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Dear Friends,

As you are all aware the RTIWM2020 can not take place in India and has been shifted to 2021. We'd like to thank everyone for their understanding and support in this regard. Many messages have reached us expressing sadness about not being able to meet up and about missing RT fellowship.

We would therefore like to keep you updated about an option we as RTI Board deem worth exploring together with Boards of RT Germany and RT 17 Bielefeld, the host of the CEETM 2020:

As per the RTI Constitution we are obliged to conduct an Annual General Meeting between mid of August and mid of October.

The idea which we are currently exploring is to combine the hosting of the CEETM2020 and RTIWM2020 in the period of October 7-11, 2020 \*provided\* that is lawful and safe to conduct physical meetings as well as travel restrictions for many have been lifted.

It should be expressed at this stage that attending this combined event would not be mandatory and we would ensure every association to be able to partake and maintain their voting rights should some not be able to travel due to ongoing restrictions.

We have set a cut off date to take this decision by 20.07.2020, i.e. in 7.5 weeks from now and we sincerely hope that the next weeks are going to show a positive development around the world allowing us to return back to a normal life.

In case it is confirmed by 20.07.2020 that the conditions of hosting a physical event are not given, we will conduct the RTIWM2020 virtually on the original dates (03. - 05.09.2020).

During the next weeks the CEETM convening team will work on adjusting the program to a WM format so that everything is in place should the decision in July be favorable. Registration would only open towards end of July/beginning of August.

We want to keep you informed about our thought process and would greatly appreciate your feedback. Please, in any case, refrain from booking any travels until we have clarity in July. Keep well and stay safe!

YiT

Sebastian Walter  
RTI President  
2019-2020



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE COLUMN

Dear Tablers,

Community Service in times like these without public events or even the possibility to meet other people in public is not easy! Even better to see how creative you find new ways to raise funds and help those in need. Online fundraiser wine tastings in Germany, hand sanitizer donations in Dhaka or food and clothes donations in Trinidad and Tobago are only a few examples of what Tablers are doing at the moment. Please keep on making a difference and please share your actions and Stories with us! [cs@rtinternational.org](mailto:cs@rtinternational.org)

YiT, Maxime



**TABLER.WORLD**  
FEATURE OF THE MONTH



## Zoom LIVE MEETING

Team TABLER.WORLD continues to work on improving and adding new features that makes it easier for club and national boards to administer, make events, invoice, store documents and more. Tablers can use TABLER.WORLD to connect with Tablers and other family members Club 41 & Ladies Circle. TW is compliant with GDPR which means that each Tabler or Family member can set who can see the contact details. Tabler can also use TW to find minutes, register for events etc. Recently RTI has launched the TABLER.APP to have this information easily available in your pocket.

To share to anyone who is interested we have organized a TABLER.WORLD and TABLER.APP Sharing Forum.

This is your chance to learn more about TW, ask your questions and #getconnected.

Date: Saturday 27 June

Time: 2pm CEST

Duration: approx. 1.5 hrs

Venue: Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/twtaforum>

Meeting-ID: 850 1195 0825

Password: TWforum

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## UPDATE FROM ROUND TABLE ROMANIA

### Celebrating 30 Years

After the events in 1989 when the „Iron Curtain” fell down new possibilities in Eastern Europe were open. At the beginning of 1990, a group of Tablers from Round Table France Area 13 came in Romania in humanitarian action to help Romania which at that time had a shortage of food and goods for daily use. This delegation met Mr. Gheorghe Floroi who by the time was an engineer and they left to him the constitution of Round Table France in French. He ran

to the high school and with the help of Mr. Corneliu Serban and the French teacher they translated the constitution in Romanian. After the translation they realized they should do a Round Table Club in Romania, so engineers and teachers came together and in 13-14 October 1990, the first club was chartered in Romania. By doing this preparation independently the French Round Table also work in another town in Romania, so through Round Table France Tablers from Round Table 1 Brasov found out and met the core of Round Table 2 Drobeta Turnu Severin which was chartered in 1991. Between 1990-2000, with the big help of our parental table Round Table France, we reached 12 clubs all over Romania. Now Round Table Romania has 15 clubs and around 150 members. Our main purpose is the development of RT Romania, especially in the big cities where we had clubs but they are closed for many years now, it is a good time to develop RT Romania. In the last 5 years, we chartered 6 new clubs, the last one being RT22 Sibiu in April 2019. We are also helping RTI for further expanding in Eastern Europe. We are the International Godparent of RT Moldova, we are helping in the development of this association and we will be the second International Godparent of RT Ukraine. By the end of 2019, a group of 3 Romanians participated in the first contact meeting in Kosovo and we were supposed to visit also Belgrad in March an event which was unfortunately canceled. We are also one of the few associations which have a memorandum with Club 41, Ladies Circle, and Agora Club Romania. Liviu Sacalov is also the Chairman of CEE region in RT.







