



ROUND TABLE NewsFlash

June / July and August 2016



Main RTI Events

RTI World Meeting

Nepal, 31 Aug - 4 Sept 2016

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Last date for
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31/8/16

Y.M.C.A HOTEL All together at the same hotel

In the heart of Jerusalem, the YMCA Three Arches Hotel probably has the best location in town. Opposite the famous King David Hotel, it is just minutes from the old city. Most attractions of the city can be explored easily by foot from the hotel. This unique, interesting and historical building was completed in 1933. It has beautiful public areas with arches and lush gardens.

HOTEL INCLUDED

1-4/12/16



Pick up from Ben Gurion Airport 10:00
"Yad Vashem" Holocaust Museum 16:00
Registration Y.M.C.A Hotel 19:00
Dinner 20:00
Jerusalem Nightlife 23:00

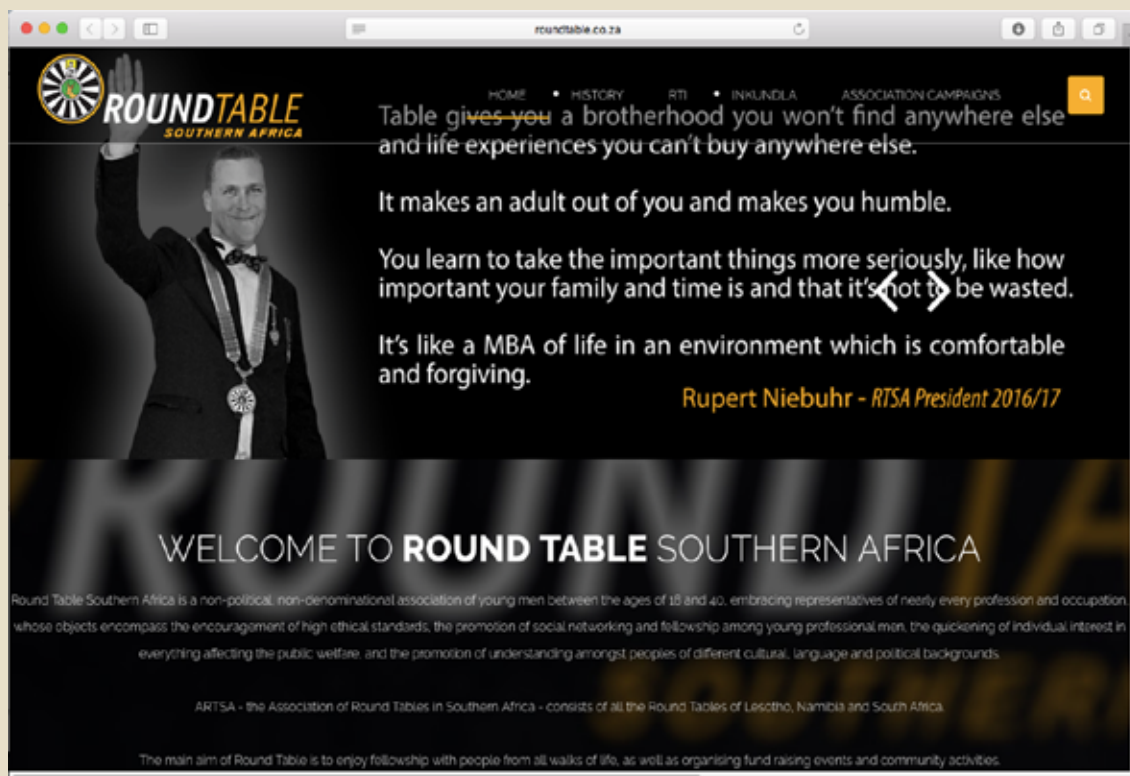
2.12 Breakfast 07:00-7:30
Leaving for MASADA 07:30-10:30
DEAD SEA & SPA + Lunch 11:00-16:00
Dinner (Jewish Tradition) 20:00-21:00
Jerusalem Nightlife 23:00

3.12 Breakfast 08:00-10:00
Guided tour in old Jerusalem 10:00-16:00
Banner Exchange 17:00-18:00
AGM 18:00-20:00
GALA Dinner 20:00-24:00
Jerusalem Nightlife 24:00

