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Dear Friends,

Another month has passed in a global lockdown with new and unexpected personal and professional challenges. Through the means of social media I get a sense of pride in being part of the RTI movement when I witness how so many members are trying to make the best out of such situation. Once again it confirms how unique our movement is and how much positivity is out there! Be it quiz nights, cooking classes, travel stories, educational sessions or simply social get togethers – the virtual creativity seems unstoppable.

During the last month we have seen various online AGMs across the globe: Nigeria, New Zealand, Britain & Ireland, Zambia, RTSA, Iceland, Denmark, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Belgium and Zimbabwe, where most associations have adopted new ways of conducting Round Table business as "the show must go on". Many local AGMs as well as Area Meetings are also taking place virtually in a similar way.

I'd like to express my greatest respect to all Table Chairmen, Table Board Members as well as the National Board Members who continue manifesting leadership in these difficult times as it's certainly an unprecedented experience taking up a new role in times like these. Tabling responsibilities are very demanding as they are, however during world crisis it is even more challenging to pursue such a role and I admire everyone who has the energy and passion to let Tabling activities continue successfully.

In this issue you will find a number of stories on how various Tables and Associations around the world help those in need and strengthen the support of local communities. Please continue sharing your success stories and reach out if your association needs support.

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Sebastian Walter RTI President 2019-2020



# COMMUNITY Service Column

Dear Tablers,

As Sebastian put it very fittingly: "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

We are proud to read about all the amazing efforts you are undertaking to handle this coronavirus crisis. Wether you are supporting health workers, or people in need, whether you are coming up with new formats to feel in company when at home. We all have our package to carry, but many of you do what Tablers do: you care about what you can do for and with others. If you want to share your story or even to inspire others , please write me at cso@rtinternational.org

YiT, Maxime



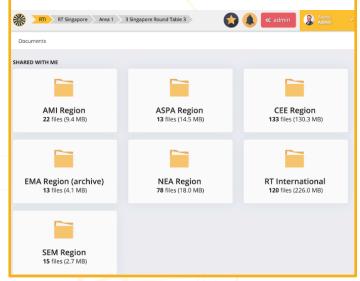


### STORE DOCUMENTS

Did you know that on the club, national, and international level admin can upload documents? An easy way to store and search the latest version of the constitution and other documents. Each club has storage space up to 5 GB which is sufficient to store all kinds of documents to keep your Table history safe. Photos of events and other occasions can be stored in the separate photo album section on TW.

As an administrator you can set specific folders and access for viewing and editing of files and folders. Imagine 20 years from now, Tablers can easily look back and flip through reports and other relevant information.

Tip: go through your Google drive, Dropbox or other cloud drives of your local club or national association, and start adding these documents to TABLER.WORLD future generation of Tabler will thank you for your effort.



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# UPDATE FROM Round Table Nepal

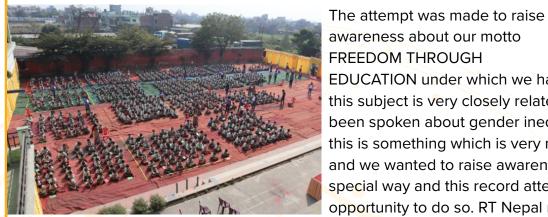


### **Guinness World Record**

On 7th February Round Table Nepal made it to the Guinness books as the official World Record Title holder for the "Largest Gender Equality Lesson" ever conducted. The attempt was made at Kadambari School, Birgunj on the 11th November 2019, where in the lesson was conducted by Cr. Ayushi Agarwal (Kathmandu Royal Ladies Circle No.

7) for 1100 kids emphasizing on the same.

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CERTIFICATE The largest gender equality lesson consists of 1,100 people, and was achieved by Round Table Nepal (Nepal) in Birgunj, Nepal, on 11 November 2019.

EDUCATION under which we have built 47 schools and this subject is very closely related to our motto. A lot has been spoken about gender inequality over the years and this is something which is very much prevalent in Nepal and we wanted to raise awareness about this subject in a special way and this record attempt was a perfect opportunity to do so. RT Nepal reiterates its commitment

towards the field of education and also focus on the importance of educating a girl child.

The event was also attended by Round Table International President Tr Sebastian Walter, Round Table International Secretary Tr Marc Germeshausen and ASPA Chairman Tr Jayant Agarwal.



