



# ROUND TABLE NewsFlash

December 2015



## Main RTI Events

### RTI Half Yearly Meeting

Hungary, 18-21 February 2016

### Round Table Day

Worldwide, 14 March 2016

### Africa Meeting

Kenya, 21-24 April 2016

### ASPA Meeting

Sri Lanka, 27-29 May 2016

### EMA Meeting

Tunisia, 14-17 July 2016

### RTI World Meeting

Nepal, 31 Aug - 4 Sept 2016

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Dear members of  
Round Table International,

On behalf of the TCI Board 2015-2016 Vice President Anna Åkesson and I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



We wish to thank you for the continuous friendship that you have shown us for all combined events and side-by-side projects for the past year – it is continuously amazing and wonderful to see the difference that can be done when we put our strength together in friendship and service.

We look forward to 2016, to contribute and to celebrate friendship!



Yours in continuous friendship



Anna Åkesson  
Vice President Tangent  
Club International

Susanne Norager  
President Tangent  
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KATHMANDU(2 NIGHTS) /RAFTING/POKHARA  
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RTI PARAMARIBO

Dearest International Round Table friends,

As I told you a few months ago in the summer of 2016 RT 1 Paramaribo, Suriname will celebrate their 60th anniversary. And they will celebrate this big time.

Maybe you have read about it in the last RTI news-flash. Together with Dennis Niemel, RT 197 Harderwijk Netherlands, we were asked by them as European promoters for this event.

**As of today everybody can register  
and come along with us!**

**What are the costs and what do you get:**

We arranged 50 seats in a KLM Boeing from Amsterdam to Paramaribo and return. Because the CEO of KLM is an old Dutch Tabler we got special prices, instead of the normal €1500, we got them for €1050,- and these are flexible tickets. (This means that you can use the tickets whenever you want as long as on one of the flights that are booked there are at least 10 persons. And that is already been taken care of!)

To register in Suriname for the event (28, 29, 30 and 31 of July 2016!) costs €250

A place to sleep varies from home hosting to an apartment ( €35,- a day), till €75,- per person a day!) We will have a big Round table get together on Schiphol, Amsterdam and even a bigger welcome in Suriname. Let's all support the small tabling countries and attend this wonderful event.

If there are more questionnaires, don't hesitate to contact me on Facebook or send an email to: Nederland@roundtable.sr  
And check out their website: Www.roundtable.sr  
There you will find even more information.

I hope to see you there!

**Wouter Peeters:**  
**RT 11 Nijmegen, Netherlands**





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**NewsFlash**

*Earning our tomorrow, by the work we do today....*



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## INFO BOX - SEARCHING TABLE NUMBERS

We have a fantastic tool at our disposal called the admin platform which is accessible to all tablers.

To login, simply type the following:

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Once you're in, go to 'menu' > 'search table numbers'

Then simply type the number in the field provided.

For example, if you type 89, this is what you'll get:  
(SEE IMAGE BELOW)

From there on, you can just click on the various contact names to obtain their respective contact details including emails.

Hope it helps!

**Tr.Prakash Kapadia: RTI PRO**

### SEARCH TABLE NUMBERS

Number :

Clubs found : 18

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## PK's MESSAGE



Traditionally and contemporary, festival times have probably been the most finest and much awaited times of the year. It not only calls for off days at work but also time to concentrate on the deities but also to spend time with family and friends.

Festivities help people realize their involvement in social activities, engage them better in their own communities and moreover teaches them to respect other people's festivals and sentiments.

Let us make the most of this festive season to teach out to the needy and bring a smile to the faces of the down-trodden so that they too may experience a little sunshine in their cold days..

So friends, let's have fun this December with fellowship & bonding. Someone rightly said; connection is an energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard & valued; when they can give & receive without judgment; when they derive sustenance and strength from relationship..

I hope you all enjoy this festive month and looking forward to seeing u all in true tabling spirit in 2016!!