On the international level, we are currently working with RT Austria and RT Germany. Each December members from Austria and Germany are coming in Romania to give a big smile to the Romanian children. „Weihnachtspackeraktion” - we distributed 10,000 Christmas packages made by children from Austria. We were joined by Round Table Austria, Ladies Circle Austria, and Club 41 Austria. “Weihnachtspäckchenkonvoi - Kinder helfen Kindern” is a program made by RT Germany in Eastern Europe and also in Romania. Each year they are distributing packages in Drobeta Turnu Severin and in the Transylvania region.



As Covid-19 spread all over the world Romania was also struck, so RT Romania quickly started to help people in need. We gave to the hospitals more than 11000 visors. This project was made with the help of Vedem Just NGO.

One of the most important project at national level is the name “We learn by playing”. This project is possible with the help of the money which resulted from RTIWM, and is manage by George Tronaru. The idea of this project is to write on special materials which are stick to the walls and stairs in schools and who contains informative materials. Also, each club is continuously involving in society with all kinds of projects.





### RTIWM 2019 – A truly successfull story

Between 17-25 August 2019 Round Table Romania organized the most prestigious event in Round Table – the World Meeting. About 200 tablers participated to the pre tour which had 2 different events, and starting with 21st August the main event which had about 1100 guests from all over the world plus 150 Romanian tablers and stuff. The meeting was in the beautiful city of Brasov, RT1 with the help of RT6, and RT11 were the hosts. The man who made this event possible is Sorin Avram the convener, an ex-president of RT Romania and the tabler of the year 2020-2021 in RT Romania. It all started in Tallinn



2017 and continuous preparation for this event for 2 years made this event possible. This event was a big push up for RT Romania, a lots of tablers traveled all over the world to promote these events, in 2019 almost to all big events there was a least one Romanian tabler.

Romanian AGM 2020. In 23th of May RT Romania had the AGM, because of the conditions we did it online. The National Board who will represent RT Romania for 2020-2021 is:

Sebastian Antonie (RT10) as President

Mihai Gherghe (RT22) as Vice president

Sergiu Brefeleian (RT17) Secretary

Valentin Dumitrascu (RT19) Tresorer

Florin Cusmereanu (RT6) Webmaster

Alex Dobrea (RT10) IRO

George Marin (RT11) IPP

Ovidiu Trofin (RT18) Shopkeeper







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„National German Service Fund“,  
the foundation of Round Table Germany, at the end of the year.

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Yours in Tabling,  
Round Table Germany



## GROWING MEMBERSHIP IN A VIRTUAL WORLD

A good friend of mine recently commented "Never waste a good crisis" - He was right

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world in ways we could not have imagined as short as six months ago. These changes have forced us to do personal introspection in both our own and our professional lives with far-reaching revelations and transformations. Our world has changed, and so should we.

As Round Table, we have adapted to online meetings as well as many other online activities to ensure that we can carry on with business as usual. Club, national and regional meetings and AGM's are going online, and there are hundreds of other online events hosted by clubs all around the world. We have not just adapted our internal workings to the crises, but have embraced this change.

In that same manner, we need to adapt to the recruitment of new members during these times of crisis. From many viewpoints, the Corona crisis is a golden era for the recruitment of new Tablers. The public is acutely aware of what is going on, as most of them are personally affected by the crisis. By being helpless to the plight and limiting our freedoms, people naturally seek fellowship and the opportunity to serve.

There are less distractions from everyday life than in the last number of years. With a limit on professional and amateur sports, people suddenly have the time available to join a meeting, where this would typically not be a priority. Isolation has further increased the need of social interaction significantly, even if it is online. Something like the dramatic increase in multiplayer online gaming and other interactive online events demonstrates that young men crave this interaction with others.

