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One of the best ways of bringing about recognition is to get the team involved in new,
 fun or unusual settings, in which will bring out the best in each person. That's exactly
 what we strive to do amongst our tablers.

To fully appreciate the qualities of our team members, we take time out and enable
 each one to develop new ways of working together through social work and fun
 get-togethers.



So at the end of the day we have an exuberant team full of potential and positive atti-
 tudes, to tackle challenges and bring about drastic change in society and in each other.

So guys !! I believe all those who made it for ASPA had rocking time with tablers across
 world making memories for life in the tabling of bond & fellowship !

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 month. Please send articles in the format of a News release (in MS word) together
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Yours in Tabling,

Tr.Prakash Kapadia
 RTI PRO



The AMI Journey:
A magical visit to the heart of RTI

The Traveller's Visual Guide across the AMI Region
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Yours in Travel and Yours in Table,
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Gaborone

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SIDE BY SIDE, WE ARE TABLERS!

I had the pleasure to represent Round Table International in the 41 International AGM, in Landshut, Germany on 22-23 April.

On Friday afternoon we had an informal but very fruitful side by side meeting between Round Table International, Ladies Circle International, 41 International and Tangent International. Also Agora International president attended. All of the Round Table Family organisations agreed that we share the same basic values and come from the same origin. According to the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2015, we will continue closer cooperation, and seek common projects together, the likes of All4Nepal, for example.

Soon after it was time to enjoy the wonderful Bavarian welcome party in a grand beergarten. Yes, Bavarian means hats and leather trousers with suspenders, colourful dresses with generous neckline, bratwurst sausages and best of all, huge jugs of beer. Lots of huge jugs of beer! I ate a lot, drank a lot and laughed a lot. After the party I have to say that there is something very familiar with the 41ers. Somehow they resemble us Tablers a lot ;)





Next morning, I still felt the Bavarian hospitality in my body but big breakfast made me feel better soon. It was time for the official conference. I addressed both 41 International AGM and later the Tangent International AGM meetings. We also had a live link to Nepal and heard an update of All4Nepal project directly from one of the schools repaired with the donations. Big thanks to Tabler Akash Golcha for arranging this!

In the evening gala, after finishing a great year as the President, Makarios Charalambides passed his chains to the new 41 International President Engelbert Friedsam. I had a good conversation with Engelbert about respecting the age rule in Round Table. Actually we both agreed how ignoring the age rule has strongly negative impact on the Tables and associations. Therefore, we agreed that during the coming season we will put more emphasis on enforcing the age rule, side by side.

The wonderful weekend in Landshut proved me strongly that once you become a Tabler, you are a Tabler. Once you come of age and it is your time to give the floor to younger men in your club, your Tabling journey will continue in the 41 Club almost as if it never ended. I completely agree with President Engelbert's slogan: We are Tablers, side by side!

Yours in Tabling,
Kaj Kostander
RTI Vice President 2015-2016



RTAG "THE BIG SANDPIT " IPP & IRO 2016-17 REPORT

Greetings from Round Table Arabian Gulf aka "The big sandpit"

By the time this is published, I am sorry to say my year as president of RTAG will finally be up!

I would like to wish my vice president and 2016-17 RTAG president now elected, Jonathan Warmington all the best for the coming year with his fellow executive members. I couldn't have done it without you or the rest of the team!

To introduce the new team, from left to right (see photo below):
Hon. Treasurer – Stanley Matthews (Kuwait)
Vice President – Tony Thomas (Kuwait)
President – Jonathan Warmington (Dubai)
IRO & IPP – David Alexander (Riyadh)
Hon. Secretary – Patrik Neise (Dubai)

Our AGM went very well in Kuwait thanks to the organisation of Kuwait Round Table. We were pleased to welcome our ARTSA Exchange Tabler, Arron and Italian RT Bingo Tabler, Dennis. We also hosted tablers from our home nations as well as Estonia, Belgium & Norway. This was also a great day for 41 club. At the conclusion of the RTAG AGM, a larger number of 41s in attend-

ance from Kuwait, India and Riyadh were there to celebrate the chartering of Kuwait 41 Club:

Caption: RTAG and 41 Club members present for 41 Club Chartering of Kuwait on 13th May 2016

We would also like to congratulate Irshad for an excellent job driving the Africa Region forward and the culmination of getting the region correctly addressed as Africa, Middle East and Indian Ocean (AMI). Along with other positive goals and bringing a sense of belonging and participate to the AMI's varied regions. I also wish Alexandre "Bachy" Dupre all the best for the coming year as the AMI Chairman.

We are pleased to say RTAG's Bid to host the 2018 AMI AGM was also successful. The hosting country is to be decided by the RTAG executive in the near future.

