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Dear Friends,

the Round Table International World Meeting is merely 6 weeks away and we are in full preparations to provide you the best possible 1st virtual RTIWM ever! We would like to invite you to join our Facebook live streaming for both the RTI Councilor's Meeting on Friday, September 4th and the RTI AGM on Saturday, September 5th. Both events start at 9:30AM CEST.

Entering a new Tabling year always bears the opportunity to look back at the year which has passed. Personally, I am a big fan of communicating goals and milestones in order to be able and review what has been accomplished, what the learnings were, what challenges are remaining and which projects might not be viable altogether.

One of the biggest accomplishments during 2019-2020 is the creation of the RTI Image Movie by our PRO Stephan by help of many Tablers and Associations from across the globe. I think the social media reach of more than 1 million speaks for itself. If you missed it, please **check it out here** and feel free to **download and share** it with your friends and acquaintances. To me, this video is a perfect synopsis of what Round Table stands for: diversity, positivity, courage, charity, professionalism, open mindedness, fun & fellowship – no matter if it is on local, national, regional or international level! Round Table is for you to explore, Round Table offers unmatched opportunities for personal growth and for trying something new! Seize the opportunities which our unique movement offers and share the spirit with others so we remain strong also in the years to come.

Another milestone is that the financial situation of RTI has been addressed by the help of many associations. A sustainable and future-oriented funding has been agreed by a vast majority at the Half-Year-Meeting in Luxembourg which will help all of us in progressing to the next level. All of the above is only possible by working in a team. I feel that the way RTI has been working for the last few years is showing more and more positive results and I am specifically thankful to RTI Past Presidents Majid and Kaj for having pathed the way. Continuity and perseverance pays off!

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Sebastian "On Fire" Walter
RTI President 2019-2020



**TABLER.WORLD**
FEATURE OF THE MONTH

TABLER.WORLD IN YOUR LANGUAGE

To date, TW is available in a limited amount of languages next to English. We know that TW will have more impact if it speaks your language. National Associations can contribute and create a localized version of TW. The process is translating line by line every single item from English to your language. Are you keen to help with this, please reach out to team TW.

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Contributing to translation:

<https://translation.roundtable.world>

COMMUNITY SERVICE COLUMN

Dear Tablers,

Covid-19 is still omnipresent but table life and community service activities continue to take place. Although it is only July, preparations are already underway for Movember. After there was an RTI Movember for the first time last year, we are motivated to go one step further this year. Details will follow in the coming months so be curious.

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UPDATE FROM ROUND TABLE SRI LANKA

“FEED THE POOR” COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS - A HERCULEAN TASK DESPITE ALL ODDS!



They say that when the going gets tough, the tough gets going. A living example to that idiom was when Negombo Round Table 7 (NRT7) along with the Colombo Round Table 8 (CTRT8) of Sri Lanka, graciously helped the neediest of the needy during the worst of the COVID - 19 hit times in Sri Lanka. Their flagship “Feed the Poor” project was executed despite most of the odds against it, be it logistics, curfew, scarcity of resources and lack of funds.

ROUNDTABLE SRI LANKA

The emerald isle was getting rapidly hit by the deadly COVID – 19 virus and the government had no choice but to impose an island wide curfew and shutdown of airports. Panic stricken Sri Lanka saw families stocking goods from super markets which the queues went up to even 2 kilometers. The economic stronghold Colombo was in total chaos with no assurance of supplies of food, medicine, toiletries or fuel.

The daily wage earners accounting to a few millions (23 % of the population of Sri Lanka) were the worst hit. They were with virtually no savings for a rainy day and sleeping with only a glimmer of hope for a better tomorrow.

This is when NRT7 & CTRT8 took part in a fight of a David vs Goliath to help these needy, voiceless people. Sri Lanka having a tabling community of just 100 Tablers, both tables took the initiative and raised over Rs. 5.5 million (USD 30,000) within a matter of a few weeks with the generous support of local and foreign Tablers.





