special needs and mobility impairment associations. Hopefully we will be able to bring this event to an international level and share this lifting experience with fellow tablers in 2021. Adopt. Adapt. Improve!

The 25th anniversary concert will be available on-demand here: https://benedict.television.ee/2020-10-22-otsakoolikontsert.php









Viljar Vaht

Round Table 5 Tallinn NORD Estonia President 2020-2021





ROUND TABLE ESTONIA

Dear fellow Tablers, be Estonished!

The goal of this article is to give an overview of RT life in Estonia and also to win your smile and vote for the honour to organize RTI Half Year Meeting in 2023. Why HYM? Because we are a small country, but our dreams are big. Based on relative numbers of population in Estonia (1.3M) and active tablers, we seem to be travelling a lot and we are extremely happy to host tablers in our home. HYM takes place during winter times and it would be fantastic to open up to the world our hidden cold (but fun) activities. During the winter season, we definitely have the best (off the roof!) possible price-quality ratio for organizing anything we want to. Besides many other things, the Nordic winter swimming culture around 0'C is peaking amongst young people in Estonia. It's not winter 2020 if you have not shared in social media anything about going swimming and really liking it. If you want to waste the healthy and calorie burn effect of your body heating up itself, of course you can cheat in different saunas. And there will be a man beating you with a bush! Seriously. It's all about health! Even "cheers" in Estonia (terviseks) means "for health". We also say "cheers" usually with a bucket full of caviar which you taste with big scoop everyone friendly shares.







The National Shop will have special HYM theme items (towels, personal scoops, metal cups and bottles, crazy fur hats, sauna hats and a lot more). Estonians are also good at building good saunas, one of the most famous one being sold to David Beckham (ask for contact!) and we host our guests at 18+ SPA-s. Total relax! For more extremists we will have icy slippery track days. During the gala for the charity purpose we will sell one tabler's built custom RT bike in an auction.

Round Table Estonia is very well known for its hospitality to visitors and of course, we know how to host great events. In 2017, RTIWM was hosted by Round Table Estonia with an unforgettable Pre Tour and World Meeting. We also hosted the NEARTM in 2019.

RTE 30th birthday party in January 2020 was with a record breaking number of 500 guests from many different countries outside Estonia. The longest trip just for one weekend was from the USA. Due to Covid-19, it was most possibly the biggest 2020 event organised in besides the carnival in Venice. Many tablers including past RTI past president Sebastian are amazed how such a small country with 150 active tablers and 13 clubs is able to deliver so much. For example we ate 120kg of meat and consumed welcome drinks from 80 bottles of sparkling wine!

Today we are still ambitious, and would like to host the Half Year Meeting in 2023. Are you interested in HYM in Estonia and see if we can outstand the previous events we have organised? Say YES (or NO) :)







Development of Round Table Estonia in Season 2020

At the start of 2020, Round Table Estonia celebrated its 30th anniversary. Today we have around 150 active members and 13 clubs. Compared to some of the bigger associations, we might be small in numbers, but we are big at heart. Round Table Estonia has always been very true to its traditions and events. A lot of clubs have very special ways for inducting new members. For instance, play checkers with shot glasses before getting the pin. Every club always makes a long presentation on a subject that might educate brothers or be entertaining. There are even fines in clubs if the presentation is not on par or not done right. Some clubs have the "Cup of Sin" which is given at the club meeting to a Tabler for anything he has accomplished or left undone in the last two weeks.

RT-3 30th anniversary birthday was postponed to spring, but as everyone's calendar was already booked, brothers had an open air pre-event held in Meenikunno bog. Two brothers were brave enough to make a healthy 2'C bog lake swim. Later a meeting was held around a bonfire and Märt Jänes was welcomed as a new Round Table Estonia brother.

Latest hospitality examples include past member of RTI Marc who, when visiting Tallinn, caught a positive Corona test result. Our IRO Heimar helped to get the result which was overdue and with a fully equipped GT box which also included tonics, ice, RT glass, garnishes etc. After a negative test many tablers attended at different lunches, dinners, drinks, bog hikes etc with Marc. In the opposite level we as guests (IRO Heimar and Editor Kaspar) received a very warm welcome from Cyprus tablers during their AGM held at 1-4th of October 2020. This resulted in a cool first time ever after-tour which we hope is now a new tradition in Cyprus. As of 26th of November Kaspar is still in Cyprus and enjoying.







This year, with a collaboration with Ladies Circle Estonia's president Raina, we came up with a great concept of popup parties. The idea is that Tablers and Circlers alike would be able to arrange from small home parties to full blown galas. Right now, there is still a bit of leeway by the government, so these type of gatherings have been possible. The registration for the event is random, so that Tablers and Circlers could get to know new people in the organisation who they might not have seen before. So far we have had a lot of cool theme parties, from soviet style dinner to a garage party or halloween. It really is a good breeze of freshness in the hard times we are facing today.

Also, we are putting hard efforts on rechartering RT-8 in a small town called Viljandi which was suspended in 2013. The lead of the new club is Oskar Ilves who is the son of RT-8 founding member Rein Ilves. They are planning to have the first club meeting in December, if there will be no COVID-19 restrictions imposed. We are looking forward to having recharter in 2021!