4.12 Breakfast 08:00-10:00
Drive to Ben Gurion Airport 10:00

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Join HOLY AGM5 - RT Israel



PK's MESSAGE

WELCOME the Change for BETTER

"Take one idea...Make that idea your life- think about it, dream of it, live on that idea...This is the way to success"

An idea can change lives. So true it sounds when we refer this in context with RTI. The idea and implementation of community service and freedom through education has changed lives of millions of people across the globe for better and will continue to do so. It's my proud privilege to be associated with the movement for so many glorious years. Meeting people across the world and getting to do and understand for our fellow humans gave me immense gratification no words could describe.

May it always grow bigger and stronger in strength and its beneficiaries. It's said 'once a tabler always a

Thursday 27th October – Sunday 30th October 2016

RT Malta , Club 41 Melita AGM &
LC Malta Charter



Come and Join us for this memorable weekend for the
Round Table Malta & Club 41 AGM as well as the Re Charter
of Ladies Circle Malta

tabler. Yes the spirit of tabling always remains alive. However "the only permanent thing in this world is change" and the winds of change are here. End of yet another magnificent tabling year and its time for me to handover the baton of this prestigious post to my very able fellow tabler.

I have done my best to justify my place and position and enjoyed it thoroughly. Hope my readers also enjoyed my blog every month. Gratitude and regards to one and all...

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Yours in Tabling,

Tr.Prakash Kapadia



THE AMI COAT OF ARMS

Visual identities are part and parcel of our movement and tablers and 41ers the world over cherish our pins, fanions and banners. Just like art collectors look out for the rarest and finest, the latest tabling creations are a golden opportunity for tabling collectors. Many tablers are avid

collectors of tabling memorabilia and travel the world to build their collections.

I am therefore pleased to say that with the chartering of three new Associations in the AMI Region come three new symbols of tabling heraldry. The areas of former RTCA, namely, Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe have recently completed the design of their new visual identities. Moreover, a new Africa Middle East and Indian Ocean rondel will soon be replacing the previous Africa Region one.

It is often overlooked just how much we owe the modern, standardised branding of the Round Table movement to two famous RTSA tablers, namely Past RTI President Rikus Badenhorst and current RTI Newsflash Designer David Mc Kay. I take the opportunity to recognise them for leaving us with a formidable legacy.

The AMI region will be unveiling new coat of arms at the RTI World Meeting 2016 in Kathmandu, Nepal. This is yet another reason to make the magical trip to Everest country - history is in the making, brand new pins will be available and the memories of RTCA will be auctioned to be safeguarded for generations to come.

Yours in Tabling

Irshad Paurobally
AMI Chairman & RTI Secretary 2015/16



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NINETY YEARS OF ROUND TABLE

On March 14th 1927, a new era began. Louis Marchesi, a former Rotarian, founded the first Round Table club in Great Britain and Ireland when he held the first meeting in Norwich, giving young men a voice in the local community.

On March 11th 2017, we will celebrate 90 glorious years of Round Table. Our hosts for the weekend will be Winchester Round Table, currently

the largest club in RTBI. In the spirit of Round Table, we wish to make this a truly international celebration of this fantastic organisation which continues to make a difference 90 years after its inception.

There are two events being held next March to mark our birthday:

Daytime charter celebration

Our lunch celebration will be held in Winchester's Great Hall, home to the famous Round Table which has been carbon dated to the 12th century. The Round Table pub will open in the Great

Hall, allowing 600 Tablers past and present to toast 90 years of friendship. The team are working hard to provide an event which will create long lasting memories. Lunch will be served at 1:45pm and bars will close at 6pm to allow us to set up for our evening spectacle.

Presidents Party 2017

RTBI President Mark House would like to welcome you to his party. Forget the black tie, we are opening the Round Table nightclub in the Great Hall so bring your glow sticks.

We've already lined up superstar DJ's to play at this event and the catering will be fitting with our theme – are you ready to go back to the 90s?

Tickets

We have 600 tickets for our daytime celebration and 600 for our Presidents Party.

Our daytime celebration is strictly current and past Tablers only. Our evening party is open to all.