### **RTI WEEK Blood Donation**

RT Nepal has been conducting Blood Donations for 7 years now as part of its celebrations for RTI Day. This year however it was different with a whole week of activities planned. In wake of the COVID 19 all events had to be pulled back in the last moment. On request of Red-Cross authorities we decided to conduct it in a few centres and were able to collect 422 Pints collectively. We do intend to carry our RTI Week activities whenever situation normalises as the entire plan was ready to be executed.

#### **RT Nepal Treasure Quest**

RT Nepal as an association has had several instances where a semi national fundraiser was conducted in previous years. In 2019-20 we planned a nationwide fundraiser "RTN-Ford Treasure Quest". A treasure hunt was planned every fortnightly in various tabling centres. So a total of 4 Treasure Quests were planned throughout Nepal. From January onwards we have



completed 3 of them and last one is due. It was a very successful event as every centre got it experience a corporate event with fun filled activities. A whole day event helped raise a lot of funds and also for participants from different walks of life experiencing Round Table fellowship was fun.





### **RT International Vice- President Visit**

Tr. D.K Singh visited Nepal in the 1st week of March. As soon as he landed in Kathmandu,Nepal he was taken for a Handover of a Renovated orphanage by RTN and Ford Foundation. The children residing in the orphanage need some basic renovations which was undertaken and handed over. The same day he was flown to Birgunj another tabling centre for Nepal. There he was present for the charter of the 3rd 41er club of Nepal, it was followed by a fellowship. Next day a Computer lab was inaugurated in his presence built by Birgunj Round Table 3 in memory of their OT Sanjay

Patwari. He then attended the 3rd National Executive meeting for the year 2019-20. It was really good having International VP in Nepal and showcasing our projects, meeting and fellowships. We look forward to his support and love for RT Nepal.

#### **Corporate awareness about Testicular and Prostate Cancer**



Movember is a huge campaign that RT International runs across the globe, RT Nepal this year conducted over 13 session by professional doctors in different corporate offices of Kathmandu city catering to around 300 people. It was a very fruitful exercise as almost all the attendees were pleased to learn about it and educate people around them of the dangers of these disease and how it can be averted.

### Majestic Nepal - Mass Tour

Home hosting, RT Nepal's Mid Term Meet, Sightseeing, best wildlife resort in the country, amazing fellowships, the most colourful Holi festival, projects and much more was what the 1st edition of MAJESTIC NEPAL TOUR offered to our friends over their 7 nights in Nepal. And all this at a cost of mere 250 euros was something unique which we set out to achieve. It has been a sheer pleasure to have 13 guests from 5 different countries which also included our extended family of Circlers, Agora members and 41ers.



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We plan to make this an annual Mass Tour where we will not only open the doors to our beautiful country but we will also open our homes and give a peek into the heritage and culture of Nepal and its people. I believe the best part about mass tours are how you are able to visit a new country like a local, with the locals and experience the best that tourism can offer. This time the mass tour was a bit different as we took our friends beyond the touristy destinations of Nepal and into the small towns with strong tabling presence which was an amazing experience for a lot of our young tablers who experienced the International tabling for the first time and that too at their doorsteps. I have always believed that to make the most out of tabling you have to taste the International bonding and fellowship and this tour has definitely encouraged a lot of young Nepalese tablers to travel around the world and enjoy the best of what tabling has to offer.



We look forward to welcome many more friends from across the globe and experience the MAJESTIC NEPAL tour in years to come.

The past 3 months have been exceptional of Round Table Nepal as we have achieved a lot that can helping Tabling grow and keep the existing brunch of young men motivated.

Round Table Nepal family welcomed the 1st Agora Club of Nepal in Kathmandu on the 4th of March. Also to add to it the 3rd 41ers Club of Nepal was Chartered in Birgunj on the 6th of March which also opens the door for the 1st National Board of 41 club to be formed.





# JOIN A NEW FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

Join us as we explore the various cuisines from all around the world through live online cooking classes, sharing of recipes as well as various tips and tricks to spice up your life.

Share and receive recipes as well as other culinary tips or tricks to bring a part of international cuisine to our homes.





# FOOD BASKET OPERATION ROUND TABLE TUNISIA





During April and May 2020, Round Table Tunisia has joined the global fight against Coronavirus and launches "Operation Food-Basket", an initiative to support vulnerable population in Tunisia.

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In view of the seriousness of the socio-economic situation of thousands of families around the country, with the lockdown measure decreed by the State, a call for donations has been launched along with a food-aid collection.