And we have finally launched Round Table Estonia Instagram account! Check it out and start following.

Charity

There are also a lot of different charity projects that our clubs do and our main Round Table Estonia national charity is based on Round Table Foundation which we changed last AGM so we could have more focus on projects already involved with different clubs in Estonia. So our main object is always to support people outside of our association. We have helped for example women's shelters, young musicians and many others in need. On our 30th birthday we had a charity auction and lottery both with record breaking funds raised. The lottery was for the Foundation Perekodu which provides different welfare, educational and rehabilitation services for children and families with children from Viljandi County in Estonia.

Music

See our side story about Georg Ots Tallinn Music College students' contest-concert for Round Table Estonia 5 Tallinn NORD prize.

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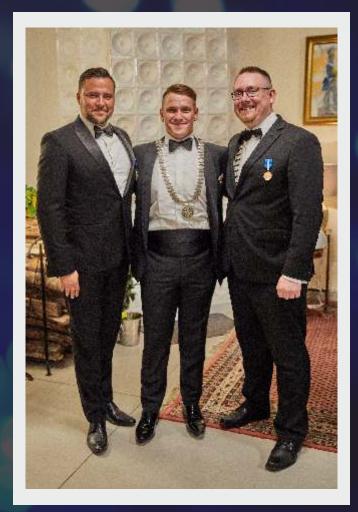
















ROUND TABLE GERMANY



2020 marks the 66th year since the charter of Round Table Germany. While this year brought its very unique challenges, it hasn't impeded the Round Table way in Germany – neither in action nor spirit.

When Table nights had to be cancelled, virtual alternatives – from game night to virtual beer tasting were created. And because many fundraising projects couldn't be held as usual – new and creative ways were found to raise money. And when someone was in need, our members found ways to help and support. Like the dire situation in the refugee camp "Moria" in Greece: after the camp burned, three German Tablers started fundraising, contacted partners and raised over 40,000€ in a couple days to bring aid and supplies directly to the refugees.









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With the end of the year approaching, Tablers all over Germany are getting into Christmas spirit early: Supporting the Christmas Gift Children from Germany, packing presents together with their parents and Ladies and Tablers bring them on their way. The "Christmas Gift Convoy" is a lighthouse project for service and side-by side with RT, LC, Old Tablers (41) and TC working together. We don't know yet how many Christmas gifts will hit the road – but with over 1,000,000 presents over the history of the project, we are sure that we will bring a smile to many children that wouldn't have gotten a Christmas gift otherwise. This year we do not drive nor distribute the gifts ourselves but transport them by logistics carrier to poor and rural areas in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and the Ukraine, where they will be distributed by local Round Tables, partner organizations and friends. Initiated in 2001 by RT Germany, this project celebrates its 20th convoy this year.







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ROUND TABLE SUOMI-FINLAND

Dear Tablers / Dear Friends,

Tabling year 2019 – 2020 had an unpleasant ending for all of us around the world. In Finland, we went into total lockdown in March 2020. Our National board recommended our clubs to host club meetings virtually and so they did with a good success. During the Covid-19 outbreak, 92 % of our clubs continued their club meetings virtually. We also saw a huge increase in Tablers visiting each others virtual club meetings and hence strengthen the connection and cooperation between different clubs.

During the spring we arranged a Round Table Night Live. A live interactive broadcast, where we had two professional comedians (who are Tablers) hosting the show. Our three National Vice President candidates were present

and the hosts interviewed each of them, giving our Tablers better insights of the candidates while also entertaining the viewers. The show was live streamed through Youtube and the viewers could participate by sending greetings and questions to the hosts. The plan is to make the show an annual platform for our vice president and other candidates and give them a neutral and unbiased platform to run their campaigns alongside each other.

We had a great success with our online AGM. It is stated in the RTSF constitution that every member who is present in our AGM has the right to vote (in other terms, the voting right is not per table, instead it is per member). We included the new anonymous voting feature of Tabler.World for the first time into our meeting and it worked beautifully with over 400 members voting for the new Vice President.









Tabling year 2020 – 2021

Tabling year 2020 – 2021, got a rather good start since situation with Covid-19 was fortunately quite mild and in summertime we had hardly any new infections in Finland. We hosted our Half Year Meeting physically in September but offered our members a possibility to follow the meeting via stream. After mid September Covid-19 outbreak got worse again. Three of our Area meetings were held physically, one online, four hybrid and one of the meetings will be held later.

RT-1 Helsinki, Finland was chartered 20th of April 1948. Today we have approximately 1800 active members in 112 clubs. One of our main focus points this year is to help clubs that have ten or less members. Last year we successfully tried a practise we call "brother bingo", where area Chairmen gathered recommendations for prospect members around the whole association, then they "assigned" these prospects to the nearest clubs who were in need of new members. This year we will implement the practise to wider use.

We are currently using two platforms: Tabler.World and Members register which has a functionality vital to us Finnish Tablers – Attendance Matrix. Attendance Matrix gives us important information about the activity of our clubs and members. We are glad to hear that RTI will release the Attendance Matrix functionality to Tabler.World thus giving us the opportunity to go fully on board with Tabler.World.