Happy New Year!

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Yours in Tabling,  
**Tr.Prakash Kapadia**  
**RTI PRO**





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## POETRY AT THE CROSSROAD BETWEEN HUMAN VALUES AND THE HUMAN CONDITION

As we welcome the festive season and look forward to spending some quality time with our dear ones, many of us will look back at the past year to reflect, take note of the changes around and take stock of how we fared compared with the earlier goals. For fellow tablers, this moment of reflection

is made special thanks to our motto- 'Adopt, Adapt, Improve'.

Our movement places us at the heart of human progress; it equips us with the human values to face the human condition. Whilst a tabler's world might comprise trials and tribulations, his ambition to make the world a better place and his endeavour to become a better person is what sets him apart from his fellow men.

I wish to take this opportunity to share two timeless poems; Louis Marchesi's favourite poem 'If', by Rudyard Kipling, which talks about human values and another great poem by Shakespeare commonly called 'The Seven Ages of Man' which relates to the human condition.

As we prepare for the new year, let us be mindful of our limits and of our potential; let us shape our future by earning our tomorrow by the work we do today...

### The Seven Ages of Man

(By William Shakespeare)

All the world's a stage,  
And all the men and women merely players;  
They have their exits and their entrances,  
And one man in his time plays many parts,

His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,  
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms;  
And then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel  
And shining morning face, creeping like snail



Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,  
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad  
Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,  
Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard,

Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,  
Seeking the bubble reputation  
Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice,  
In fair round belly with good capon lined,

With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,  
Full of wise saws and modern instances;  
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts  
Into the lean and slippered pantaloon,

With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;  
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide  
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,  
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes



And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,  
That ends this strange eventful history,  
Is second childishness and mere oblivion,  
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything

**If**

(By Rudyard Kipling)

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Yours in Tabling  
**Irshad Paurobally:**  
Africa Region Chairman & RTI Secretary 2015/16



## Structured for Growth – The RT Nepal Experience

Dear Tablers,

Firstly I wish you & your loved ones a wonderful season & New Year blessed with happiness and prosperity! Just where the time flies I don't know? But I look back at a very eventful year of Tabling and would like to express my sincere gratitude to those Tablers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to enrich our lives with incredible fun and fulfillment as well as touched the lives of communities in need. A thousand thank you's.

I was in Nepal in Nov for the quarterly RTI Board meeting and pleasantly surprised by what our brothers there at RT Nepal have achieved. Nepal is a country a bit more than twice the size of Sri Lanka but with around 27 million people, only 28% more people. I was astounded to find they have 23 Tables with 300+ Tablers! Compare this with the 6 tables and 80 Tablers that Sri Lanka has. RT Nepal was chartered in 1999 and RT Sri Lanka only four years later.

Whilst I inquired and deliberated on the many reasons for this impressive growth, one thing really stood out... how well RT Nepal was STRUCTURED. And by this I don't simply mean the people but the processes they have adopted to grow the RT organization and make it one of the most sought after social clubs in the country. They currently have a waiting list of tablers, and even some Tables that were inaugurated but now waiting to be chartered!

Some initiatives that stand out are:

- How well they handle their Meeting Agendas... impeccably planned & delicately balanced between fun and serious business.
- How well rehearsed their Sargent At Arms always is... ensuring that their fines are multifaceted by encouraging





conformity whilst capturing the humour in every given situation.

- The fantastic branding: on their vehicles, at the venues of their events & on themselves! Everyone is abundantly aware of a Round Table function as the brand is really made to stand out in a BIG way.
- The way they inaugurate & charter new Tables... we inaugurated 3 new Tables & chartered one whilst there, and the formality and grandeur at these events would leave a strong sense of pride in the new Tablers that would keep the Tabling spirit burning strong.
- The Inauguration packs given to new Tables complete with RT Nepal Handbook, Directory, Pins, Sargent at Arms band and even the first set of Jewels for the in-coming Board... allowing the new Table to hit the ground running from day 1.
- The RTNepal branded credit card that gives special discounts at several establishments especially for Tablers. Also a percentage of the spending on each card goes back to the national association for admin.