We look forward to seeing you in Winchester. For more information and to purchase tickets, please go to rtbi90.co.uk



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BIRDS IN A CAGE

All eyes on AMI for the liberation of Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

This shouldn't come as a surprise. Something big is currently happening in Central Africa - after Round Table Central Africa (RTCA) disappeared from the International Round Table Community at the AMI Regional meeting in Visby in 2015.

Many have fought hard together to find the best sustainable way forward. Thanks to the dedication of remaining tablers in the three RTCA areas Botswana, Malawi and Zimbabwe, all the vital functions of tabling in each area have been kept strong even as their shared association broke down. We are now building on that energy to create a great tabling environment for all the world to experience.

A unique structure - the RTEA example

Only in the Africa Middle East and Indian Ocean (AMI) Region do we have the structure of Associations consisting of more than one country. While this adds to the beauty of Tabling, it also adds to some added complexity in the cross-border relations. RT Eastern Africa (RTEA) is one such example consisting

of both Kenya and Tanzania. And while they are now a success story for strengthening tabling in Africa, they were having difficulties a few years back but managed to make a turn-around since the last RTI WM in Sweden.

This year they were ready to rise like a Phoenix with the help of WMC and find a way forward where they could build on its strong legacy. Meetings and workshops organized by the AMI Chairman and the World Membership Committee (WMC) last year and this year have rendered an equally promising route for strengthening tabling in Central Africa for years to come. RTCA requires a unique and novel approach.

A difficult but necessary decision

To grow and strengthen tabling in Central Africa the stakeholders had agreed at the AMI Regional Meeting in Visby in 2015 that the best course of action was to close RTCA as association. The AMI leaders and subsequently, local ex-RTCA tablers, the WMC and RTI Board all agreed and ratified this decision as the best way forward to liberate the RTCA areas from the burdens of a non-functioning organization.

Release the potential in each country

When a structure is actively stopping tablers from the work we are meant to do, then that structure needs be changed or re-built. Tabling is strong in each country with at least three active clubs, all with long tabling history. By scaling up their area structure and AGM's that have been running very well despite the demise of their national association, we will open the door to their cage and allow them to spread their wings, reaching further and unlocking their full inherent potential.

Vibrant and positive energy

There is vibrant and positive energy flowing through the tablers that are now proudly awaiting to showcase their local uniqueness in working to adapt the structure found in the rest of the RT world.

Welcome contribution to RTI

There are so many positive voices being raised about this project. We trust and hope that the International Community will welcome our liberated brothers with open arms, like a long lost son, as they enter the floor in Nepal to enrich our community and grow Round Table International. RT Zambia, RT Seychelles and RT Eastern Africa v.2.0 are taking on the roles of Mother Associations and are securing the continued support for growth and strength on the path ahead.

Yours in International Tabling,

The Project Liberty Working Group through John Thorsson, Program Lead.

BOX FOR INFO: World Membership Committee - Africa

RTEA and RTCA have enjoyed the benefit of Focus Association status from WMC, a fund where every individual tabler around the world, through his membership fee, invests 0,30 Euro for support of associations in need during the year. WMC has been on a two-year path of re-invigorating these two associations. WMC launched Project Phoenix for RTEA and Project Liberty for RTCA. If all goes to plan you will be able to visit and show your support at three association charters through one never before seen Mass-Tour in March 2017 to witness the success and tabling spirit of these associations first hand!



RT MADAGASCAR - TRAVEL FORECAST

RT Table Madagascar is most happy to inform all our brothers in Tabling that the following events are scheduled in Antananarivo, Madagascar, during the same period and more exactly from 4th to 7th May 2017.

- The AMI Annual Regional Meeting
- The RT Madagascar AGM
- The Ladies' Circle Madagascar AGM
- The C41 Analamanga (to be confirmed)

We kindly invite all of you to insert these dates in your travel forecast.

We will keep you informed of any development and remain at your disposal for further information.