During the AMI AGM, I was awarded the Silver Bull award, so would like to thank my peers and fellow tablers for this award. In true tabling tradition, the trophy is now sunning itself nowhere near the Middle East, and I would like to thank Renaud D'avezac for taking it on holiday to the beautiful Reunion Island! We look forward to being reunited soon.





2015-16 has been an exciting year in the Middle East. Dubai Round Table and Kuwait have been strong with lots of pro-active members, whilst Bahrain has struggled with a lot of members leaving the area for pastures new. Riyadh has managed to stay afloat and has a healthy number of prospective coming along. With luck, Abu Dhabi will be re-opening shortly and that should start to bolster the numbers for RTAG as well.

I think with the economic downturn, the Middle East has been heavily hit with the number of people having to move on due to contacts not being renewed or people simply deciding their time is up and an onward move is best.

Whilst this has a major effect on stability within RTAG, it is nice to know that members from RTAG as their mother region are now moving on to new clubs and taking their table memories and enthusiasm with them. 2015-16 RTAG IRO, Seb Walter is going to be a big loss to the region, following his hard work and dedication to promoting RTAG internationally, and I wish him all the best back in Europe when you head home.

I hope as the RTAG 2016-17 year starts and I take on the new role of IRO, I can do as much as Seb to continue to keep RTAG front and foremost in people's minds. Whilst we struggle to find new members locally for our tables, there are international members moving to the region for business and we hope to welcome these people to our appropriate tables with open arms. It is only through the promotion of our core in the Middle East that we can continue to play a role within Round Table International and more locally within AMI.

To all those people I have had the pleasure to meet and now call friends from all over the world. Thank you for making tabling an experience not to forget. You inspire people to join and those who are already members, you make feel even more welcome. This is the truth behind table and I can only recommend whole heartedly that anyone having never travelled to another table, either down the road or internationally, then just do it... You won't regret it!

David Alexander: IPP & IRO RTAG 2016-17

IT'S OFFICIAL - RTBI GROWS.



Round Table is on a journey, one that will surpass 90 years in the next twelve months. There is no doubt that all associations have during this time gone through challenging times, yet we have survived. Why?

I use the word "**Belief**", the belief that we can change the face of our communities, but that alone is not enough for who we are, many of our associations have shaped changes in society and during that time forged new relationships and partnerships. Most of all thousands of friendships have been forged that will and have lasted a lifetime.

With this in mind the core of work within RTBI during the

last few years encompassed many of these core values, most recently over the last 18 months we have focused on three headline elements of strategy.

1. **Engagement with our members**
2. **Feeder Clubs for our future members**
3. **Partnerships and Recognition for the members of today.**

What did this mean to our members?

Engagement- we have toured the country with training forums, created feedback loops that truly listen to our members ideas, created half year meetings for our Area Chairman, changed the way we communicate by the use of video Vlogs, new marketing streams that make our members proud to be a member. Yes we have hit the Tv with an advert for the first time in our history with a campaign to support the "Do More" with Discover Round Table.

Feeder Clubs-Part of our strategy is to develop our very own Feeder Clubs, meaning we are truly in control of our destiny for future members. Many would have witnessed 18 year old Nathan on social media present **RTU-Round Table University** at our National AGM and yes we have our very first club in Warwick University. **Business Clubs** have launched and are creating new income lines for the association and our members with new related benefits.

Partnership and Recognition- We have worked with the Armed Forces to capture those who leave in the next five years, we have associated ourselves with organisations that focus on the volunteering, we have established partnerships that benefit our clubs and members. Most of all we are recognising success with our membership through new awards and local press releases in the community.

RTBI IRO Studley and I have shared many aspects of our strategy with your international board and we will continue to support the development of Round Table world wide.



What does all this mean?

Simply put RTBI has grown this year with a staggering growth in 800 new members, growth in new clubs, growth in exposure, growth in societies, most of all growth in belief that we are setting a new pace in a changing society.

“Round Table means different things to different people, for some it is community, for others charity, for most it is the fun, friendship and fellowships for life.” This year with your fellowship and friendships you have inspired me personally and for that thank you.

“Success is a decision not a gift”

Yours in table
Marcus Jones
 National Immediate Past President
 Round Table Great Britain and Ireland



AGM RT BULGARIA

Something happened for the first time

The date is 16 of April 2016. RT Bulgaria has its 17th AGM hosted by RT 3 Plovdiv. The sun is shining. There are a couple of dozens of young men with tuxedos and black ties. The faces are smiling. There are a lot of International guests, tablers from Wales, Italy and more. You can feel a special emotion in the air. You guess that something special will happen. And you are right. It will be the first time in 17 years of tabling, that RT Bulgaria will elect its National Board composed of tablers from more than one club.

How it all became possible?

