



## Main RTI Events

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## PK's MESSAGE



2016 is going to be the best year YET!!!!

Welcome all my dear tablers to brand New Year of twenty sixteen (look twenty, feel sixteen). Another year to dream, to chase those dreams, to achieve, to glorify oneself and all that we are associated with.

Every year, many of us, make innumerable resolutions in the beginning of the New Year with lot of zest and energy. Sooner than later we loose on our passion and dedication to realize those resolutions. Year, after year most of the resolutions remain the same. Let 2016 be the year with a difference. Let us make INTENTIONS rather than RESOLUTIONS...Intentions are much more then just wishful thinking. They are passions with the deepest desire backed by promise to oneself. Let our intentions be, to make a difference to our Body, Mind, Family and our Society.

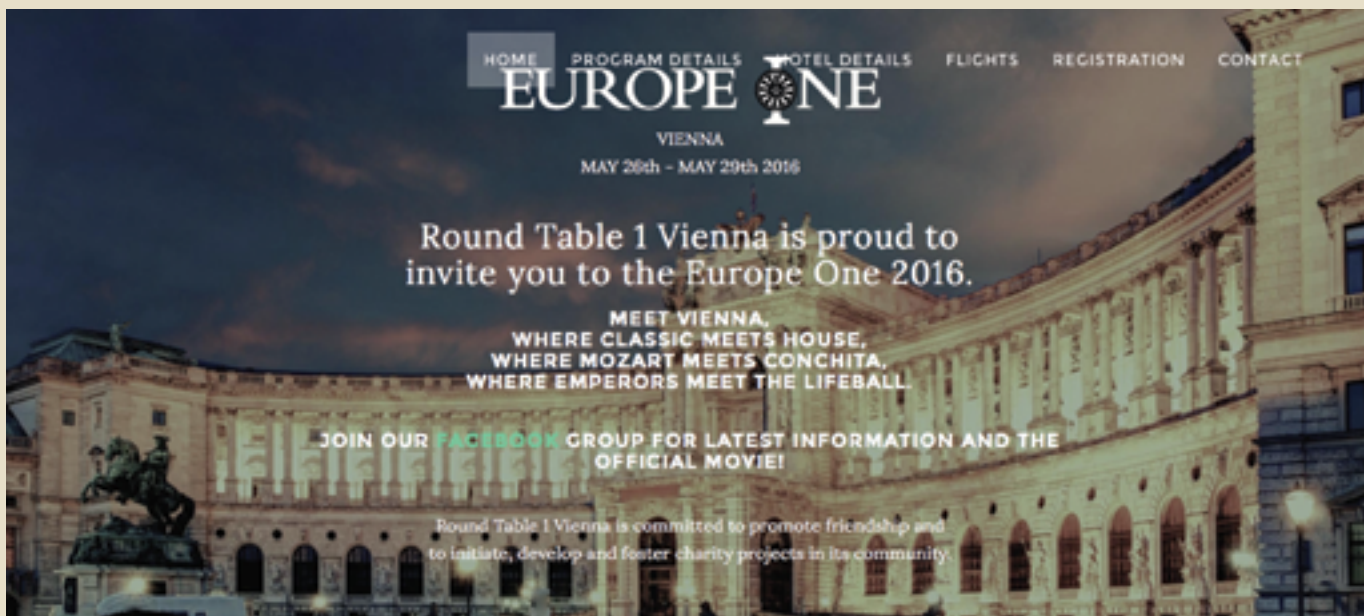
## NEW YEAR INTENTIONS

1. To be enthusiastic about life, success of oneself and others.
2. To be a voice of the quiet.
3. Listen more, speak as required.
4. Dare to do the impossible
5. To develop unique qualities of firmness, flexibility, strength and kindness.
6. Educate and motivate at least one new person towards tabling and community service.
7. To be advanced version of oneself.

These intentions will surely make oneself and society a better place to be in!