**Yours in Tabling,
Eric Diore de Perigny
IRO 2016-17 - RT Madagascar**



THE AGM 2016 OF ROUND-TABLE GERMANY IN BAMBERG

Big events cast a big shadow

Pre-Tour

Before many big events in tabling, there is a pre-tour. And judging from the pre-tour the team from Bamberg prepared for their international guests, there was indeed a great weekend waiting. But we prefer to give our guests their own voice:

"What an awesome pre-tour. A massive thanks to Johannes who took off a week from work to spend time with us and arrange everything. Everything was arranged well and we had fantastic fellowship with all the Tablers that we came into contact with along the way." David Costine, Round Table South Africa IRO

"A wonderful experience on the German Pre-Tour. Meeting different Tablers from different parts of the world including Germany and one thing that we are live for is "true fellowship". Indeed out of the many Round Table Trips I have made, this

one has left a special mark in my memory." Vishaal Shah, VP Round Table Eastern Africa

"Our experience can simply be described as "epic". You guys made me appreciate the true meaning of friends beyond borders. Me and my wife Serah will never forget the warmth and kindness exhibited by you guys. We look forward to you guys visiting us in Zambia so that we can reciprocate the splendid hospitality that we received. #thanks for Great brotherhood." Roy Mutakela, Chairman Itawa16, Round Table Zambia

"It wasn't until I had an international Tabling experience that I truly understood what fellowship meant. People, that you haven't met yet, welcomed you as long time friends. I will take the memories and friendships with me and carry them for a lifetime." Etienne Wiese, Bellville 65 South Africa

There are a great many quotes to describe the journey that is Round Table. The international friendships that were found in





Germany during this week and this weekend show yet again how important and how valuable this exchange is.

AGM-Cup

A central event during this AGM was the AGM-Cup. This special event showcased this years National Service Project by RT 32 Regensburg. The project is called "Bananenflankenliga" and to those not familiar with soccer jargon: it is derived from a classic banana-shaped curveball. But in Round-Table-jargon, the Bananenflanke now is the name of a great project which offers the excitement and joy of professional soccer to children and youths with mental disabilities.

"It was a great honor, to be able to work one year for such a great project for round table. These experiences, these many new friends and the excitement of all participants at the respective sites, money can't buy." Marco Fuchs, RT Regensburg

The team of this years national service project (NSP) traveled to the German AGM with pride & happiness. Not only did the push

forward a great project with now 18 local clubs spreading the idea of the "Bananenflankenliga", but they also were working on a final coup: for the last day of their NSP-year, they'd been planning something special: to present the merits of this year in full scale as well as give the kids of the Bananenflankenliga the chance to experience great joy & excitement - the AGM cup.

Saturday morning was very emotional with lots of goose-bump-moments: everything worked, the kids had a blast, the games were broadcast live to a large screen and the square filled up quickly. Another emotional moment was brought to this special day, when we commemorated our friend Stefan Alex from RT 32 Regensburg. He was so excited with this project and by the opportunity of realizing this NSP, that we are sure he was watching this day - maybe it was him holding back the rainy clouds until after the award ceremony. Talking about the award ceremony: Congratulations to the team from Memmingen to the first AGM Cup. Long story short: It was a sensational weekend and we are very proud for this great year and this great project. As of today we created the infrastructure

in 18 cities where children who only knew soccer as spectators, now get the chance to play soccer themselves and to participate in the joy of playing the game.

AGM

After a great Pre-Tour, the impressive presentation of our Bananenflankenliga and of course the official parts, came the big Gala evening. In the very place where the Brose Baskets were to win the German Handball Championship just one day later, we enjoyed a great time together, celebrating the past year and looking forward to what the next year will bring. The new Board of RTD was inducted with the official exchange of chains and the new board members gladly accepted the joys and duties that come with this responsibility.

Because in Tabling we don't want to rest on past successes, but we want to grow, we want to excite and we want to connect. Something which has been said more eloquently a long time ago: Adopt, adapt, improve.





ROUND TABLE IS (NOT) A SERIOUS THING



Established in Madagascar for 15 years, Round Table helped me to integrate myself in this marvelous country. I became a Tabler in 2005 and since then I never stopped promoting Round Table sharing my experience and learning from the others.

Believe it or not, Round Table is from far the best thing that could happen to us in the social world.

Here would be my 10 advices / tips and assessment for how to live Round Table.