18 months ago the efforts of RT 3 Plovdiv finally paid off and the spirit of Round Table was spread and a new club was born – RT 5 Varna. Since then, many things were done, a lot of events happened, many social activities were completed, but most importantly it was the friendship and fellowships for life that were created. By doing more each and every day we grow the Round Table community. You are all invited!

Next AGM is on the 7 – 9 April 2017
Varna, Bulgaria, Stay tuned!



STNOFS FILLS UP TROPHY CABINET AT ARTSA MARGATE AGM



For we are a small band of brothers from the Southern Transvaal and Northern Orange Free State in Southern Africa.

Hard work and dedication paid dividends at this year ARTSA where STNOFS won 4 out of 6 awards available. Our Area magazine the “Stnofsie won the Stan Anderson Challenge prize. Carletonville 50 Tabler Stefan Grobler won the Speakers cup. Klerksdorp 45 won the Mike Kantor Trophy for their project of the year namely, KOSH kids. Lastly Potchefstroom 47 Tabler Jacques Visagie won the highly coveted RTSA Tabler of the year.

As an outgoing Chairman I’m immensely proud of each Tabler and Tables achievements. STNOFS will not let the awards rest on our laurels but rather use them as fuel to project our Area to bigger and greater things in the future. We are humbled by the awards. Thank you ARTSA Margate.



GABORONE ROUND TABLE NUMBER 64 DONATES A HOUSE

Gaborone Round Table number 64 donated a 2 bedroomed house worth more than USD 18,000 to a wheel chair bound disabled woman with four children in Mogapinyana. The lady was identified by the Mogapinyana Village Development Committee (VDC) and through the efforts of His Honour the Former Vice President of the Republic of Botswana Dr. Ponatshego H. Kedikilwe sponsors such as Botswana National Youth Council, Power Engineering, Pan African Trading & Cement products, Mass Engineering contributed towards building the house. Gaborone Round Table 64 handed the house over to the family at a celebration officiated by His Honour the Former Vice President of the Republic of Botswana, Councillors and other dignitaries.

In his opening remarks the Chairman of the Gaborone Round Table 64, Mr Rebatho Moilwa stated that it is important to provide shelter to the needy members of our society as shelter is a basic human need, without which an individual cannot live in dignity. He mentioned that Gaborone Round 64 Table

is an active member of civil society and will always listen to and respond to calls from individuals, groups of individuals and companies, to help improve the lives of Batswana.

Delivering his keynote address at the handover event in Mogapinyana, His Honour the Former Vice President of the Republic of Botswana Dr. Ponatshego H. Kedikilwe commended Gaborone Round Table 64 and all the sponsors involved in building the house for their efforts, adding that, he has over the years been involved with various initiatives that provide disadvantaged members of our community with basic shelter and to restore their dignity and it always serves as a reminder to him of how Batswana continue to embrace the value of collectiveness.

Gaborone Round Table Number 64 would like to congratulate the family on being new homeowners! We hope that in this home will build their dreams and have the motivation to go after them.



AN UPDATE FROM RT MOROCCO

So Glad that Moroccan Tables could be back to RTI Newsflash ! So what happened to us recently. 24-26 March 2016: Creation of 4th Moroccan Table TR 11 Dar Bouazza. Because they were a lot inside TR4 and because of a police checkpoint at the entrance of Casablanca... a new table has been created in Dar Bouazza, wonderful seaside Resort in Casablanca suburb. Nabil Hamri, first President and his team (Réda Kadiri, Tarik Aouadi, Thami Benkirane and Tarik Brittel) have organised a great event and Ceremony during 3 days. Supported by our magic 41'ers and fabulous Ladies Circle, a lot of international Tablers were in Morocco for this birth. A huge Thank you to: Saku Hyttinen EMA Chairman, David De Smet from Belgium, Nysar Bejaoui from Tunisia, Lény Henon from France, Chris Gabay, Vincent Derren and Tom Lafferty from Gibraltar. Long life to TR11 Dar Bouazza !

7 May 2016 GM Moroccan Tables and Ladies Night, that was our AGM in Val d'Anfa Hotel Casablanca. Started at 09.30 am,





finishing around 06.00 am... a very long day for a very promising new Year! Nicolas Pouyoune is the 47th President of Moroccan Tables, supported by Moncef Lemdasni, Cyril Royer, Thami Benkirane, Chihab Bakhadda and Adil El Aoufir. Their goal is to reinforce links between Tablers, 41'ers and Ladies Circle and to be super active with international tables and MEA Team. By the way, during this AGM, a side-by-side Forever Charter has been signed between RT Past President Jad Jaouad Mabrou and President of 41'ers Kamal El Medkouri.