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Yours in Tabling,  
Tr.Prakash Kapadia: RTI PRO





## RTI - UNITING THE WORLD IN ITS DIVERSITY

The Round Table movement was successful in growing its membership base worldwide because of the universal appeal of its values. A unique characteristic which has always been incredibly inclusive about the movement is that it has historically been able to attract very diverse members to unite towards the goal of making the world a better place while at the same time, treating every

individual as an equal.

Recent newspaper headlines on the subject of diversity, namely at the Academy Awards or the Board of Directors at Apple, serve as reminders that to remain relevant in the 21st century, we need to stay true to our avant-garde and progressive philosophy. Whilst we are already very diverse, Round Table International has the means to deepen our commitment to diversity.

What better way to reflect about diversity than to share some thoughts on the subject from a diverse group of leaders, from different backgrounds and yet with converging visions of the future? Below are a series of talks, available online<sup>1</sup>, which I thought are worth sharing on the subject of diversity and inclusion.

### 1. Alternate Notions of Beauty

Rick Guidotti, fashion photographer and human rights activist, discusses albinism and his efforts to remove the negative stigmas surrounding this genetic disorder - a condition which speaks volumes of the narrowly defined standards of beauty, which often result in unjust discrimination and treatment.

### 2. Language and Linguistic Diversity

David Bellos, a translator, author and professor, argues that the myth of Babel, while entertaining, tells the wrong



story, and that “the original use of human speech was to be different, not the same.”

### 3. Diversity Driven Innovation

Frans Johansson, CEO of the Medici Group, argues that the willingness to combine more ideas from a wide range of sources increases the chance of creating something that will have a large positive impact.

### 4. Right Brain Thinking

Daniel Pink, best-selling author and TV host, believes that the abilities that matter most in advanced economies are predominately tasks associated with the left hemisphere of the brain -- logical, analytical, linear, sequential, etc. The

skills associated with the right side side of the brain are not only becoming more valuable, they are a fundamental part of being human.

### 5. Diversity breeds Creativity

Joel Cohen, writer and co-executive producer on The Simpsons, believes that in order to maximize the breadth of creative outcome from a group, it is also important to maximise the breadth of income, in terms of people, skills and backgrounds. The Simpson's writers include engineers, lawyers and people with business degrees, he attributes these wide-ranging characteristics as the reason for its success.

### 6. Unity in Diversity

Reza Aslan is an American scholar, commentator and award-winning author. He addresses the issue of religious biases and explains how, very often, the issue is very much one of 'us' versus 'them'. He believes that the only way to break free from this mentality is for people to know and understand members of different religions as friends, co-workers, neighbours or acquaintances.

### 7. Diversity in Thinking

Temple Grandin, a professor, consultant, writer and autism activist explains how she owes so much of her success in life to thinking in pictures. She discusses pattern thinkers and verbal thinkers and explains how important it is for the world to recognise the value in the world's diversity of minds because too many skills and qualities from children, including those diagnosed with autism, who are perceived as 'geeky' or 'nerdy' are being overlooked.

### 8. The Power of Introverts

Susan Cain is a writer and former Wall Street lawyer talks about society's emphasis on extroversion and the pressure placed on introverted children to “come out of their shell” when they may prefer to work quietly on their own rather than in groups. Susan Cain says that we need introverted





people as they represent an important facet of human nature and are necessary to think up new ideas and solutions to problems facing everyone.

### 9. Diverse Boardroom Cultures

Lucy P. Marcus, founder and CEO of Marcus Ventures, argues that the best way to achieve an engaged board is by making it as diverse as possible; diversity in terms of race, sex, age, experience, political values and knowledge. A diverse board will be reflected in a healthy and productive staff. She concludes that the more diverse a board, the more successful a company will be in comparison to its competitors.

