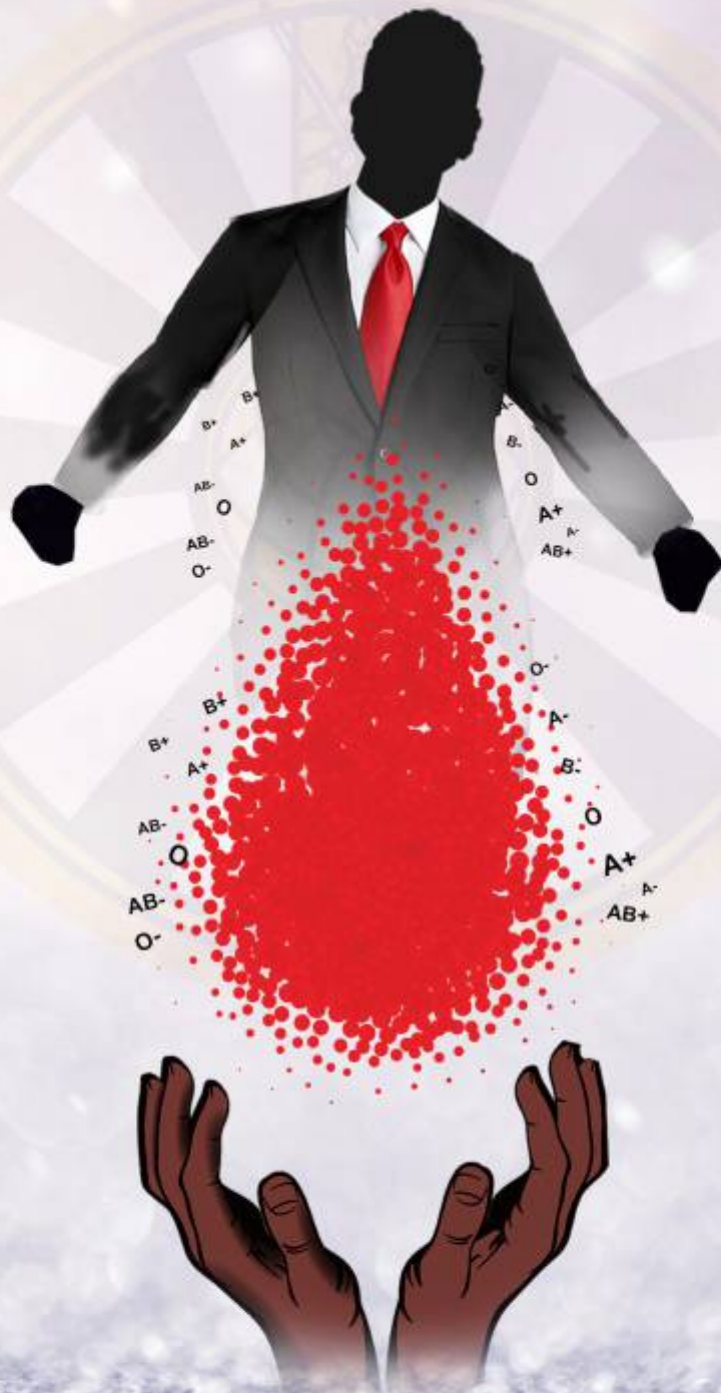




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 **VINAY AGARWAL**  
RTI PRO

**Dear Friends,**

Congratulation on another remarkable month of spectacular activities in all associations. Finally, the level of activities has started to rise in most clubs and the world are close to the normal we have known in the pre-COVID era.

I sincerely thank all associations for sending articles on time for this magazine and hope for continuing support.

We request all associations to send any key activity that should be covered on the official social media handles of Round Table International. I request all associations to send the information to [pro@round-table.org](mailto:pro@round-table.org). We will attempt to publish as many articles as possible after being curated.