- N°1 Round Table is contagious, pass it on
- N°2 We should consider Round Table as a very serious thing, but we should never take ourselves seriously
- N°3 We should never try to have personal success but grow together and learn from the other tablers
- N°4 What is round table? I still can't explain... and you?
- N°5 If one has ever tried to define Round Table...well he must be now still trying and probably 41er
- N°6 Friendship is stronger than you may think...you can always choose your friends
- N°7 You are arguing on the fact that Guinness is better than Lager...ok, I guess you have never tried the Malagasy Spicy rum, come and taste it during AMI AGM 2017 in Madagascar
- N°8 Plan to table abroad as much as possible
- N°9 You are dreaming of getting a tattoo with the Round table logo (so do I) but don't know where to put it? Neither do I...
- N°10 Read again as from tip N°1

Bachy
RT MADAGASCAR

ROUND TABLE FLOOD RELIEF SRI LANKA – JUNE UPDATE


Disaster & Impact

Sri Lanka was affected by one of the worst floods of the century, which affected over 500,000 people destroying the livelihoods and disrupting the daily lives of many families & businesses. Majority of them were low income & middle income families who are in dire straits after the floods. The flood cost the country over USD 1.5 Billion in damages.

RTSL Flood Relief Phase 1 – Food Distribution

RTSL took the initiative in the early hours of this disaster to start a flood relief project. This project revived the Regaining

the Smile brand, our proud moniker for our Tsunami project. We began Phase 1 of the project by supplying cooked meals to displaced families in some of the worst affected areas through camps manned by the armed forces and overseen by a tabler. We then shifted to providing dry ration packs, distributed through the government to families returning to their homes, again overseen by a tabler. We were told that if it had not been for Round Table, these relief camps would not have been able to operate in the initial days. Over 30,000 meals were provided to the affected families. Over 15 tonnes of food were provided by the coordination of RTSL.

FLOOD RELIEF
500,000 people affected country wide
Regaining Livelihood
Regaining Hope
Regaining The Smile
A PROJECT BY:

ROUND TABLE
SRI LANKA



It should also be noted in addition to the food: Medicine, Children's milk powder and Cleaning supplies

RTSL Flood Relief Phase 2 - Rebuilding livelihoods (Currently ongoing)

While the water levels have mostly receded, families are struggling to return to their homes and rebuild their lives. Based on feedback from tablers in the front lines, we have identified the requirement for Phase 2 as providing basic comforts for families to be able to have a decent place to sleep. This is especially of concern to parents whose children are now restarting school, yet have no proper place to sleep, and continue to be traumatized.

Our target for this phase is to provide basic foam mattresses and pillows to 5,000 flood victims, to the value of Rs. 8,250,000 (approx. \$56,000). We have negotiated a reduced cost of Rs. 1,650 (approx. \$11) for a set (one mattress and one pillow) for one person. We have tablers at the front lines ensuring that the items are properly and efficiently channeled to the neediest people.

Contributions from RT Organizations & RT clubs

We are deeply moved & encouraged by the support that national bodies have shown in supporting our flood relief efforts. The national organizations and clubs that have donated money include: RT Nepal, RT India, RT Dubai 1 and RT Austria

How you can help?

For your generous contributions:

Please find our bank details below for the funds transfer:

A/C name : Round Table Sri Lanka
A/C No : 106110185847
Bank : National Development Bank
(NDB), Navam Mw Branch
SWIFT code : NDBSLKLX

OVER 500,000 LIVES SHATTERED.
DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$1.5BN
ROUND TABLE SRI LANKA
IS DRIVING RELIEF EFFORTS.
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FLOOD RELIEF
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Over 17,000 people displaced in the Biyagama area
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RT SRI LANKA AND ASPA 'TABLER OF THE YEAR'

Two years ago Colombo Round Table 1 (CRT1) faced many challenges with membership numbers declining as many tablers graduated to 41ers. This stifled projects on many fronts. But new life for the table came when current Chairman and RT Sri Lanka Vice President Jehan Mubarak took the reins. With leadership experience from his school days Jehan lead the table while growing it in numbers as well as activeness. CRT 1 carried out many projects under his leadership while also being actively engaged in the wider tabling activities in Sri Lanka.