The list goes on but I think you get the picture now. It was truly enlightening for me and I am extremely grateful for our brothers in Nepal for what they are doing for Round Table and specially the ASPA region. It makes me want to be a better Tabler. Finally, I only gathered this by actually travelling there and spending time with them, so I encourage you all to travel more and ADOPT, ADAPT & IMPROVE!

Yours in Tabling

**Ibrahim Saleem:**  
ASPA Region  
Chairman  
and RTI Treasurer  
2015/16



## FREE MEDICAL CAMP HOSTED BY EQUATOR ROUND TABLE NO. 28



On the 6th of December 2015, the Tablers of Equator Round Table conducted a free medical camp that benefited nearly 500 needy people. The medical camp ran from 9.00am to 5.00pm and had over 20 doctors, 6 clinical officers and 10 nurses. Some of the doctors were GP's Oncologists, ENT Specialists, Orthopaedics, Paediatricians, Nutritionist's and Physiotherapists.

The medical camp was held at the Jalaram Academy Grounds and the most of the volunteers were the school children and school staff who did a wonderful job in making sure the camp flowed smoothly.

Many patients were found for the first time that they suffered from high blood pressure and some never knew that they had diabetes. Medicines were prescribed to each of the 500 patients and they were all dispensed completely FREE of charge. The platinum sponsors were Standard Chartered Bank, whilst the silver sponsors were Nakumatt and Tembo Energy Drink. The

bronze sponsorship category was covered by the Sindha Family and the Bhayani Family Trust. Individual Round Tabler sponsors were Jiten Pabari and Vishaal Shah who kick started the project. The pharmaceutical sponsors included Regal Pharmaceuticals, Cosmos Limited, Universal Corporation, Kentons Limited, Laboratory & Allied and Crown Healthcare.

The project Convenor Mital Shah and his team took on this mammoth project and very successfully completed it. His team included Jay Shah, Vishaal Shah, Keval Shah, Kushal Patel, Amit Kotecha, Harshel Kaneria. Dr Rajan of the NCKK also helped the Tablers to understand the mechanics of a free medical camp. On the day all the tablers worked extremely hard to make sure the event was a huge success.

Equator Round Table 28 falls under the direct governance of Round Tables in Easter Africa and has kept the flag flying high for over 27 years making sure the social service is delivered to the point.





## THE 35TH BAHRAIN MARATHON RELAY

organised by the Bahrain Round Table, took place at the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) on the 27th November 2015, on the weekend of the RTAG Half Yearly.

The day attracted the joint highest number of participants, with 177 teams competing. Each team completed 16 legs on road around the BIC track and through the desert. The event this year is expected to have raised close to BD 30,000 (Bahrain Dinar) for charity.

Over the past 35 years the event has raised in excess of BD

1,000,000 (\$2.7m) and it is one of the largest and most successful charity events in the Kingdom of Bahrain. All funds raised are donated towards Bahrain based charitable causes, which have previously included other not-for-profit organisations providing services such as education, food relief, shelter, special need support and animal rescue and rehabilitation.

If any teams are interested in attending next year's event, dates will be finalised in Q2 of 2016 and we will place a promotional article in NewsFlash.



## TWIN NATIONAL BOARD RT FRANCE - RT BELGIUM



The French Round Table of Saint-Quentin, on the occasion of the Franco-Belgian TWIN National Board reception, gathered nearly 400 people over 2 nights! But this very festive weekend was also an opportunity for our club to achieve 2 Actions!

**One local:** we brewed and sold beer packs and beer glasses. Doing so, we eased families in need's access to culture by allowing to attend to a show for young children. € 970 were donated!

**One International:** Our moustaches were nature's communication tool! Like all Mo Bros, we used it to begin conversations about men health! And it works!!