**We welcome articles and events pictures from all associations, We will try our best to cover them on the Round Table International social media platform and newsletter.**

Feel free to contact me for any clarifications on email or WhatsApp or call on +919229231111

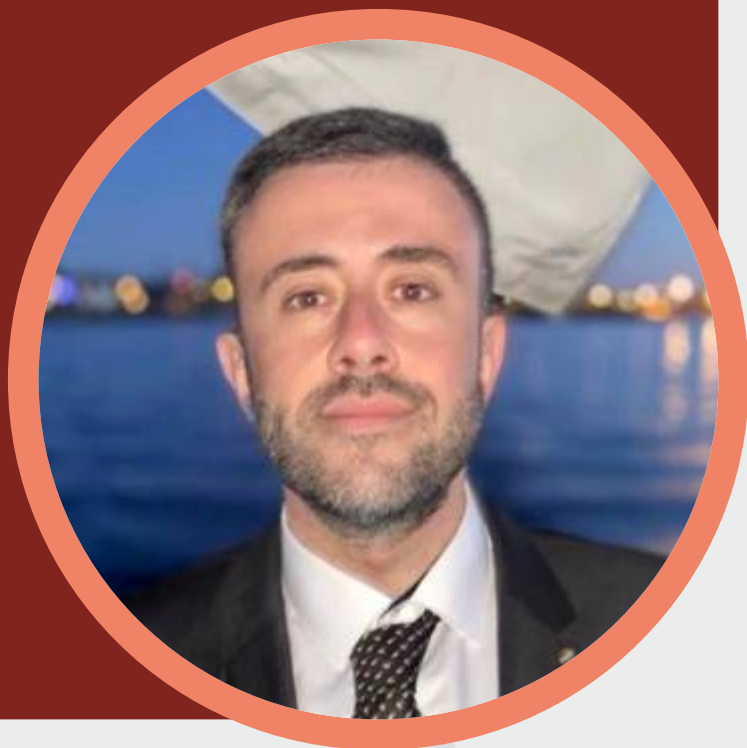
**Vinay Agarwal**

Public Relations Officer  
Round Table International





**LUCA CARBONE**  
SEM CHAIRMAN, 20-21



**Hello Brothers,**

I had the privilege of starting my Tabling life 12 years ago! My home club is RT40 Lugano Switzerland, which is located in Ticino, Southern Switzerland (An Italian-speaking state with around 350,000 inhabitants). We collaborate and work with three clubs in our area.

RT 26 Bellinzona (the capital), RT36 Locarno (a touristic destination), RT40 Lugano (my home club), and last but not least the Ladies Circle 3 Ticino, and the Club41 Lugano.

My life juggles between Lugano and Tallinn in Estonia. In the Nordic capital. I am in constant touch with the local Tablers and Circlers (NEAR region). We collaborate and do a large number of activities related to the benefit of the community. It feels great and not everybody knows that 30 years ago, RT Switzerland together with RT Finland were the Godfather countries of RT Estonia!

With those examples, I have showcased that even in a small area, the RT family maintains a healthy growth trajectory.

I am a travel buff and had the chance to visit numerous places for both professional and personal activities. RT was an important component during my trips. In 2019, I had the honor of serving as an IRO of Switzerland and representing my association around the world. In 2020, I was elected as the SEM Chairman.





Due to the pandemic situation, I was able to attend the AGM of Estonia (30th Anniversary), Cyprus, and Malta.

One big surprise was the amazing international connection with the service started in partnership with Red Bull from RT Switzerland for the frontline staff in hospitals and other people involved in aiding Covid-19 patients. Estonian IRO, Heimar Kuuskler, saw our activity and reached out to us for more details and was able to adapt it to Estonia, adopt it and improve it. He also involved the local pastry producers. It was a great moment of pride and satisfaction for me to have the opportunity to help them on a typical "delivery day" in local hospitals. I felt a sense of pride in how we are sharing our values and contributing towards achieving the goal of a better planet!

At RTI, we strive every day to maintain a cordial and amazing bond with our members and our family, even in this strange period. The pandemic situation may have limited our activities, but has not impacted our brotherhood!

So let's LEAD THE CHANGE !!