The “Feed the Poor” project fed over 2,500 of the most deserving families by providing them a substantial dry ration pack consisting of [Rice 2.5kg, Dhal 1kg, Sugar 1kg, Flour 2kg, Salt 200g, Dry Fish 500g, Sprats 500g, Soya 1kg, 2 Coconuts, B Onion 2kg, Tea 200g, Large Salmon Tin, Spices (200g each), soft drinks and vegetables of 4.7kg]

The sourcing part was the hardest as per the NRT7 Chairman of 2019/20 Tr. Nuwan Siyambalapitiya who was a true champion in leading this humanity initiative. “It was beyond impossible to source items as the economic hub – Colombo was in total lockdown, all the economic centers to the bazars were closed hence it was frustrating as we had the money

but the logistical part of it drew us insane with the curfew restrictions”. The panic buying had resulted in a severe scarcity of the dry rations and black market sellers were piling up the goods to reap profits later. NRT7 and CTRT8 had to use all of their personal networks, sometime plead, sometimes beg to sort out the transport and the logistics to collect the items.

“It was an absolute nightmare, but a good one as this was essential for these families to survive” mentions Tr. Dilsharn Basnayake (Chairman of CTRT8). They needed a lot of manpower, probably the toughest resource during a pandemic but as the saying goes “fortune favors the brave” they were able to find the

guardian angels in the form of Tablers and non Tablers while being pleasantly shocked at the response of the volunteers who risked their lives and came forward to physically help us to pack, transport and distribute these goods. Most of them barely slept for not more than 1 or 2 hours for 3 consecutive days surviving only on the passion and one ambition of somehow distributing the dry rations to the hungry.



They had divided the volunteers and Tablers in to 7 teams including Fund raising, sourcing, logistics, transportation and even a Finance and Auditing team for absolute transparency. The beneficiaries were selected with utmost caution covering 8 districts of Sri Lanka including the war-torn Jaffna district. “As this was a global pandemic, even the rich were facing issues but despite all the odds we collected the funds within 3 weeks and the most dangerous part was to distribute these dry ration packs to the most vulnerable areas of COVID– 19 risking our own lives” says Tr. Randhike Cooray of Negombo Round Table 7 and Community Service Convenor of Round Table Sri Lanka . Some of the worst hit areas namely Negombo, Ja Ela and Chilaw had minute humanitarian work done so our brave Tablers and volunteers got together and physically visited these places adhering to strict health guidelines. The Media and IT unit headed by CTRT8 ensured that the website has been updated regularly.

This magnanimous effort had zero administration costs, where 100% of all donated funds were funneled towards the poor families. “The Finance and Audit teams consisting of Finance professionals published the account statements weekly to ensure transparency and the financial statements, project details and photos are all available on <http://www.covid19.ctr8.org> mentioned ecstatically Tr. Ranil Samarawickrema of CTRT8. You could see the sense of pride in their eyes.

“Feed the Poor” Covid-19 Relief Efforts was recognized by being awarded the Round Table Asia Pacific (ASPA) Best Service Project of the Year 2019/20.

Cheers for tabling!





TREASURER'S CHEST

AN ASSOCIATION PLAN III

THE JOURNEY AND STAYING ON TRACK

We have all read or heard that we need to have strategic planning in our lives, whether it be in business, personal lives or in Table. But what is this, and how does one do this?

The purpose of strategic planning is to set overall goals and to develop a plan to achieve them. It involves stepping back from your day-to-day activities and asking where you are heading and what your priorities should be.

Writing a multi-year strategic plan for your association can be a daunting task, especially if this has not been attempted before. While there are a great many ways of how to write strategic plans for different sized organizations, this can all be simplified into three easy steps. These steps can also be implemented in your own lives and business to help in achieving your goals.

In this 3-part series of articles, we break down the steps into easily manageable actions that will yield excellent results.

During Part I of this three-part series on strategic planning, the focus was on understanding where you currently are.

During Part II, we focussed on setting goals with specific and measurable milestones as well as on communicating this to the role-players.

PART III: THE JOURNEY AND STAYING ON TRACK

With the goals set, the specific milestones defined, and the plan communicated to all stakeholders, the execution phase can start.

When a plan spans multiple years, it is essential to align leadership to ensure that the plan is executed. An analogy would be that of one of a train conductor where the track has been set, and the conductors are changed between stations only. In this way, leadership can change over time, but the overall goals will still get achieved.