We also made and sold "TWIN BN MOVEMBER" pins to support the foundation! € 1,300 were raised to defend men's health!

Thanks to the combined efforts of several Mo Bros Tablers, the French Round Table team is the 19th best team in France to raise funds to MOVEMBER! It's a good score for the TRF because it's the beginning of our mobilization about it. We really hope to make even better next year with more Mo Bros Tablers!

**Cédric HOMBERT:** Chairman of RT 155 Saint-Quentin





## HELPING CHILDREN DISCOVER ANOTHER WORLD

The Bressuire Round Table club (347), inaugurated on the 13th December 2014, is organising events for underprivileged children and teenagers. The first event took place Saturday 28th November 2015).

The Chairmain of RT347, Laurent Petit will occupy the post for 1 year. Last Saturday he assembled the club members for 'The Golden Racquets', a day dedicated to children placed in the School for children with special characters (MECS) in Cholet.

The event took place at the Regional Tennis Centre in Bressuire. « We already have the Sails of Hope and the Oval of Hope. Today however we are lucky enough to have elite professional players for a tennis tournament here in Bressuire. We had to make this most of this opportunity. This event will help these children to enjoy a day away from their everyday lives and problems, to help them discover another world. » explained the Chairman.

Around 10 children aged between 8 and 13 years old were present to experience a day of learning and fun, linked to sport. They were joined by students from Notre Dame college who volunteered to help join the two worlds together.

After a first experience of tennis in the morning, the children had the chance to meet the professional tennis players who were kind enough to halt their preparations for the tournament to make time for photos with the children and to sign autographs. The day continued with the children watching these same players competing on court.

**Johann GRIMAUD**  
President of Area 7 RT FRANCE

## MARCO PIERRE WHITE ARRIVES IN SRI LANKA

He's the enfant terrible of the culinary world, the visionary who redefined modern British cuisine, and the man who infamously returned three Michelin stars to reinvent himself. When Marco Pierre White arrives in Sri Lanka next January, he will set a precedent as one of the first Michelin starred celebrity chefs to visit the island. He has trained chefs such as Gordon Ramsay, Curtis Stone and Shannon Bennet.

Colombo Paradise Round Table 5 (CPRT5), which was the 5th Table Chartered in Sri Lanka was formed in 2013. The Members, under the leadership of Chairman Tr. Asif Nanji immediately engaged themselves in ambitious Community Service Projects that saw the Renovation of a Home for The Elders in Borella; and the building of a Vocational Activities Centre for 'The Refuge' Home For Abused Girls in Kandy. CPRT 5 through a Fund Raiser held at the Blue Elephant, Hilton Colombo raised the funds needed for the construction of the Vocational Activities Centre, which was completed and handed over in 2014.


The next Community Service Project undertaken by CPRT 5 was to raise funds for the 'The Ceylon School for the Deaf & Blind, Ratmalana'. Funds were raised in November 2014 through a Fund Raiser held at the CASA Colombo, a Premier boutique hotel in Sri Lanka. The Project saw much needed equipment such as fans for the children's dormitories, facilities maintenance equipment, special audio visual equipment and other necessities donated to the School in March this year.

CPRT 5's Charity Fundraisers have always been the most anticipated Events in the Sri Lankan Tabling calendar, and this year we have taken things to a different level! In 2016 under the Chairmanship of Tr. Hazim Abdul Cader, The Table is having a Charity Fundraiser with an International Celebrity Chef – the renowned Marco Pierre White. Colombo Paradise Round Table 5 has 50 VIP tickets priced at LKR 30,000/- (approx. US\$ 200) to meet the culinary great for exclusive cocktails and dinner.

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## SAHARA - SPONSORING ORPHAN CHILDREN



BTL 122 and BTRT 222 launched project initiative 'SAHARA' (simply means support) on 11th October 2015 to commemorate "THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF GIRL CHILD". The aim of the project was to financially adopt (sponsor) an orphan girl child for a year and look after her requirements as they may arise during the course of 1 year.