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on 20th March' 15:00 CEST

– Conducted by –

**Nicholas Gomez**

RT Gibraltar

Barrister at Law at Charles Gomez & Co

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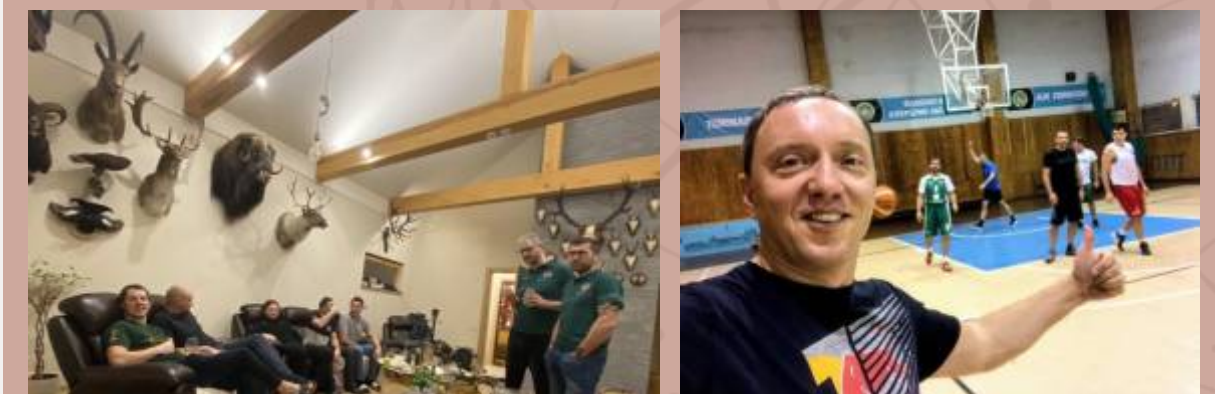
The global spread of the novel coronavirus and the resulting lockdown has led to a significant shift to what Tabling means to each one of us. The Round Table Lithuanian family sprung into action as soon as the first round of strict lockdown restrictions blanketed Europe. No country was prepared to tackle this challenge, neither was Lithuania. The Tablers in Lithuania easily and effectively joined the effort to contain the spread of the disease. Be it free hot meals to the testing laboratory employees, overwhelmed by the sudden avalanche of workload, or the distribution of 3D-printed and tabler-sourced personnel protection products, we had a good chance to use our contacts, talent and energy.

Round Table Lithuania grabbed the opportunity provided by the summer respite and held an in-person half-year meeting and then, in autumn, the AGM. Throughout the year, the Tablers organized online-tastings, live events, and a string of activities to strengthen the ties that bind us. What we discovered is that there is just that much beer one can taste, that many sports events one can see and quizzes one can play over Zoom meetings!

A crucial task that Round Table Lithuania will have to start at the earliest is to instill fresh enthusiasm and energy in the members. A slew of initiatives aimed at attracting new memberships was launched in 2019 and had to be put on hold due to the pandemic. Aspiring Tablers have tried to maintain the excitement in terms of joining but we, as an organization will have to find ways to return to what motivated them to consider joining the Round Table family. Our success in meeting the challenge will determine what Round Table will look like in the years to come.









# ROUND TABLE MALAWI



As COVID-19 started tightening its grip on Africa during the first wave, conducting any (physical) fundraising was difficult due to the stringent rules and regulations put in place by the Malawi Government. Luckily, Round Table Malawi (RTMW) managed to organize a cancer and men's mental health awareness campaign while observing all the COVID-19 protocols.

In November 2020, Round Table Malawi was able to help spread awareness about cancer and mental health by handing out flyers that were written with the help of Dr. Kulisewa, a therapist who works with the College of Medicine in Blantyre. All the Tables in Malawi were involved including a potentially emerging Table in the Mzuzu area. The RTMW family is happy to announce its plans to start the 4th Table in the Mzuzu area!

As you can see from the pictures, the Tablers went to local grocery stores and other markets to ensure maximum reach of the Mental Awareness and Cancer Campaign.

Mental health is a serious problem in Malawi mostly because there is little education regarding the subject coupled with the fact that absence of proper diagnosis and treatment facilities. Round Table Malawi continuously tries to educate diverse communities in the region about the dangers of mental health.



Many local Tablers participated in the "Movember" month campaign. Unfortunately, the actual Movember website does not work in Malawi. This initiative came from the idea of partnering up with local communities and the funds raised for this campaign were to be donated to the winner's choice of the charity organization! The participants in the initiative decided to grow their facial hair. RT Lilongwe 32 was lucky enough to have the "Master grower" Clayton Swart as a participant who ended up winning the title of the most grown facial hair and best design. He managed to





secure a whopping 1.2 mn kwacha(\$ 1.500) to be donated to the Oncology department in Blantyre at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital.