### 10. Embracing Cultural Diversity

Elizabeth Lesser, the co-founder of Omega institute, talks about the process, negative impacts and how to counteract "otherising" - the act in which an individual or culture begins to demonise another group of people as different and therefore as a threat. The cure is simple - take "the other" to lunch. Thus, by talking about shared experiences, issues which concern you and asking a question you've always wanted to ask someone on the "other" side, you drop all pretence of "know-it-all" behaviour and make a positive choice to encourage diversity and inclusion.

After nearly 90 years in existence, why is the movement respectful of diversity and why are our fellow tablers naturally drawn towards inclusion? Perhaps it is the desire to understand, explore and discover the world around us in order to improve it. Or maybe the answer lies closer home, somewhere within our motto 'Adopt, Adapt, Improve'... After all, we can only improve ourselves by learning from others.

Yours in Tabling

**Irshad Paurobally:**  
Africa Region Chairman & RTI Secretary 2015/16

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### RT SWEDEN #1 IN MOVEMBER!



Round Table Sweden raised the most funds of all in Movember in the national competition. Led by appointed Movember General Peter Hällström, Round Table Sweden had a tough competition by all teams in the Swedish Hockey League. It was a close call that Frölunda Indians, who took the first place last year, would do the same this year. In the final minutes it was clear that we got the 1st place! 404 061 SEK (€43 400) and the general himself was the individual who raised the most money (85 205 SEK), this for the second time in two years AND he became a second time father during Movember!

In charity, everyone is a winner. We hope that we can help to cure cancer and improve men's health. I would like to thank all brothers in Sweden and the rest of the world for all your hard work and beautiful mustaches. In Iceland, Thomas Elong from RT Denmark got an award for the best mustache at the NTM. We have heard from the Movember headquarters that they want to come visit us in Sweden and hand over a gift. Anyone who want to join in or want to learn more about movember, just send an e-mail to [president@roundtable.se](mailto:president@roundtable.se) and we take it from there.

YiT,  
**Alvin Wendelius: National President Round Table Sweden**



## THE TEMPO IN PARADISE

October and November have been packed months and the Round Table Seychelles 2 has managed to participate in all the events and even hosted their own.

### Cancer walk

The end of October, on the 28th, saw the gentlemen supporting their fellow sisters of the Seychelles Soroptimists by participating in their "Beach walk for Breast Cancer". While a uniform of pink bras was expected, the men compromised and donned pink shirts instead. They were seen walking straight past the kiosk offering coconut bras without a side glance. The walk was along the famous Beau Vallon beach and the participants were treated with one of the most amazing sun sets in the world for their efforts. The men successfully completed the walk in solidarity and were treated by the newly opened H Resort with specially baked pink cookies. The walk back was at a significantly slower pace.



### Diabetes walk

The day was faced with harsh winds and torrential rain but the chairman and the president braved the elements to participate in the 14th November walk through the scenic town of Victoria. Fortunately, for this event the participants were given t-shirts to walk in. The event was jointly hosted by the Lions Club Seychelles and the Diabetes association. There were also free diabetes and hypertension tests and we are pleased to note that the tests showed that both Mr Chairman and Mr President are healthy and able to carry the Round Table flag for many more years.

### MV Logos

The main event hosted by Round Table Seychelles was on the 21st November. The Tablers enlisted the help of family and friends to help them in taking the orphans from all the orphanages of Seychelles to visit MV Logos. MV Logos is a floating library and



the orphans were also treated to the books of their choice as part of the Table's advocacy of literacy. By the end of the day, the Tablers who were already fathers were amused to find that their fellow brothers had split into two groups after the event, those who wanted children and those who did not.

### #movembersesel15

The Tablers raised awareness about prostate cancer via their participation in the Movember movement. The participants posted pictures of their journey every week, their beards ranged from bushy to sparse (though barely there would be more apt). Mr Chairman enhanced his posts with candid revelations about his experiences in an attempt to boost the campaign and it turned into a good read for many Seychellois. The event ended with dancing at the Tequila Boom nightclub where the bonds of brotherhood were strengthened by a night of fun.