Tunisian Tablers and their relatives/friends, as well as 41 members was committed to help thousands of families to face COVID-19 repercussions.

At least 300 families have benefited from this food donation until now... and the operation is still ongoing!

This initiative was a great success, not only thanks to the donations of the Tunisian brothers but also with the great help of our brothers from Round Table India, France, Romania and Netherlands!

Thank you so much for making this initiative a great success, and let's keep together this magnificent spirit WE ARE THE ROUND TABLE WE ARE ON FIRE FOR TABLING

YIT Zied MAROUANE National IRO Round Table Tunisia





# TREASURER'S CHEST AN ASSOCIATION PLAN I Knowing where you are

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 headed 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. Whilst there are a great many ways of how to write strategic plans for different sized organizations, this can all be simplified into 3 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.

#### Part I: Knowing where you are

The first step in solving a problem is recognizing there is one.

Deep and meaningful introspection is something that is easily resisted as this expose weaknesses and areas for improvement in ourselves and our associations. We need to be prepared to take a good and hard look at ourselves and our activities to see where improvement can be done.

In the case of Round Table, this can easily be done through obtaining open and honest feedback. This can be done in the form of surveys through tools such as Google Forms, SurveyMoney and Tabler.World or can be done in a collaborative process through a detailed SWOT analysis being done. A simple exercise such as writing down the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of your business or association can lead to great insight. Many other ways of gaining feedback and insight of your current situation is available and can be explored.

The goal of this initial step is to determine what the problems are and thus would need feedback from various sources, both active and past members as well as from prospective members. Honest feedback must be sought and anonymity when providing this feedback can elicit better responses, especially in cases where reprisal is feared.



A comparison with peers can also show where areas for improvement in your association might be. If other service organizations excel at one aspect where you fall behind, clearly this aspect must be understood and addressed.

Once the feedback has been obtained this must be collated, studied and shared. This is often the most difficult part of the entire process as the feedback many times tend to showcase our own inadequacies. Be honest with yourselves and realistic. Understand that other's perceptions of something does influence the reality of where we are. It is easy to summarily dismiss some of the feedback received, but this is a fatal mistake. Only feedback that was sent in error or in malice should be omitted from the results.

Share these results with the leaders in the association and strongly consider sharing this with the members as well. The more people are aware of the specific challenges being faced; the more solutions will be available.

Remember that growing and improving is a painful process as is any process of change. The pain in this initial step is critical so that we come to the realization that we do not want to operate like this anymore.

Steven Covey said that "I am what I am today because of the choices I made yesterday." By that same logic; the decisions that we make today, will lead us to where we will be tomorrow.

Take some time in this next month and get some feedback and always remember that the first step in solving a problem is recognizing there is one.

In the next Part, we will look at the process of setting Goals with specific milestones on how these goals will be reached.

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.



Granam Cornells RTI Treasurer 2019-2020



# DONATION TO FIGHT COVID-19 ROUND TABLE ZAMBIA



On 21st April, 2020 Round Table Zambia joined the Ministry of Health in the fight towards Coronavirus COVID-19 with a donation which consisted of assorted PPE items and Mealie Meal. The donation was carried out during the Ministers Corona Virus National Update and Press Briefing, spearheaded by RT Zambia's Area 2 Chairman Brian Chintu, National PRO Yasa Mulonga, Area 2 Secretary

Chapatama Ngaba and Lusaka's Club 11 Stores Convener Komeki Songwe. As Social Distancing would have it, there were restrictions on the number of attendants however the rest of the association rendered support from their homes and offices as the donation was broadcasted live on National TV and various online pages.

During his speech at the press briefing Brian Chintu gave highlights about what Round Table is about, current projects countrywide and recognized BioRaiser Zambia who were partners towards the donation. Brian thanked the Ministers present for the opportunity to be part of a fight of such magnitude and its grave importance as the motto of Round Table is to Adopt Adapt and Improve the various aspects our lives. He closed his speech by pledging the readiness of Round Table Zambia to partner with the Zambian Government in common areas of interest and proceeded to carry out the handover of the following items to the Minister of Health;

- 250 x Face Masks
- 25 X 2.5 Ltrs Hand Sanitizer
- 2200 x Latex Gloves
- 12 x 2<mark>5</mark>Kg Mealie Meal
- 48 Bottles 400 ml Hand Wash Soap
- 12 x 400 ml Hand Sanitizer
- 250 x Face Masks From BioRaiser Zambia

The Minister of Health Dr. Chitalu Chilufya expressed gratitude towards the gesture and applauded the efforts Round Table Zambia. He was happy to see Tablers taking the front line towards the global pandemic and emphasized that activities of such nature formed the basis of the importance of service clubs in local and international communities.