The phenomenal response received from Friends in Tabling and Circling was overwhelming that not only were we able to adopt every girl child but all the boy children at the orphanage. We were able to adopt 48 Children for 1 year.

### Pleased to acknowledge Support for Project SAHARA from our kind donors:

1. Tr. Vishal Cr. Shradha (RT222/LC122)
2. Tr. Varun Cr. Gunjan (RT222/LC122)
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42. Tr. Santosh & Mrs. Rekha Mishra (BCRT 90 / BCLC 36)
43. Tr. Gaurav & Soumya Goyal (BMTRT 129 / BMTLC 54)

We will be taking forward the project SAHARA for any additional children at the Home and will also make this a consistent year-on-year initiative.

### Message from the management of Home:

Hello Cindy, Kevin, Cammy and the rest of the wonderful people in your group. It was a pleasure meeting up with you all once again yesterday on a very special day. Girl Child day, thank you Kevin for telling me about it, because I did not know. You guys are awesome, first of all for making the time to come and spend time with us and more importantly for the huge support you are lending to our children and all of us at Jeevarathni. It is only with the generous support and kindness of good people like yourselves that we can make things happen at Jeevarathni and give our children all the help they need to grow up to be good and productive human beings.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sponsoring all our children. You have made a huge difference not only with the money but with your time and energy and the love you have shown for our children.

### Message from the Chairman of BTRT 222:

Our encouragement will allow the home to bring in more lonely children, where they will have the opportunity to get a better living and grow up to be wonderful human beings. We have committed to take this initiative forward year-on-year.

My gratitude will never be enough for the support I have seen from all our donors, my friends, in making this noble initiative successful.

Report Compiled by:

**Tr. Kevin D'souza**  
**Bangalore Titans Round Table 222**  
**Chairman 2015-16**





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## WITH LOVE FROM PRT 15



Poona RT 15 is known to come up with some great ideas. Their theme for the year 2015 – 2016 is "With love from PRT 15" where PRT 15 tablers will visit all Areas of RTI and Pin the Area Chairman along with Home Table Chairman with a special With Love from PRT 15 Pin thus increasing the bonding and friendship between tablers of PRT 15 and tablers across India. A great initiative promoting "Tabling Beyond Boundaries".

"With Love from PRT 15" kick started in a grand way on the 31st of October 2015 at the RTI Secretariat in Chennai where PRT 15 Chairman Tr. Abhishek More, Area 3 Chairman Tr. Hitesh Kering and PRT 15 Secretary Tr. Devesh Jatia got the opportunity to kick start the event by Pinning the special Pin to National President Tr. Suman Voora, National Secretary Tr. Chris, National Treasurer Tr. Dhruv Dalmia and the Great Area 2 Chairman Tr. Inder Singh along with all the 14 AST's of Round Table India. They were also given Special PRT 15 Table Flags and PRT 15 Car Garbage bags.



From Chennai PRT 15 Chairman Tr. Abhishek More, Area 3 Chairman Tr. Hitesh Kering and PRT 15 Secretary Tr. Devesh Jatia took With Love from PRT 15 to a new high by going International. They travelled to Colombo to Pin Round Table International President Tr. ALTAF JUVENJEE, Round Table Asia Pacific Chairman & Round Table International Treasurer Tr. IBRAHEEM SALEEM, Round Table Srilanka IRO Tr. Ranil S. and other tablers from Colombo with our Special 'With love from PRT 15 Pin' They were also given Special PRT 15 Table Flags and PRT 15 Car Garbage bags.

What a crazy 4 days of fellowship in Chennai and Colombo meeting tablers from all over India in Chennai and meeting up with tablers of RT Sri Lanka in Colombo. 4 days and 4 nights of great bonding and fellowship.

Now, tablers and sq. legs of PRT 15 will take "With Love from PRT 15" to the Home Table of every Area Chairman of Round Table India.