## KLERKSDORP 45 ROUND TABLE - KOSH KIDS

That time of the year has come around again For Klerksdorp 45's biggest service event of the year KOSH Kids. For those of you who don't know what KOSH kid's is here is a brief explanation. We contact schools in the Klerksdorp, Stilfontein, Orkney and Hartebeestfontein area and ask the teachers and heads of the schools to nominate kids who they think are underprivileged or that the finances at home is not all that good. We then get those kids to write a letter to Santa telling him exactly what they would like for Christmas and WHALA we make those dreams come true thanks to donations and sponsors.

On Sunday 22/11/2015 Klerksdorp 45 with the help of Elmarie and her team of Santa's little helpers hosted 180 underprivileged kids at Pickles and Peppers at the Klerksdorp dam. Kids from all sizes, races, and backgrounds. Some mentally disabled some physically disabled some whose families are just having a bit of financial difficulties at the moment. All are welcome and all are treated the same and trust me all have an absolute blast on the day.

It started at 9 in the morning when all the school start to arrive, once all the kids are present Checkers and blue ribbon bakeries

gave them a delicious breakfast consisting of a hot dog a cold fruit juice and a fresh yogurt just to get something in the tummies for the jam packed activities ahead of them. After breakfast the kids are split up and some of them get to go around the track on pedal go karts, always a highlight for the kids, we know this because we can never get the kids off the bladdy things when they are finished riding. The other group gets to go on a lift at the back of a quad bike and a three wheeler buggy. As you can imagine this is for most of the kids the very first time on a motorised bike so they are exhilarated even if there is some persuading for them to get on in the beginning. Once the two groups have completed they then swop so they get a chance to experience both modes of transport whether it is self-propelled or motorised they make their own decisions which one they prefer.

After all that excitement they each get an ice cold can of cold drink to quench the thirst and cool them down from the relentless sun on Sunday. While sipping on their cool drink they have a chance to go for a few jumps with their new found mates on the various jumping castles that were set up for their enjoyment. Next up you guessed it some more sugar packed snacks this time in a form a soft serve ice cream served straight out of the

ice-cream van the way it should be. After the kids get a chance to get rid of some of the sugar high they are on, they get sat down in the shade where a young speaker told the kids exactly what Christmas is all about and why it is such an important day for all of us. After the talk Spur Klerksdorp gave each of the kids and lip smacking hamburger and chips for lunch I mean what kid does not love a hamburger. They also received another cold drink to wash the burger down with.

After lunch and with 180 kids with a belly full of food it was time for the big event. Father Christmas rested Prancer, Dancer, and Rudolph and took his sleigh in for some needy repairs.

Luckily for him he knew some good people from Impala panel beaters who were kind enough to give him a lift with their rather large tow truck. The kids loved his new mode of transport with all the bells, lights and whistles as well as the rather noisy horn. As you can imagine the kids freaked out when they saw Santa for the first time knowing that it was almost time for them to get their gifts that they have been dreaming of for so long. Well their dream came true and each kid got exactly what they wanted. We gave away 77 bicycles, 4 full PC's, radio control cars, Barbie





dolls, doll houses, toys toys and more toys. There were even four full cricket sets consisting of a bat, some pads a cricket ball and some other things needed to make a kid look like a real cricket super star. This was sponsored by the North West Cricket board. The kids where in their element. Then it was time for Santa to say his goodbyes until next year and he was off. The kids took to the grass with grins from ear to ear playing with their brand new presents but the surprises were not quite finished yet.

We gathered all the kids up with a bit of difficulty trying to pry them away from their new gifts just for a few minutes to give them one final gift to take home with them. Each kid got a food hamper to the value of About R 500 to take home with them. This hamper consisted of things like maize meal, sugar, tea, coffee, cool drink, various canned foods, sweets, biscuits and many more non-perishable food items. There was even packets of fresh beef mince and boerewors sponsored. So not only did we know the kids whet home that day with a full stomach we knew that for the next week at least there will be food in their bellies.