As Round Table Zambia we remain alive to the potential and impact so far of Corona Virus and in order to beat this pandemic we need to come together as one. To fellow associations, service clubs and individuals there is nothing like too little or too much to give because every little effort will go a long way – We live to give #Adopt #Adapt #Improve

Yasa Mulonga National Public Relations Officer 2020|2021



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# UPDATE FROM Round Table bangladesh



### Joint Service Program, Dhaka Round Table -1 & Singapore Round Table - 1

Dhaka Round Table -1 arrange blanket distribution on less fortunate people in winter on the support of Singapore Round Table -1, December 2019 & January 2020. DRT – 1 was arrange this program at 2 main city in Bangladesh at Khulna & Dhaka More then 500+ blanket distribution for this project. DRT-1 Chairman Tr. Sifat & IRO Tr. Rony was present this time .



### Joint sanitary item distribution program DRT -1 & LC-08, UK

Dhaka Round Table -1 arrange sanitary item distribution program for young ladies on the support of Cr. Tanya Harder, Southampton Ladies Circle - 08, UK. DRT - 1 was arrange this program at Kathpencil Pathshala, North Bagun Bari, Tejgaon & Prophat Ferry Foundation, Karial, Mohakhali, Dhaka. More then 300 pic sanitary item distribution for 100 young ladies. Dhaka Round Table -1, Chairman Tr. Sifat, Vice Chairman - Tr. Ishad, Secretary- Tr. Sakib, IRO - Tr. Rony, Member - Tr - Fahd and administrate committee member of this organization was present this time.





# UPDATE FROM Round Table Great Britain & Ireland



In these strange and uncertain times we are living in, the Great British and Irish Round Table members have not been sitting still. They have been getting out into their local communities to help and support. Two tables we would like to highlight tremendous projects they have been doing, are as follows

Tamworth Round Table have been doing their bit to support the NHS by launching their 'Shield Tamworth' project this week to get effective personal protective equipment to local, front line medical staff in Tamworth.

"We're always on the lookout for ways we can support the local community. We tend towards 'doing' and getting involved rather than just sitting back and writing cheques ." Said Paul Bryant of Tamworth Round Table. Richard Hawkins has been leading the 'Shield Tamworth' project, "It was with frustration that I was reading article after article about NHS workers not having effective personal protective equipment (PPE) and being faced with the very real threat of contracting this virus.

Brett Vaughan chair of Tamworth has been taken aback by the response from the community, "The first Facebook about the appeal reached 30,000 people as it was shared around. Offers of materials came flooding in from businesses, schools and individuals and as a result we were able to make our first prototype face shield. I must admit I let out a little squeal when we realised that the prototype was effective and knew we could actually make this happen."



So far they have made and distributed 3500 masks and will shortly be sending out another 8000 masks. In total will be 11500 items of PPE donated to our medical teams.

Lichfield Round Table have been meeting using video conferencing. Last week, to our surprise,

Father Christmas joined the table online and they decided to dust off the sleigh and hit the road early this year. They knew from there own families and friends, Children were sometimes feeling saddened that they could not see their friends, play on the playgrounds or go to school. So they decided to do a summer tour of the area to bring some joy.

Lichfield partnered up with two local community groups that are giving away food to people struggling in the current situation. The food collection has been important however the community engagement has been fantastic. Santa and the summer elves have been putting smiles on people of all ages. All whilst safety socially distancing of course!!



From this early campaign other Round Tables have decided to the same in support of food banks and local organisations to help and this is why we have been inspiring social networks since 1927





### Dear Table friends.

Tangent Israel is in its fourth year and we are happy to continue the friendship that started in LC with lots of love as part of the Round Table family.

It was a great honor to us that Tangent Israel representative Liat Wallenstein, TCI Vice President, was able to attend your RT Half Year Meeting in Luxembourg. Liat shared with us all the experiences from the weekend and we heard that you had a very successful and fruitful conference -well done guys.

We are happy to share with you what is going on in Tangent Israel during the Corona days which, like many countries in the world, stopped our lives and locked most of us down to our homes for a long time.