How to finish this great Day? At Samia Bennis House, President of LC4 Casablanca! Ladies Circle, 41'ers and Tablers were all together to have fun until late and sponsor Amaly Project: a tutoring project for children from poor families of Dar Bouazza.

See you next month for new stories from Morocco.

Cyril Royer: IRO - Round Table Morocco

EXTENSION OF TWIN TABLES IN AURANGABAD BY POONA RT 15



From where do I start... All I can say is that it's been one memorable crazy rollercoaster ride. A ride that has taught me to never give up and keep trying with a positive attitude. A ride that has got me so much involved into the movement of tabling. We started almost two years ago. I spoke to a few guys in Aurangabad and we had our first contact meet with them with almost 7 to 8 guys but for some reason they did not look very keen so we finally kept it on hold.

Again after almost a year in this tabling year when Tr. Abhishek More took over as the chairman of PRT 15 we decided to give it another chance as it was on top of his agenda with Area 3 getting split. We understood how important it was to start tabling in new cities especially Aurangabad with the new Area 15 only left with Pune & Solapur. I have spent many years of my life in Aurangabad during my school and college days but most of friends also had moved out of the city. However with whatever contacts I had we started getting in touch with the people

who I knew and were still based in Aurangabad. For almost 3 to 4 months I used to come to Aurangabad regularly and interact with the people and try to pursue them for tabling. Initially it looked like an uphill and really difficult task. There was a time when I actually felt frustrated and told our Chairman Abhishek More that I am trying but it's getting really difficult to get people agreed to joining the tabling movement. However our dear chairman did not give me any choice and motivated me to keep trying harder and form a table.

Slowly and steadily I managed to get 10-12 guys who were looking a bit keen and we finally had our first official contact meet on the 22nd of November 2015 and from there things started moving in positive direction. We started getting leads from the interested people and other contacts. I would get in touch with these guys individually and explain them about tabling. Slowly and steadily the things started gathering a good momentum and we got a good number of interested guys.





In the course of next four contact meets we called them and they confirmed their interest in tabling. During this journey a few people decided to opt out of tabling but we got a few new people who got interested in the same.

Finally after all our team efforts and by the support of the now tablers of Aurangabad we finally managed to Inaugurate not one but two tables in Aurangabad on the 16th April 2016 with a healthy strength of over 33 tablers and 6 prospects. The tables have been named Aurangabad Round Table & Aurangabad Amigos Round Table.

We will soon be chartering both the tables on the 18th Of June and with the way the interest and awareness is growing about Round table we will surely have a great and super active tabling center in Aurangabad. Looking forward to the same.

Cheers to Tabling

Tr. Abhishek Malpani

Poona Round Table No 15



ROUND TABLE OF MADAGASCAR AGM 2016



Fantastic, Magical, Unforgettable... Adjectives will not certainly miss to those who will remember the AGM 2016 of the Round Table of Madagascar. An extraordinary Welcome Party at the home of the outgoing national president Rija Ratsimbazafy, who once again showed his legendary hospitality. And what hospitality ! He really offered to us the true setting that the Quatalagor deserved to give the opportunity to the Side by Side RT/LC to produce all its magic.

A tremendous growing atmosphere during the Nations Night which was held at our friend's residence... crazy-driving stands, a rousing-making dancing party, an emotional brotherhood. Congratulations to the Malagasy Round Table N°3 for the quality of its stand where rum based cocktails were displayed beside home-grilled chickens, surprise water-melons, recipes of which remain undisclosed, but whose effects were felt by the guests. During the AGM, even Sergeant Christian Schock had some difficulty in controlling the good- humoured expressions. An Anthology Gala on a side by side way with an entire Quatalagor, animated in a masterly fashion by the famous Jerry Marcos, wellknown over the island. A magnificent handing of the chains ceremony for the new members of the nation bureau of the Round Table of Madagascar... Dances to the end



of the night...South Africans we had difficulties to send to bed! We really Love You, friends.

An emotional moment during our AG when the video of our friend Irshad Paurobally, Africa Chairman, TRI Secretary, was on... to such a point that the video had to be on again during the Gala. Thank you so much, Irshad. You are present in our hearts!

Our thanks will also go to all those who crossed the borders to share these moments of fraternity and friendship with us: For the TRF Region XXII: David Fontaine who was held up by a professional drink function at the other end of Tana, but that a the TRMT 3 commando of Toamasina managed to lift out successfully. For the National Bureau of the French Round Table : Antony Baset, National Vice-President. For the South African Round Table : the dynamic duo Wessel Dreyer / Naude Schlebush. For the Mauritius Round Table : Christophe Bellouard (MRT 5 President) and Norbert Catherine (MRT 3 Vice-President). For the Luxemburg Round Table : our friend Christian Schock (IRO). Gentlemen, you are part of the family of the Round Table of Madagascar, and will always be at home in our country. A special note too for the Madagascar Round Table N°1 as organiser of



the AGM 2016 , and in particular to the Convenors Lantoarimalala Andrianavony(LCM) and Miada RAZAFY (TRM1). Your achievements were remarkable. Another most special note for the outgoing National Bureau who has contributed to offer to all of us a great Tabling Year, under the impulse of its President.