**Reported by:**

**Tr. Abhishek More (Chairman – Poona RT 15)**

## FOOD AND MUSIC IN A SPECIAL KIND OF CHARITY

Let's think about the importance of food!!! This is the idea Round Table Italy wants to transmit with that service initiative, the "Tour barter" is a series of concerts with Maestro Maurizio Mastrini, in which the audience pay the ticket bringing some food for charity.

We have experienced the success of this event with the last year's concert in the city of Siena; so this year, believing in this project, we planned five dates in Italy, instead of only one, and we're organizing other five dates abroad.

Only during the first three Italian dates we've already raised a Tonne of food for an average value of 3.200,00 Euros. This has been a great target, especially considering that the first date has been organized in two weeks for a sudden changing of location due to unexpected problem of the city.

**Now we'd like to export this success abroad, helping populations in lack of food listening good music. Take a look at: [www.mauriziomastrini.com](http://www.mauriziomastrini.com)**



## CLEAN-UP OF A MANGROVE FOREST BY THE MAURITIUS RT 1

A very large mangrove forest in Mahebourg, south-east of Mauritius, is nest to fish larve, crabs and other small shellfish. These mangroves are within an ancient fish farm, and although its structures still exist, the farm is no longer used. For many years, household waste thrown into coastal rivers upstream travel through the lagoon and end up into this mangrove forest, and remain there. Moreover, some inhabitants of the region throw their waste directly into the mangroves.

The Mauritius Round Table One organized, sponsored and participated in a clean-up of this forest on Sunday the 29th of November. Within three hours, the 40 volunteers (other NGO's and inhabitants joined the Round Table) removed 1970 kg, or near two tons, of waste: mostly plastics, used syringes, textiles, cardboard, tiles and other construction waste, car wheels, fridges, mattresses and glass bottles. Articles have been published in the newspapers to call for attention from the government as well as a mean to make the public aware of this dramatic ecological problem.

**Yannick Quevauvilliers**







## NEWS FROM KATHMANDU, NEPAL

We kicked off the much-awaited Round Table International Board visit to Kathmandu, Nepal with the arrival of Tr. Altaf, RTI President & Tr. Ibraheem, RTI Treasurer & ASPAC Chairman shortly after noon on 25th November, 2015. Tr. Kaj, VP, RTI & Tr. Saku, Community Service Officer & EMA Chairman flew in by about 6 pm and Tr. Irshad, Africa Region Chairman & RTI Secretary flew in at about 8:30 pm. The first night saw us partying at a popular local restaurant called Trisara, which had a live band playing. Saku, who has always said only 'lookie-lookie' went on to dance and befriend a couple of girls on FB in a pretty short time. Isn't that good for a start guys?

The next day started with the Board Meeting of the RTI and a separate one of the RTIWM2016 Committee. For our Joe Tablers, I'd just like to mention a RTI tradition- the 2nd RTI Board Meeting of any tabling year happens at the venue of the next RTI World Meeting!! Both the Boards met over lunch and resumed meetings post lunch too. The dinner, as scheduled, was at a traditional Nepalese restaurant- a low seating place with ethnic Nepalese dances as entertainment. The name of the place is 'Bhojan Griha' which literally translates to 'Meal Home'. Our RTI guests

enjoyed the 3 course meal and the entertainment. Post dinner we visited a bar in Thamel with a heavy metal band playing some popular stuff from the 90s. Victory on Durbar Marg was our next stop, which was a little less crowded but Saku had marked the place for the next few nights.

November 27, 2015 - We started off with the joint meeting of the RTI Board & RTIWM2016 Committee. The RTI Board checked our preparedness quite minutely I must say. The website, registration procedure, meeting venues, schedules, entertainment plans and so much more. We also had a close look at the venues for each Event. We had an hour-long all4nepal meeting with the RTI Board in the evening. Regular reporting was the requirement mentioned to the RT Nepal Tablers in the meeting.