We had a lot of plans for this year and everything changed in an instant. We immediately in the TC Clubs, side by side with our local Ladies' Circle sisters, put all our energy into volunteering for those in need during these difficult times. We assisted the needy and elderly families who were quarantined at homes, helped them distribute food and medicine and also baked cakes and brought food to doctors and nurses in the hospitals.







Many at-risk and special needs people, who we volunteer for, are still quarantined in boarding





board and the clubs have been having virtual meetings and it has been really nice to see everyone trying to stay in touch these days.

Tangent family is growing and it was an honor for us to become the godmother of Tangent Romania and to take part in the virtual charter ceremony. The event itself was totally in the spirit of Tangent and with great moments of friendship.

on behalf of Tangent club Israel we wish you all to keep Growing Tabling keep yourself safe and Let Friendship continue A big virtual hag to all of you

Inbar Farhy, TC Israel President



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# DONATION TO FIGHT COVID-19 ROUND TABLE MALAWI











Round Table Malawi through its clubs Round Table Blantyre 20, Dwangwa 69 and Lilongwe 32 have commited to donations of various medical equipment to Malamulo Adventist Hospital, Nkhunga Health centre, Nkhotakota LEA School and Kamuzu central Hostpital. Total cost of donations amount to MWK3,490,000 (roughly \$4,650).

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Round Table Malawi and its service clubs are very aware of the Covid-19 pandemic that is affecting the global population. We wanted to support our medical staff in the country and were on the look out for hospitals in need by donating, gloves, masks, chemicals, PPE suits, face screens and other items to help gear themselves for the tough times ahead.

The chairmen of the 3 tables said they would try their best to follow social distancing measures when carrying out these donations. The health and safety of the members of RT Malawi and the medical staff of the hospital were of utmost importance.

Dr. Thomas of Malamulo Adventist Hospital had the following response to the donation;

"On behalf of Malamulo Adventist Hospital, I would like to thank Roundtable and its members for their generous donation. These items will surely be well used to help the people of Malawi during this pandemic sweeping our world. We appreciate the support they have given our hospital, so that we can continue to serve our needy patient population."

Dwangwa 69 have reported that the hospital were very grateful for the donation as well as the school heads and staff were thankful for the donation of learning materials and items needed to improve day to day school life. Lilongwe 32 are set to donate more covid 19 fighting equipment this Saturday 9th May.

It is fantastic to see that RT Malawi and its members have been proactive towards helping equip all these institutions with the necessary gear toward the fighting the battle the world is going through.



# **EXPANSION OVERVIEW**

### ROUND TABLE



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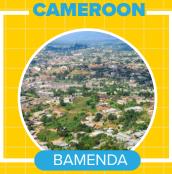
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In charge: Jayant Agarwal Inauguration done aspa-chairman@rtinternational.org





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### EVENT OVERVIEW

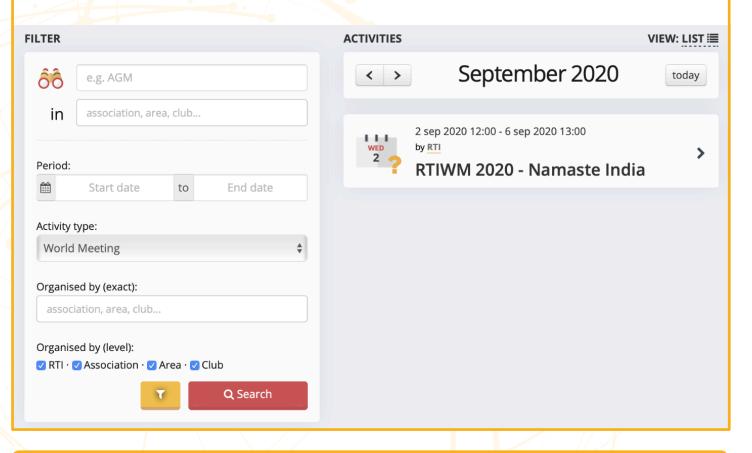
As you are aware, many events are being cancelled, postponed or held virtually right now. We are hence not listing the events as usual and kindly ask you to contact the corresponding convenor for latest updates, or check the **Event Section on Tabler.World** with its extensive search function and the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



### **Round Table International**

Group · 14K members

This is the official ROUND TABLE INTERNATIONAL Facebook group. ... 3 unread posts



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