Turning to the future, a date to mark with a stone, The Round Table of Madagascar will host the ARM 2017 for the AMI Region. The Malagasy Round Table N°2 will be in charge of the organisation. And from now on, we can promise a very great time .

Yours in Tabling,

Eric Dioré de Périgny RT Madagascar IRO 2016-2017

The new TRM National Bureau as follows :

Immediate Past President : Rija Ratsimbazafy

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Secretary: Solofoarivelo Andrianary Razafindrakotohasina

IRO : Eric Diore de perigny (DDP),



FAMILIES THE WORLD OVER - A TABLER'S EXPERIENCE

As a foreigner, and having lived in Mauritius for the past 4 years, I have had my share of cultural surprises. The biggest one was not related to food, music, religion or clothing, but to the place of family in Mauritians life.

When I met my Mauritian wife, she had been living abroad for a long time and showed hardly any distinguishable "Mauritian" traits, beside an irrepressible tendency to cook dried fish every time she could.

My wife had naturally told me about her family. Her parents were still living in Mauritius, while her brother had been living abroad since he left to university. She also mentioned a few cousins living all over the world. My family is rather small, so when someone mentions "cousins", I tend to estimate a standard 4 to 7 headcount of people you meet once a year on Christmas.

As we had different professional commitments at the time, she moved back to Mauritius a few months before me. I landed in Mauritius on the 1st of January, which happens to be a major

family celebration in the Mauritian tradition. While in my own country, you tend to regret the consequences of alcohol abuse until late in the afternoon, the typical Mauritian family would gather around 1 PM for a celebratory barbecue under the sun (perks of living in a tropical country).

So, on the day of my arrival in Mauritius, I discovered the meaning of being part of a Mauritian family. To this day, I am unable to say whether or not the number of my wife's cousins is finite. Each celebratory reunion is an occasion for me to meet new members or to discover, usually in embarrassing circumstances, that a romantic breakup or death have contributed to trim the colossal family tree.

Family holds a pivotal function in the Mauritian society, and I am not going to try to explain all of it in this article. Firstly, because I am not a sociology expert, and secondly because I suspect it would take more than a few paragraphs to address the subject. However, I can share a few random observations I made over the years.





Mauritians usually live around their families. For example, it is not unusual for 4 successive generations to live on the same piece of land in individual houses, or even in the same building. Flat roof structures allow additional floors to be built by children and grand-children after they marry, concentrating family cells in a single, co-dependent environment.

This family grouping felt very strange to me at first, but over the years I have come to appreciate its advantages for social cohesion. Elders are taken care of in a country where retirement homes are rare and expensive and retirement benefits are often limited or even non-existent. In return, grand parents take care of young children, which provides young parents with a cost-effective and reliable childcare solution. Thanks to this family help, young professionals can invest in their career in taking time-consuming managing positions and thus improving their quality of life as well as those of their parents and children.

In Mauritius, a large majority of the wealthiest companies are family-owned, and have sometimes been for centuries. Those conglomerates are tributes to the importance of family in the Mauritian economy. Of course, as families increase in size and shareholdings are diluted between descendants, governance challenges are bound to rise. For example, the emergence of

shareholders groups with divergent interests may weaken the management of such companies.

Those short examples illustrate the central role of family in Mauritius. As far as I am concerned, I have been adopted by my wife's tribe, and I am getting used to the random unannounced visits of her cousins... Wait, is this Jerome? No, I think this is Loic... Yes, this is definitely Loic! Hey Yann, how are you? And of course, there are all the members of Mauritius Round Table 1 and Round table Mauritius, who have adopted me 6 months ago. They are like cousins I am more than happy to get a few drinks with anytime. So I guess that I am now a part of 3 families... My family of course, two younger sisters and a younger brother; my wife's family and her millions of cousins, uncles and aunts and the Round Table's family, which in a whole is probably the widest one...

Lucky me!

Bastien Maucet
Secretary 2016/17
Mauritius Round Table No.1





AMI MEETING

Leaving ARTSA in Margate and heading back to Johannesburg on Monday evening, did not give me much time to get ready for the African Regional Meeting that I was going to on Wednesday evening.

Joost, the IRO from Netherlands and I caught a flight at 01:00 and headed to Nairobi, Kenya. From there we caught a smaller flight to Ukundu Airport close to Mombassa. We were picked up by one of the Kenyan Tablers, who took us to the resort where the AMI meeting was going to be held.