What we offer as Round Table to young men at a similar age is needed now more than ever. We must share our story far and wide now more than ever before. Now is the time to have conversations with our friends from sports clubs, work colleagues, gamers and many more about who we are and what we do. We need to change how we run our meetings during this time as well. Our meetings should be short and on point. No one wants to sit in boring club meetings for hours on end. Guests should be encouraged to ask questions either by speaking up or by using the chat function. Asking questions via chat decreases their anxiety when compared to a speaking up in a regular meeting.

By having virtual meetings from our homes, we get to learn more about each other. We have a window into each other's worlds and should not be afraid to share this with our fellow members and guests. Building these bonds now will lead to more and better fellowship once the crisis has passed.

The night is always darkest just before the dawn – Let us be the light to young men who seek it.

Now is the time to adopt, adapt and improve our thinking to ensure we never waste a good crisis.

Yours in Table,  
Graham





## #CLOSEEVENIFSEPARATED CONTEST

Dear Friend, dear Tablers,

because of this terrible Covid-19 virus we had to reduce our life as Tablers as we've been obliged to eliminate several events and renounce to most of our traditions. However, we should try to be stronger than the virus!

Both Round Table and Ladies' Circle are characterized by the habit of exchanging pins and coins in order to remember new meetings. Why should we stop this?

If you agree with us you can participate in a new contest called “#CloseEvenIfSeparated” which consists in exchanging coins, pins or banners with a personalized dedication by ordinary post.

**How does it work?** Please send an Email to [L.garilli@gmail.com](mailto:L.garilli@gmail.com) specifying the shipping address where we'll send one of our table coins + a pin + a letter of thanks and we'll answer with the address where you'll have to send your coin + whatever you are willing to exchange.

Once you'll receive the exchange you should post it on your instagram table's account and we will do the same hoping to have the occasion of meeting each other one day.

#CloseEvenIfSeparated #EverythingWillBeOk #TogetherWeCanDoIt

Yours in Tabling,

Leonardo Garilli

Shopkeeper for Round table 4 Piacenza (Italy)

Shopkeeper for Area 1 (Italy)



## TREASURER'S CHEST

### AN ASSOCIATION PLAN II

### SETTING YOUR DESTINATION

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 organisations, 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.

#### **Part II: Setting your destination**

A goal is a dream with a deadline – Napoleon Hill

Setting goals is something that we have all done in the past, and the majority of people assume themselves masters in this sphere. Correct goal setting is vitally important - setting incorrect goals is a significant contributor to failure and is especially damaging to team morale. Goal-setting must always be a collaborative effort to ensure buy-in from all role players.

Determining what the goals should be is quickly done through visualisation. Professional athletes use visualisation extensively and often. For our purposes, a similar but longer-term approach must be followed. Close your eyes and imagine where you would like to be in your club, business or personal life in the future. Focus on the emotions that you would like to feel in this future and note this down. The key here is to begin by imagining and visualising how it will be at the end of this entire process. When working in teams, consider discussing each person's visualisations to distill the essence of the collective thoughts. Take some time to write this down in detail and be specific so that anyone can refer back to this for clarity.





Once a clear future has been decided on (the goal), we must compare this to our current realities: see Part I of this series. There will be significant differences between your current reality and the imagined future – acknowledge this and agree that the current reality needs to change to get to the imagined future.

In moving from the current reality to the desired goal, it is important to agree and write down specific milestones on how the goal will be achieved. There are several popular methods available in goal setting, with some of the more popular being to set SMART or SPIRIT goals. Both of these methodologies focus on being realistic with a timeframe and that the actions to achieve the goal must be practical and specific. Some goals will be quick and straightforward to complete. In contrast, others will take multiple interventions over a more extended period – For these longer goals, break this up into certain milestones which can be measured at a regular basis. These milestones will be the small battles that will lead to the overall victory.

Write down the goals and milestones and discuss this to ensure that all the role players are invested. Take any feedback into account and consider if the goals are realistic in the timeframes allowed. Reaching consensus here is of the utmost importance as the future leaders will drive this long after current leadership has stepped away.

Now that a clear destination is set, the journey towards a better future can start.