Regular measurement of actual progress and results with the defined milestones should be done on a regular basis. The frequency of the measurements differs on a case to case basis but should be done at least twice a year. Variances between the actual results to date and the milestones must be understood and analyzed. Interventions should be planned and performed to ensure that the variances are addressed as required.



Regular updates should be given to all role-players in the form of report backs in meetings or forums. The parties responsible for achieving the milestones should be held accountable and assisted wherever possible to meet the specific goals.

Throughout the execution phase, the overall goals must be re-evaluated on a regular basis. As times and circumstances change, the long-term planning should be adjusted to stay relevant. The initial plan must not be rigidly followed over a more extended period if it becomes clear that it is no longer in the best interest of the association.

As this long-term plan usually spans numerous years, the overall end goal must be extended. There are significant benefits to having a rolling three-year plan, rather than having one plan be completed and then only a new plan to get started. Extending the plan as time goes by ensures that there is always an evolving dynamic in the planning process of an association.

Critically to the process is that all success must be celebrated on as and when the milestones are achieved. One must never lose sight on where the process started and the progress that has been made.

The journey of improvement is a long and hard one, but as in all things worthwhile, the real pay off will only be realized with the passage of time. The first and most crucial step is to start



“Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome”

Arthur Ashe



UPDATE FROM ROUND TABLE SOUTHERN AFRICA CONNECTED WHILE APART: RT 40 BRAAI CHALLENGE



AAAAAND THE WINNER OF Level Up Braai Challenge II is....

Welkom 40 hosted their second #lockdown Level up Challenge on the first weekend that we as South Africans gained a bit more of our freedom and we could enjoy the things that make us South African. The initiative started with all the 'ZOOM' meetings and virtual 'new reality' we found ourselves in to host a virtual 'potjiekos' competition. It was a huge success to raise R14 00 for the Welkom 40 community Centre which serves 9 charities and the only Round Table Community Centre in South African still open and functioning.



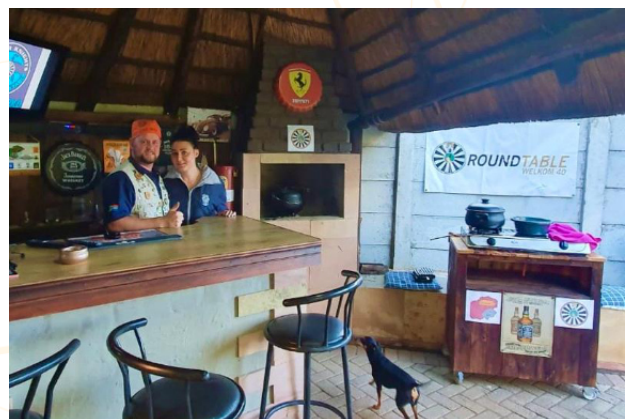
The second challenge was met with less 'challenges' than the first were we could enjoy a 'lekker' braai with one or two friends in a semi normal way. All the funds raised will go toward the Free State Area Ofm Wish Project.

The Level Up Challenge II Champion was Table Chairperson Jurgen Schoeman winning himself a bottle of Table Brandy. Most Money Raised was Kudu van der Westhuizen which will receive his name engraved on the sponsorship board in the community centre. Best 'Gees' was shared by Eddie & Hennie Breytenbach & André Beket & The Stigs from Harrismith 140. The Stigs had a bit of a mix up between the two challenges so made a 'potjie' but them being Welkom 40's twinning table they were forgiven.

A special thanks to our judges you are: Natasha Lloyd - Ladies Circle South Africa President, Werner Swanepoel - RTSA Branding Manager, Adrian Ihlenfeldt - RTSA PRO & Inkundla Editor & Attie Naudé - Immediate Past Area Chairperson of Round Table Northern Cape Area.

Be on the lookout for Level Up Challenge III great prizes to be won and Table Brandy – which batch two is busy being produced.

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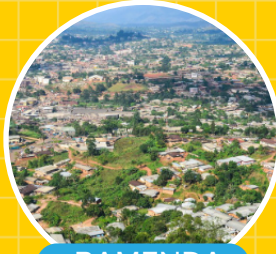
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