On Friday morning, the meeting started and I was once again asked to be the secretary at the meeting. It was well attended, and there was much debate about the various motions that were put up. The first motion was the "Diversity Charter". This basically spoke about changing the website to include an option for things like different languages, and ensuring that we are mindful of the different diversities in Round Table International. While RTSA did not think that this needed to be a motion, it passed with 5 for and 1 against, and RTSA abstaining.

The next motion was to elect an association to become an AMI affiliated member. Basically they wanted to have France as a non-voting member of AMI. This discussion took up all

of time, and there were comments from all sides. After much deliberation and discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

The last motion was to do with awarding someone who is not an AMI Tabler, with an award for assisting the AMI region. His reward would be that he would be an non-voting AMI Tabler, and would get a sponsored registration and accommodation to the AMI regional meeting. This turned into a heated debate, and good points were made by both sides. Eventually when it went to vote, it was 4 for, and 3 against, therefore the motion passed.

Central Africa had a separate meeting with John Thorson from the World Membership committee, and it was decided that the 3 countries from Central Africa, would split into 3 Associations. This was due to conflict within the Central Africa Association. The meeting concluded at about 15:00 on the Friday afternoon, after which we attended the Nations night.

On Saturday was the Round Table Eastern Africa meeting, and I went along just to show support, however, I got roped into being the sergeant. It is amazing to see how different their AGM is from ours. With 3 countries making up RTEA, and only 5 or 6 Tables present, it is much smaller. Their meeting however,

went on until 17:00 on Saturday. One of the biggest things that I could see that RTSA does well at our AGM, is having the forums before the AGM. This keeps our AGM short and to the point.

After their AGM was finished, we headed to the banner exchange and finished off with the gala function.

This month, we saw Leigh from Namibia heading to Zambia and Werner from South Cape heading to Belgium on the exchange agreements. More information about their trips will be published when it becomes available.

I ask you all to check out <http://www.rtinternational.org/> and using the admin tab at the top of the page, you will be able to access all the information with regards to minutes, agendas, and Tabler contact information. The username/email is commit and the password is act.

Till next time.

Yours in Table.

David Costine
RTSA IRO





GENTLEMEN OF ROUND TABLE SOUTHERN AFRICA



I feel ever so slightly overwhelmed and just a little out of my depth, the realisation that this is it has finally set in! This is without doubt the pinnacle of my Round Table career and the task at hand seems very daunting – however, I am confident that I will be able to make a success of it, especially considering the excellent team and support structure which I have around me!

I would like to start off by thanking the entire convening committee of ARTSA 2016 for a fantastic ARTSA! I certainly had a lot of fun and all the arrangements appeared to run very smoothly! Well done and thank you!

I would like to thank each one of you, the tablers of RTSA for placing your trust in me. I am just a young man from a small town in Northern Natal, called Vryheid. I come from a humble background and don't have any huge claims to fame. I will promise you only one thing, that I will put all my available time and energy into ensuring that your (the Shareholders of RTSA) best interests are looked after and that I will endeavour to hand over an improved version of what I received to the next president!

It is a huge honour to be allowed to be called the president of this association and I take the responsibilities which come with this honour very seriously. I look forward to joining you all in making this association the greatest one in RTI in the coming years!

You and I are very privileged to have an excellent Association Council this year, they are a group of dedicated, committed and passionate tablers! They have some fantastic ideas and plans and I for one cannot wait to see how the 14 Areas grow from strength to strength under the leadership of these area chairmen! I ask that you support them in all their efforts, assist them

wherever you can, give them the information which they need to complete their role successfully and allow them the opportunity to brag about their areas! This is a bottoms up organisation and we as an ASSCO cannot do what we are tasked to do without the assistance and commitment of every tabler in this association!

Take pride in your association with Round Table, wear the Rondel with pride and show the public out there why we are the premier association! Behave in a manner befitting your exclusive membership of this band of brothers and help to develop other young men into members of this fantastic organisation! On a much more sombre note, we have had some very tragic events over the last two weeks and we have lost some members of our Round Table family, the Free state Area lost two past Area Chairmen, Henk Cronje past members of Bloemfontein 158 and Chris Gerber father of Neels Gerber and past member of Bloemfontein 25 passed away. The Gauteng Area Vice Chairman and member of Florida 21 Lourens Lombard lost his father in a tragic farm attack. Gents, please accept my condolences on behalf of Round Table Southern Africa. Gentlemen of RTSA, I ask that you all assist these families wherever possible!

I look forward to seeing you all in the near future! Keep tabling as hard as you do and remember, you will never get out less than you put into Round table!