On February 20, 2021, RT Lilongwe 32 had the pleasure of hosting international Tablers during their AGM (via Zoom) which included the AMI Chairman Ibrahim Mojoo and CEE Regional Chairman John Clark as well as the RT Philippines President, Robin Clare-Talbot. The reason for the International Tablers to join the meet was the newly elected Chairman for RT Lilongwe 32, Michele Sabelli. He launched his Clubs' newest addition to their Legacy project 'Streetwise'. Streetwise is an organization run by a former street kid named Bezzel. He works hard to make sure that the street children he takes care of eat 3 meals per day, have proper accommodation, and also assures decent education. Streetwise was earning through selling beaded animals at the local farmers' market. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, all these markets have been closed indefinitely and there are not many places where they can be sold.

RT Lilongwe 32 decided to make a video to show other associations across the RTI World about their big plans for building a government accredited school that will educate these children about permaculture for sustainable farming.

In the given link, you will find the proposal and the video which RT Lilongwe 32 has made.

(Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/u9l8sae0nexcuu/AABYIU9Kv1HFMZhKeBcRSU1a?dl=0>)

We request all our International brothers to contribute to the Fundraising Campaign.

**Remember, “We can't change the world overnight, but for the children at Streetwise this will mean the world of change for them” – Michele Sabelli (RT Lilongwe 32 Chairman 2021).**



Yours in Table,  
**Bram Rozestraten**  
National PRO 2020/2021  
Round Table Malawi



# ROUND TABLE MADAGASCAR



**Statutory Meeting in Tamatave :** All the Tables were represented at this meet.



**Paediatric hospital visit and gift donation for kids (Christmas gift)**



## New Table

(TRM8: Table Ronde Malagasy no.8)  
in Antananarivo Chartering planned  
for March 13, 2021.



## TRM7 (Table Ronde Madagascar n°7)

Requested for a donation to tackle malnutrition in  
south Madagascar. The date of donation is planned in  
the month of March, 2021.







**February 27, 28, and March 1: Round Table Madagascar National Board paid a visit to the Round Table Madagascar no. 7 in Fort-Dauphin (south of Madagascar).**

**The underlying focus of Round Table Madagascar for this year is to visit all the components of the Madagascar Table. It has been commenced in Fort Dauphin.**

- Induction ceremony for 2 new Tablers
- A party was organised for collecting funds. The funds will be used for a community project.
- The board gave an overview of what is Round Table to the Guests. Multiple young people are interested in joining Round Table and the interested individuals will be invited for the next statutory meeting.



Collaboration with Round Table New Zealand – Christchurch 1: They donated US\$ 500 to Madagascar Round Table. The money will be used for community activities.

### **Objectives:**

- Launch Bring your Glass initiative: To promote the Madagascar Round Table and attract young and dynamic individuals to join the Table.
- Reforestation initiative: This is one of the main objectives of Round Table Malagasy in the entire Madagascar that have a table.
- School rehabilitation in Tamatave: Located 20 km North of Tamatave, the objective is to rebuild 2 classrooms and build 2 more.
- Hospital rehabilitation in Tamatave







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# QUIZ 5

## VOLUME 5

### ANSWERS

The Tabler that wins the maximum number of quizzes will be recognized by the RTI President at the World Meet 2021 with a special RTI Branded gift. Stay tuned for the next issue for the answers of Vol 5.

1 Whats is the name of Round Table International Vice President?

Ans.: **Graham Cornelissen**

2 How Many Regions does Round Table International have ?

Ans.: **5**

3 Whats is the name of International Charity Initiatives started by Round Table International this year ?

- ☐ RTI Foundation
- ☐ One World International
- ☐ Global Service Project
- ☐ Global Tablers Outreach Program

Ans.: **Global Service Project**

4 Round Table International has started collecting real-life incidences that have changed the life of tablers. What will this book be called ?

- ☐ 1000 stories of change
- ☐ Tabler for tabler – Tales of real-life heroes
- ☐ For the love of Tabling
- ☐ Scent of Change

Ans.: **Scent of Change**

5 Which Region of Round Table International has the highest number of members ?

Ans.: **CEE**





# RTI NEWSLETTER QUIZ VOLUME 6

You can fill the quiz before 25th March 2020 on  
[quiz.round-table.org](http://quiz.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 6.

1- In which year was Ladies Circle formed.?