One by one the busses and cars were packed and the kids were on their way back to their homes and schools with joy in their heart



food in their bellies and huge smile on their faces. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors you are too many to remember but here are just a few I remember. Checkers, Blue Ribbon bakeries, Impala Motor, Bosveld butchery, Toyota, Wes Vaal Delta, Country side properties, Maranta hiring and many many more you are all legends we thank salute you because without you none of this would have been possible. To my Brothers in Klerksdorp 45 thank you for all your hard work, you make me proud to be part of such a great association.

I must say there was some tears in my eyes every so often but I will just blame it on the dust in the air. Special thanks to all the Ladies of Klerksdorp 45 without your help and support none of this would have been possible. To Elmarie and all of her helpers for the hundreds of phones calls and uncountable hours spent, you are angels sent from heaven. To everyone else who make this day possible thank you from us and 180 happy children? Estimated project value R 250 000 that is incredible you are all legends.

Clinton March and all the other hard rocking amigos from Klerksdorp 45 Round Table we salute you!



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## FORGING AHEAD – RT INDIA NATIONAL AGM 2016

January took me to the RT India 2016 National AGM... a spectacular extravaganza on the grandest of scales! From the time I reached Delhi, till the time we left, it was a topsy-turvy rollercoaster of fun, fellowship, food & finally a recap of all the astonishing work done by the fastest growing force in Tabling... Round Table INDIA!

The weekend had a turnout of close to 900+ delegates with fantastic foreign participation of 40+ international delegates and families. Credit should go out to Area 5 Chairman Ritesh Bansal and his team for impeccable arrangements despite the sudden challenges... you guys pulled it off brilliantly! From the colourful dress codes, the stunning themed evening venues, incredible array of food and to top it all off the entertainment lineup especially Mika Singh... what a rockstar, who kept us all going till wee hours of the morning... all come together to make for a high-flying tabling experience!

Congratulations to RT India Chairman Suman and his team for another brilliant year of growth, development and involvement! Thank you Suman, Deepak and RT India team for the warm hospitality and wish you all the very best for the ensuing year! It was great meeting old friends and new and hope to see you all again at the HYM in Hungary. Namaste!

Yours in Tabling

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







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## RT6 PÄRNU INVITES YOU TO FISH DAY!



Fish Day, 26.-28. February 2016, Pärnu, Estonia

Fellow Tabler, did you know that every year in February there's all-day event in small country of Estonia that has entertained its guests more than 10 years? Probably no, but you should know that this event has been very popular among Estonian and foreign Tablers and Ladies. For example we have had guests from Germany, India, Great Britain and Norway, as well from our neighboring countries Latvia, Finland and Sweden.

15th Fish Day is held on 27th of February 2016 in small town named Pärnu, Estonia. As usual, we will start around noon with our activities. At first we will take our guests on the ice, where everyone can take part of fun games, eat caviar from the bucket with ladle and keep their body warm in custom made RT6 outdoor sauna. Without a doubt, if interested, it's possible to do some ice fishing as well.

After your body is cooled down by Estonia's harsh winter it's time to move to Viking Spa where all the guests can enjoy different baths and saunas. All this can give a chance to relax your body so





it could be fresh and ready for soon to be starting gala-dinner – or as local Tablers say kala-dinner (explanation. Estonian word kala means fish).

Fish Day's main attraction is obviously a dinner. RT6 offers their guests tasty and beautiful seafood that most of Tablers and Ladies probably wouldn't see in their everyday menu. Naturally there's going to be live music that will cheer everyone up and give extra boost for the night.

Even if you are worried of cold weather and unfamiliar waters Fish Day will be still warm and loving, so be brave, come in and share the love. You can soon find more information on Round Table 6 Pärnu Estonia page in Facebook. As well, you can just write to RT6 president Krister Vellet and ask anything you like. His e-mail address is [krister.vellet@rte.ee](mailto:krister.vellet@rte.ee).