Rupert Niebuhr
RTSA President 2016/17
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REPORT ON ARTSA 2016

Dear "Silver Fox"!

I am most proud to report on ARTSA2016!!! And what an ARTSA it was!

We had a total of 653 registrations and we are eternally grateful to RTSA for attending in such large numbers! The committee worked tirelessly and I believe we delivered on our promise!

Some Highlights:

1. This was the first ARTSA that saw the implementation of the MOU between 41ers and RTSA and Lady Circle SA! Whilst you gents were all diligently attending the RTSA AGM, the Ladies Circle Exec met as well as the 41ers Association exec at two separate meetings! This is hopefully something that will continue in the future!
2. The Hardcore hut saw two DJ's entertain us into the wee hours, this however is not a novel idea, however, whilst they were entertaining us, the DJ's recorded a live session of ARTSA16 and these discs were handed out. The MP3 was uploaded to dropbox for downloading and in 10 minutes the traffic volume was so high, dropbox couldn't cope!

3. This ARTSA saw the return of the "infamous" yellow jersey that was hotly contested. Well done to all the last men (and ladies) standing!
4. We secured the rights to host a kid's tour on Margate main beach and many thanks to Coca Cola SABCO for sending us the activation team as well as the entertainers! I believe all the kids enjoyed it thoroughly!
5. The ladies tour saw our ladies depart for the ski boat club and partake in an ocean safari. Many of our ladies were brave enough and jumped off the boats to enjoy a swim with wild dolphins!
6. One of my biggest highlights as convener. Was the fact that we had no issues! To date I have still to write a 'sorry' letter. Nothing was damaged, nobody misbehaved yet we all managed to have a great time! Congratulations!!

So, outside of the above, I was asked a question over and over, which was more difficult? ARTSA Convener or President? My answer is thus.... Neither!!! I was blessed with a strong team in both years and above all else, blessed to be part of all of you! I thank you for your attendance and for being ARTSA Tablers!

YIT, Jedi





STRANGER IN MOSCOW

It's just minutes after 6 o'clock in the morning, the sun is slowly rising and the radio in the Taxi plays "Stranger in Moscow", I'm filled with a strange feeling and in deed a feeling of being an absolute stranger! The taxi has just left the equator based Entebbe airport of Uganda's capital city Kampala from where I decided to start my long long way down to ARTSA... A journey through 11 countries, over mountains, through desserts, shipping over lakes, crossing rivers and cutting through deep forests – all in all taking me over 3 months, 3 months to learn about Africa, visit and help in various youth organisations, meeting as many Tablers as possible along this 14000 KM expedition and to document on this in text and photo to show, lets say the western world, what Africa is really about.

First things first, I have to adapt to African time: I've planned in three days for Kampala and that is exactly what I need to get acquainted with this melting-pot, getting used to the heat and visit the first youth organisation. I'm surprised how well the border crossing to Kenya works, thus being an absolute uncontrolled mess, well that's at least how a European eye sees it! I spend two days at a school on the outskirts of Kisumu and in this school find a project really worth helping out at. It fills me

with great pleasure to spend time with these beautiful children coming from the poorest families in Africa. On the 22nd of January then I'm picked up by the first Tablers and it's actually my 33rd birthday – The round table fun & fellowship part here in Kisumu and Kenya is as well established as everywhere else in the world I have experienced it and we spend a great day and night on the shores of lake Victoria.

With a great "babelas" I enter the bus taking me towards Arusha and Tanzania, and I'll tell you it's not a great combination – but then again this is not meant to be a "easy and feel-good" trip. Again in Arusha I'm met by great Tablers and visit two more youth projects before its time for the Ngorongoro crater and some safari. A few days later I'm arriving in the hot hot port city of Mombasa, this is not only the third table I visit on my trip but it's also a place where I meet again, with an old friend (not for the first time): John Thorsson has been put in charge of building up Tables in remote areas and he holds a great workshop really helping the tables in the East-Africa region getting stronger!

To really get to know people in Africa I had decided to only

use local transport; so after another 10 hour bus ride to Dar Es Salam I'm off in a train for 2 days and then on a boat ride down lake Malawi as other means of transport, in absolute approximately to the locals, I'm learning so very much every single day. Arriving in Lusaka in Zambia I get the first feeling of an actual civilised city and off course there are Tablers, all of a sudden loads of them! I'm extraordinary happy to see that the black population of Zambia is a strong and prosperous table country. As I attend there area AGM I find that we have more in common that I had ever expected – me becoming more and more an white person in Africa grows on me other then only an European traveling through.