The afternoon saw us in another meeting- the 2nd National Executives Meeting of RT Nepal. The RTI Board were present throughout this meeting too. During the evening we had the Charter Ceremony of Kathmandu Royals Round Table No. 23 (Inaugurated by then RTI President, Jason Thomson as Chief Guest and now Chartered by present RTI President, Altaf as

Chief Guest) at Hotel Soaltee Crowne Plaza, the venue hotel for RTIWM2016 which was followed by a fellowship attended well by Tablers from Kathmandu as well as our Honorary Tablers Mr. Rajendra Khetan & Mr. Manoj Kedia. (Past RTN President & Past ASPAC Chairman). The fellowship lasted well into the night with Tr. Ravi Khetan, ASPAC Tabler of the Year, 2014-2015 almost being locked up in the hall all alone after the party!! Now is it necessary to write where our very own Saku went?

On 28 November the RTI Board resumed their meeting and we finished off the day with the inauguration of 3 new Tables in Kathmandu- Kathmandu Knights Round Table, Kathmandu Saints Round Table & Kathmandu Titans Round Table in the presence of the RTI Board & Tablers of RT Nepal at Moksh Restaurant. The formal program was followed by a fellowship with a live band and some karaoke by our Tablers & their better halves.

With this we started to bid adieu to our friends from the RTI Board and I'm sure they had a good & fruitful time with us.

Tablers, I've been attending RTIWMs since 2010 and have seen





## NEWS FROM KATHMANDU, NEPAL (continued)

the high standards set out for us to match upto in 2016. We will be benchmarking the standards set out by the previous RTIWMS and we will strive to match and surpass them.

We have a Pre-Tour starting out on 24th August 2016 from Kathmandu where we will be showing you the very best of what Kathmandu valley has to offer over 2 days. Our guests will have the option of staying at the home of a Tabler (first 30 guests) or Dalai La which is a beautiful boutique hotel ([www.dalailaboutique-hotel.com](http://www.dalailaboutique-hotel.com)). Then we will drive you to Pokhara (with white water rafting on the way- an adventure unparalleled anywhere else in the world). Pokhara is a picturesque lake town with the majestic Machhapuchhre (meaning Fish-tail) Mountain towering over the city. The view of the Machhapuchhre on the waters of the Fewa lake is another must see!!

After 2 days of sightseeing in Pokhara and overnight stay at the beautiful Fish Tail Lodge ([www.fishtail-lodge.com/fishtail](http://www.fishtail-lodge.com/fishtail)), we will be trekking for two days to Ghandruk & Landruk. It is a trek which is rated at Easy-Medium which means even if you are semi-fit you can do it easily. The trek will take us closer to the Annap-

urna Range of the Himalayas. We will be amidst some beautiful scenery over these days. Of course, those who do not want to trek can stay on in Pokhara and we have activities like the Zip Line, Bungy and Begnas Lake visit lined up for you.

On our return journey, we will be spending a day at Bandipur which is an ancient Nepalese town nestled in the hills away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

The RTIWM2016 (31 August 2016 to 04 September 2016) will be held at Crowne Plaza-Soaltee, Kathmandu which is an IHG property. It is the address for Heads of State visiting Nepal and the very best Kathmandu has to offer. We have the entire weekend packed with activities for our Tabling friends and Circlers from all over the world. The Patan Heritage Walk, which has been timed to allow even the Delegate to have a look at ancient Kathmandu will be something to look out for!

The RTIWM2016 will be followed by RT Nepal AGM on 04 September 2016 and we invite our friends to join us on this day too.

We also have a helicopter ride on offer during our RTIWM to Hotel Everest View at 3800 M above sea level which is just below Everest Base Camp. It is the highest restaurant in the World and is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. We will be treating our guests to a champagne breakfast here before we ride back to Kathmandu.