- ☐ 1932      ☐ 1934      ☐ 1920      ☐ 1938

2- Round Table International is in 68 countries how many associations do we recognize?

- ☐ 58      ☐ 67      ☐ 57      ☐ 52

3- Approximately how many clubs does Round Table International have across the world?

- ☐ 2750-3000      ☐ 2250-2500      ☐ 3000-3250      ☐ None of the Above

4- Which National Association has the maximum number of Tables?

- ☐ RT India      ☐ RTBI      ☐ RT Germany      ☐ RT Southern Africa

5- Where is the RTI World Meet 2021 be hosted ? (COVID-19 Permitting)

- ☐ India      ☐ Southern Africa      ☐ Mauritius      ☐ Luxembourg





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- Title of your story
- The story should be in **ENGLISH** and less than 1000 words.
- It should be any event / experience / feeling that has inspired you in tabling.
- One picture related to the story
- Avoid anything that goes against the interest of the movement or anything that is related to politics, caste or religion.
- Provide Table and association details

**QUERIES?**

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# STORIES OF CHANGE



Lekker man lekker. That's one phrase I probably found my lifetime experience engraved in. Writing anything about my experience will do injustice since no words can be filling enough to describe my real feelings. From the moment I landed in SA till the moment I flew back, the weight of happy memories got heavier and heavier. Firstly, I won this privilege for almost no effort at all and secondly, I was treated like a royal guest which I doubted I deserved. Being my first visit to Africa, I had no practical knowledge about the culture and behavior of the country, but surprisingly it didn't take me a nanosecond to blend in and feel at home. Their hospitality is just class apart, I can't say it's royal but I can bet that it's so friendly and comfy that we won't miss our folks back home. In Africa, they always talk about "African time". They do not plan everything as we do in India but in some remarkable way it always ends up perfectly.

Starting from Vaal park and then riding through Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Carletonville, Rustenburg, Sun City, and landing at Emerald resort and the casino for the ARTSA before flying back from Sasolburg, every place, every home, and every person left a lasting impact on my heart. The Africans have unique ways of hosting guests. They not only open the doors of their house but also their hearts to make one feel at home. My experience on this trip was priceless. I don't say the places were fancy but I do say they were beautiful as I had the privilege of getting a first hand insight into their culture. We visited the lion farms, gold mines, shooting farms, Sun City, wildlife parks, museums, and the list goes on. A visit to the table clubhouses was another fascinating thing for me since we don't have anything of that type in India. We were hosted in every city.

Having visited so many places abroad, my trips have always been more tiresome than restful. But this trip was different. We were always at ease, waking up at the time we want, trying the cuisines we thought of, and chatting away the nights at leisure. This was simply a true vacation anyone can dream of. The only thing I'll refrain myself from mentioning here will be my "Bunny-Chow" experience. But that's what happens when the spicy Indian blends with sweet Africans. The Africans are a set of wonderful aliens on this land after Indians (LOL!). Every person I met connected instantly and then bid adieu painfully. Their sense of humor and point of perception is next level!

The ARTSA was another mind-blowing experience. Having my Chalet at Emerald resorts and casino was simply jaw-dropping and a mind-blowing WOW. The hippie party, Area food stall, hardcore hut, presidential banquet, banner exchange, and post AGM parties were all one of its kind experiences. We drank and danced and then danced and drank on a loop mode till dawn. Every minute detail from conveyance to lodging, from food to drinks, from pins to t-shirts were all well taken care of.





I don't have enough words in my vocabulary to describe my experience. Anything I say for the feelings I have for all the people I met would simply be an understatement. I thank each one of them for the ever-lasting impression they engraved in my heart and head forever. Since I made sure I don't take the name of anyone who hosted me at home or places around because each of them did their personal best for us and that's why this is one of my most memorable trips so far. But one person because of whom this dream turned into reality deserves to be mentioned is Schalk ... A hearty thanks to him and the entire STNOFS team who played part in gifting me the most treasured memory. Cannot help but agree with every word the RT motto says MEETING THE OLD FRIENDS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

LEKKER MAN LEKKER .

**Abhishek Lodha (Abby)**

Calcutta Metropolitan Round Table 41

Area 4, Round Table India







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- Luxembourg • Madagascar • Malawi
- Malaysia • Malta • Mauritius
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- Nepal • New Zealand • Nigeria
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