As I cross the Zambezi river at the great Victoria falls I have to, as often before, argue with the locals and I find that I have adopted a new way of speaking English. I can't really explain it but as a black man asked me if I can look at his 100 Usd note to confirm its validity I'm not any longer feeling like someone else. This directly results in me feeling so confident that I hitch a ride through Botswana in stead of trying to go by busses. This works out great so I directly continue with this way of traveling through Namibia where I again meet up with great Tablers all





over and also take part in there fundraising Spray-Athon. After crossing the Namib and climbing the Big Daddy at Sossusvlei this first part of my journey takes an end as I meet up with my father on the south border of Namibia. He had flown down from Germany to Cape Town and driven up to meet me for a father and son trip through Southafrica and Lesotho.

We start in heading out east and visit the Bloemfontein Tablers where I attend my first Tabler meeting entirely in Afrikaans, it's not easy to follow but I do get what the general idea of the topics are! Our tour through the Kingdom of the skies gives us not only fantastic landscapes but also gives my father an idea of what rural Africa is relay about and how friendly the people are and how bad a road can actually be but still be drivable with a 2x4 :-). We visit further tables along the coast and also do some hiking and game drives in the extraordinary National Parks before heading in to Stellenbosch and Cape Town for wine and leisure a few remaining days before my father leaves again for Germany. I have at this point grown so aquatinted with eastern and southern Africa that I spend another week with table friends in the cape area and start contemplating where I could or rather should move down here. Before starting

the third part of my journey I'm so confident in my Africa plans that I take a Cape Town beauty out for a date before embarking on the Shosholoza heading for Gauteng.

If I thought I had seen everything in fun and fellowship I was badly mistaken; I'm first welcomed by yet again an old friend in Klerksdorp and the basically 3 week long party began! They say if you can remember, you are doing it wrong! Well there is plenty missing from the days where I was handed from one table (and party) to the other but what stayed in mind was how great these guys take care of you in every aspect!

I'd like to conclude these few lines with a great thank you to all of you great Tablers, I have knowingly refrained from using names not to put you in a ranking, also I'll leave "the hard way down" and the ARTSA for others to document on as I'm sure many of you will! There is one thing though, all of us have improved life of children in Afrika in the raffle and the astonishing R7500 that my beard cutting brought – Baie dankie & YiIT / Frankie RTD 227 Baden-Baden

<http://fys.world>



GIVE IT RONDELS!!!



In the build-up to our 2017 Golden Jubilee charter year the gents of RT136 Pretoria have launched a campaign to promote not only our Table but the table lifestyle! Ultimately we would like to get our new slogan to go viral! The slogan represents the tabler ethos of giving it your all, leaving nothing at the door, standing by your fellow tabler and acting as protectors to the poor and powerless! It is the drive within each tabler!

Give it Rondels! #rt136 #giveitronfels #tablerandproud



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AN AWESOME YEAR FOR RT SWEDEN

I have been asked to share some of the experiences than we had in Round Table Sweden this year. It has truly been an awesome one and when I stood at our AGM, handing over my chain, I got to say that it was a record year and that we are stronger than in a long time.

We are a young mans club and I started my year as the youngest National President in our 73 year history being 30 years old. My fiancé Caroline was pregnant and gave birth to our son August that was born 02.52 in the morning. Five hours later I was sitting in a car on my way to our first national board meeting and kick-off with all table chairmen. It was truly a great weekend with lots of energy but at the same time I was feeling guilty not being home taking care of my family. Only 4 days old I picked up August and we were on our way to RTIWM in Visby. What a great event with good parties, meetings and friendship. Thank you all for making it such a great event!

Focusing on the things our members want is important. As elected I represent the members and in order to do so I needed

to know what the members want so I made a membership survey. 815 (37%) responses of the members replied which gave me and the board 357 pages of valuable information. In my opinion Round Table is a peoples movement and in order to get all tablers feeling more involved I had a strategy not to show myself in social media, giving more space to others. I rather have 20 guys making one post each than one guy making 20 posts.

It takes time, effort and will to make changes. Even more, it takes a great team.

Even though I personally put in almost 3000 hours in tabling this year, having spent about 80 nights away from home, i could not have done this without my national board and the many tablers that contributes. Together we have truly laid the groundwork for the tomorrow of Round Table Sweden. If you you have any questions or want to know more, please let me know.

Round Table Sweden this year:

- We have grown for the first time in 6 years.
- We chartered a new table and have one more on the way.
- We had 102 of 153 of our tables at the AGM (first time in over 20 years).
- We had 1350 registrations at our AGM (largest ever).
- We won Movember!
- We have launched our new website.
- We have a fantastic magazine that connect with our members.
- We started an official facebook page.
- We had a great RTIWM in Visby.
- We have been represented at all RTI events and many AGMs over the world.
- We have signed an understanding "4 clubs, 1 community" with Ladies Circle, Club41 and Tangent.

YiT,

Alvin Wendelius - National President 2015/16, RT Sweden