The entertainment will be top-notch with Tr. Navin Bhanshali planning day-in and out to give you guys a gala time. Well, Tablers can have a feedback from the International Tablers who have visited us over the past few AGMs!

All in all, we want to welcome you with open arms to Round Table International World Meeting 2016 and assure you of a good time here!

Yours in Table

**TR. MANOJ KR. DAS**  
**CONVENOR - RTIWM 2016**







## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Tablers,

Firstly let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a blessed Holiday season and hope you enjoy it!!!

Its been a hectic month with travel to NTM in Iceland, the RTI Board Meeting and inspection of the World Meeting Facilities in Nepal, followed by the AGM of Israel. Kaj wrote about NTM in his last article so I would like to touch on the highlights of Nepal and Israel.

### Extensions in RT Nepal

RT Nepal inaugurated 4 clubs on our visit to Nepal. They added more than 40 members over 2 days, that is more than a 10% growth in membership. Why was this possible and what can we learn from them. I identified 4 key points:

1. There must be a plan to grow and it must be done in a very practical manner.

2. RT Nepal are very organized with their extensions – clear timing, guidelines, extension packs, certificates etc to all new members. By doing this their members have real context in which to be tablers.
3. RT Nepal have identified the need to be diverse, that is they understand their tables must be a reflection of the different cultures and ethnicities in their population. This also helps sustainability and growth.
4. All fellowship events and charity projects they do, also have the aim of generating membership.

### World Meeting – RT Nepal Sept 2016

The world meeting organizing team, led by convener Manoj Kumar Das are ready and well organized. The event will be unique, Nepal is a great place, with a unique culture and the beauty of the Himalays range. In Nepal it is said that “Visitor is god” so you are sure to get great hospitality and welcome.

1. The event location is great, the hotel is 5 star property, with good faculties and great restaurants

2. Registration is open, we tested the booking engine and it is simple to use. Please go online and register
3. RT Nepal have organized discounts with Ethihad airlines, details will be circulated

### Update on ALL4Nepal

Due to political issues, borders into Nepal have been closed and key items such as fuel and other consumables are not getting through. Fuel prices have risen 4 times the normal price, increasing the price of all construction related material. This has caused a delay in the projects currently underway. It was decided to wait till mid December, in the hope that Political issues will clear up. In the event they did not, it was agreed that the school building would continue, even though there would be an increase in costs .

RT Nepal have committed to completing the current class rooms and schools under construction by Aug 2016. At the same time they will identifying, with the ministry of education, other school that need renovation or rebuilding. The entire ALL4 Nepal project





is to be completed by end Aug 2017.

### RTI Board Meeting

From the topics discussed at the RTI board meeting the need to re-structure RTI was a key new idea. We believe that the current structure has been tried and tested. Its results have been mixed. We are not meeting our goals of becoming younger and bigger. So the question remains how do we achieve our targets.

The RTI board has begun a thinking process of how to re-structure RTI to achieve our objectives. We will bring our ideas and thinking to the ½ year meeting to share with the floor, where it can be debated and developed further. Here are a few things to think about:

1. RTI regions - in particular where are membership is strong and stable, where it is decreasing and where it is non-existent.
2. How do we approach each region in terms of strategies for membership. Is it the same for each region
3. How do we make the work RTI does, more effective?

### RT Israel Holy AGM and Mass Tour

As a mass tour this was great event. It was brilliantly organized. Israel has a lot of culture and history to offer, which makes the trip fascinating. However from a tabling point of view, it highlighted the need for more WMC focus on RT Israel.

The WMC group, led by RT Sweden have put some plans in place to help RT Israel back on the growth path. We will monitor closely the progress made by RT Israel.

Finally guys please register for the ½ year meeting in Eger, Hungary. A great event has been planned, meetings will be interesting with a lot of new ideas to be discussed.

Have a great holiday season, enjoy your time with friends, family and tablers!

Yours in tabling

**Altaf Jeevunjee: RTI president 2015-16**