Using the techniques as outlined above, take some time to set your own goals and milestones in the next month, before we end with Part III of our journey.

We will end our journey in Part III by monitoring, adjusting and fine-tuning these goals as we continue to stay on track with achieving our goals.





# UPDATE FROM ROUND TABLE BANGLADESH



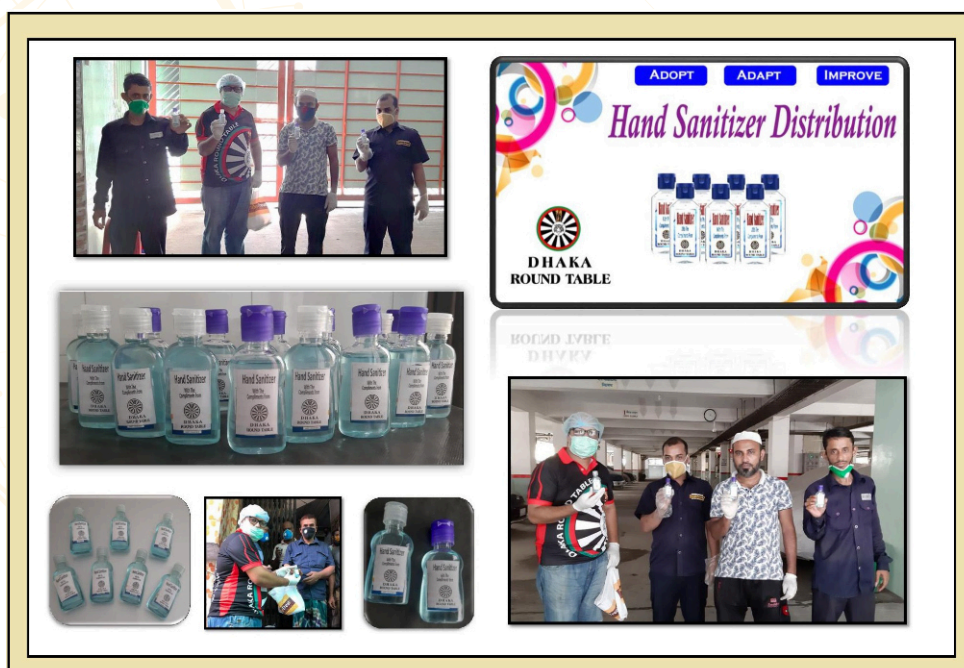
## Dhaka Round Table 1 Rations Distribution Program

Dhaka Round Table arrange rations distribution program for less fortunate people who have effected corona virus ( COVID-19 ) month of April – 2020. Near Gandaria Rail station, Gandaria, Dhaka. First Phase Dhaka Round Table – 01 was distribution 150 packet rations. Dhaka Round Table Specially thankfully to Dhaka Metropolitan Police – DMP, Wari Zone for their support and present at time program.



## Dhaka Round Table 01, 1000 Hand Sanitizer Distribution

Dhaka Round Table - 01 has started distributing 1000 hand sanitizer among working people in Dhaka city. Our working people have to stay outdoor. It is impossible for them to provide family with food if they do not go out for work. As there is not enough public place to wash hands in the capital, these people are at high risk of getting infected with corona virus. Considering the present crisis in market and as part of making people aware of washing hands, Dhaka Round Table is distributing 1,000 bottles of hand sanitizer among working people.







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# EXPANSION OVERVIEW

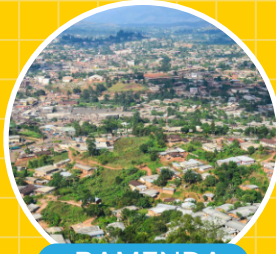
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## EVENT OVERVIEW

As you are aware, many events are being cancelled, postponed or held virtually right now. We are hence not listing the events as usual and kindly ask you to contact the corresponding convener for latest updates, or check the [Event Section on Tabler.World](#) with its extensive search function and the [Round Table International Facebook Group](#) for the most recent status of any event.



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by RT Netherlands · RTI

**AGM** Round Table the Netherlands



##### MAY 2021



7 may 2021 18:00 - 9 may 2021 04:00

by RT Iceland · RTI

**AGM** Aðalfundur 2021 - 50 year Anniversary of RT Iceland



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