Foreign guests are expected to arrive the day before so we could have a great Welcome Party with you all. See you in Pärnu!



## MY FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE



Being the latest prospect of Mauritius Round Table No. 5, I was given the opportunity and responsibility for organizing the annual children christmas party: the XmasTree. This one day event revolves around creating a magical day for underprivileged children. This year again, MRT5 has decided to invite 60 children of a village of Bati - A small village in Grand Gaube, north of Mauritius.

The day started by a visit of Curious Corner at Chamarel (south of Mauritius), a place where the children will be able to discover a world of magic and mystery, where nothing is quite as it seems (A place where these children would have never visited if not for the initiative of MRT5). We then drove to the famous beach of Le Morne, located in the southeast of the island for lunch. Touched by our action, the owner of the restaurant decided to upgrade the children's lunch by handing out additional drinks, extra desserts and fruits to the delight of all the children. This "gift" shows the





amazing human solidarity when it comes to putting a smile on children.

A new feeling and even more emotions for me knowing that he did not have to do it. With the day well underway, the relay race teams "Gonis bag" began after lunch. Despite some falls, "faux départs", children as well as tablers shared especially more moments laughing, running, jumping around all along the beach; Finally Santa Clause showed up (thanks Julien) and distributed the gifts to every single children. To thank us for this wonderful day, the children did a little show, dancing and singing to the latest Sega songs (Traditional Creole Song).

Having given the opportunity to organise such event was a unique and very rewarding experience on so many levels. First of all, to make this day a success, the participation of the members of MRT5 was essential. I got to know the member tablers, shared our ideas together and all together put the plan into action. All this done, the satisfaction of an accomplished work could be read all over the faces of the children who kept smiling all the way. I also learnt that simple things could offer a lot of pleasure in the life. We also gave the opportunity for these children spend the day doing something different, something fun and at the same time discovering their own island.

The sole interaction with these children made me realize that this annual Xmas Tree, which has now become a tradition at the MRT5, will continue through all its members and their will to put a smile on the children of Mauritius.

I've had the opportunity to attend several different business and social meeting organized by members of the table. If there is indeed an event that marked me and to which I would participate again, it's this one.

Yours in Tabling,  
**Sebastien Philogene**



agendas as this will be the occasion to celebrate 20 years of Round Table in Madagascar.

### Christmas Day

The RT Madagascar No.3 in association with the Ladies Circle No. 4 Toamasina hosted a weekend in Mahambo (La Pirogue) in order to offer a second Christmas day to the children of both Ladies and Tablers. This was a fantastic and unforgettable moment of friendship.

### The Olympiades

The "Olympiades" of RT Madagascar were a real success. The 2015 edition of this event was hosted by RT Madagascar No. 2 Antananarivo, and took place in Andasibe (a world-renowned sanctuary for orchids and Lemurs). This was the occasion for all



## NEWS FROM RT MADAGASCAR

### AGM in May 2016

The RT Madagascar's AGM, will be held in the City of Thousands from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd of May 2016. Please book this date in your

the Malagasy QUATALAGOR to share friendship and brotherhood in a challenging but fun physical and psychological prowess. During this weekend, Tablers from Madagascar and from RT France Réunion Island (TRF Region XXII) celebrated the twinning of the RT Madagascar No.2 Antananarivo and the TRF L'Etang Salé No. 351.

### Anniversary of RT Madagascar No.1

RT Madagascar No.1 Antananarivo's 20th anniversary. We had a fantastic QUATALAGOR weekend which included the following:

- A BBQ party
- A common Business Meeting with Tables No.1, 2 and 3
- Valery RAMONJAVELO (RT Madagascar Chairman 2011-2012) was decerned the TRMT3 honorary member gold pin /
- The induction of 2 new Tablers.
- And of course, we had friends from TR France Réunion Island (TRF Region XXII) visiting us as usual!

Yours in Table  
**Eric Dioré de Perigny:**  
**RT Madagascar**