For 2020 - 2021 our main theme is "Keep On Learning" - focussing on streamlining our current processes, making our whole organization more transparent and cementing the ideology that a learning organization has to put effort on teaching and learning from each other and not over-simplify or make any assumptions that others hold the same knowledge. This year we will strengthen the culture of sharing best practises thoroughly through every level of RTSF. The information flow will not just be from top to bottom, but also linear.

Covid-19 outbreak will still affect us and the way tabling will be conducted. No matter what the situation is, we believe that Round Table doesn't take time, instead it gives time. It gives time in terms of having the possibility to "get away" from the otherwise hectic life, it is a brotherhood that supports and uplifts its members.

On behalf of Round Table Suomi-Finland



RT-75 Tornio National President 2020 – 2021



MOVEMBER[®]

Dear Table brothers,

You might have noticed a lot of activity on our social media channels regarding growing our Mo in the month of November. When I started in my role as Community Service Officer, I knew that this important month was a big topic on this year's agenda. Question was how to start and how to make it successful?

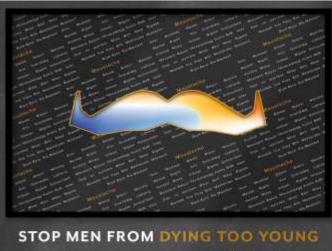
Luckily, we already had some history with the Movember foundation from last year's campaign and we got help and inspiration from Tabler and Mr. Movember Pierre Morck from RT Sweden.

Three focus points

- 1. Get focus on (mental) health issues of (young) men
- 2. Raise money

3. Show the world we do it as one Round Table

You all might know MOvember is a worldwide organization that is focussing on testicular cancer, prostate cancer and suicide prevention/mental health issues. This really fits with what we do and who we are as Tablers.



In whatever language you grow your Mc this Movember, your stache will raise funds & create awareness for men's health.

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One of the goals was to show the world what we do it as one Round Table. The Movember website is giving the opportunity to create a general challenge. Within this challenge every association can join as a team, so every Tabler could join the team of his association. With this structure we created a nice 'competition' between the associations. Next to that we got a nice sum up of all the money raised. The big benefit of this is that we show we are there and we're doing it together.

Some figures!

264 Tablers joined this year's challenge 21 Teams joined the challenge € 74.000 plus was raised !!

Can we say it was successful? YES! But we can do even better. I've seen a lot of other Tablers and associations who supported Movember but didn't join the general challenge. What will happen if 500 Tablers join? Or 1000! It shows how powerful we are as an organization when we work together. As we speak, we are already working on the next years' challenge. We want to make it bigger, better and more professional. Adopt, Adapt and Improve. Don't hesitate to contact me when you want to support or when you have ideas to make it bigger and better next year. cso@round-table.org

Communication

Within we the communication plan we had 4 main topics. One for every week. Within those four weeks we could cover every message from the Movember foundation. The flyers and social media text were sent to every association so everyone who joined the challenge could share it on their channels.

A big thank you to our RTI social media team who provided the cool flyers and supportive video's! **THANK YOU!**

To everyone who participated, shared, grew a Mo, donated or did something else to make it a success I want to say Thank You. There can be a plan, an idea or whatever you want to call it, but we need the support and dedication from you as Tabler to make it a success. Within my Table life I met a load of great guys and one of them once said to me; 'If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together!''

Please don't hesitate to check the website <u>www.movember.com</u> and see what a fantastic job was done by the teams and Tablers. I can't imagine you don't want to be a part of this in next year's challenge!

As said when you have an idea or want to support in next year's challenge please contact me! <u>cso@round-table.org</u>







RTI Community Service Officer 20-21





RTI NEWSLETTER QUIZ VOLUME

THREE

You can fill the quiz before 25th Dec 2020 onquiz.round-table.org

The tabler that wins the maximum number of the quiz will be recognized by RTI President at world meet 2021 with a special RTI Branded gift.

Stay tuned for the next issue for the answers of Vol 3.

1) Who are the members of the RTI Family?	4) What is the RTI Theme for the year?
Round Table International,	ADOPT. ADAPT. IMPROVE
Club 41 International,	Lead the Change
Ladies Circle International,	Fire for tabling
Tangent Club International,	Service through fellowship
Agora Club International,	Meet an old friend for the first time
All of the above	
	5) How many classrooms has Round Table India
2) Who is the Current RTI President?	constructed under Freedom Through Education
	as per the latest realised data?
3) How many associations have an age rule of	
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QUIZ 2 ANSWER

QUESTION

1 - As the founding association, RTBI has been the godmother association of 12 other associations.
 Who has been godmother the most after that?

ANSWER

Answer - France at 7

2 - How many Tablers (members) did we have as at the RTIWM 2020?

Answer - 29,780 (Within 500 members is good)

3 - Who was the godmother association of RT Israel?

Answer - RT Germany and RT Southern Africa

4 - When is RTI Day?

Answer - 14 March

5 - Round Table started in Winchester in 1927. Where did Ladies Circle Start?

Answer - Bournemouth





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