Under his leadership CRT1 conducted projects such as Quiz Night competitions, Cricket Coaching Camps, Fund Raisers to support girls who have faced abuse, carried out joint projects with other tables to help Kids suffering from Cancer and many more as well as conducting leadership training programmes. Jehan also served as Head of committee of the ASPA meeting in Sri Lanka 2016. Jehan showed leadership in his table through reactivating projects and other activities and hence was awarded 'Tabler of the year'.





RTI EMATM 2016

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Dear Fellow Tablers,
RT Tunisia is honoured to host the RTI EMATM 2016 in Djerba and therefore we, Tunisian Tablers, committed ourselves to make it a success and prepared it for you in such way that we strongly believe it will be a renewed opportunity to bring tabling friendship at its best.

The Shining sun, sandy beaches and friendly atmosphere of Djerba, the Island of Dreams, are waiting for you and we are hoping that there will be so many as possible of you to come and join for what can only be an unforgettable event.

Dear fellow Tabler, we did not only think about the comfort that all inclusive package (drink and food) including free access to all 4* Fiesta Beach hotel amenities & activities will bring to you, or about the quality moments I am sure we will have during our meetings, excursions and night events, but we also thought it was our duty to make sure that you feel secure while you enjoy your stay with us in Tunisia, as our privileged guests.

As you all know, Tunisia as an emerging democracy has been hit by terrorist attacks these last years, unfortunately likewise

several other countries in the world. Therefore, please allow me to provide you here with some update and overview of the safety & security situation overall in Tunisia, and more specifically regarding Djerba and our venue:

- Tunisian authorities has overall significantly improved their security level through the implementation of reinforced security measures, especially within and around all sensitive and strategic areas including but not limited to airports, governmental buildings, museums, touristic areas, hotels, beaches, bars, ...
- Tourism being vital for Tunisian economy, new security measures (since last year Sousse attack) have been put in place enforcing hotels to have their own security system, including cameras and guards.
- The Island of Djerba being one of most known touristic destination in Tunisia, security level is at its highest with increased security forces presence and vigilance.
- The Jewish Pilgrim of El Ghriba took place in Djerba a

couple of months ago and gathered more a thousand jewish pilgrims, and it was celebrated in perfect harmony and in full safety.

Besides, Djerba Police have been informed at its highest level about our presence and program during the event to what Police officials confirmed that a dedicated police patrol will be closely but discreetly covering the event ensuring additional safety to Tablers.

Last but not least, the National Office of the Tunisian Tourism have also been noticed about our EMTAM 2016 and proposed to send one its highest officials for an opening speech during the event.

All that said about safety and security, I believe me my dear Tabler that, nowhere is really safe but everywhere definitely is safer when your dear fellow Tabler is next to you, and we, Tunisian Tablers, will be your best friend and guardian angel !

YiiT,
Nabil Bebiche - RT Tunisia, National President



ROUND TABLE CYPRUS SUPPORTS THE LIFE EDUCATION CENTRES IN CYPRUS

Round Table Cyprus organised two charitable events in April 2016 for supporting the Life Education Centres in Cyprus, the National Project of our Association.

The Life Education Centres is a world Organisation that offers education programmes for the prevention of addictive forming substances. Round Table Cyprus is a founding member of L.E.C. and our President each year is ex-officio president of this charitable organisation. Other founding members are 41Club Cyprus, Ladies Circle Cyprus, Pancyprian Antidrug Association and the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus.

The "Mentor" Life Education Mobile Units are mobile classrooms manned by specialist instructors and they are incorporated in the programmes of Health Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture. By visiting every school in turn they offer scientific training programmes to children between 6 to

14 years of age, teaching them to face positively their own selves and their body, helping them to acquire the necessary means so as to maintain the proper attitude towards everyday challenges that put to test their bodily, social and mental health, such as addiction to narcotics, smoking, alcohol and other addictive substances. Currently there are three "Mentor" mobile classrooms visiting primary schools in Districts of Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos.

The first event was "Cycling & Walking for the Life Education Centres" and was organised in Paphos on 16th & 17th April 2016 with the cooperation of RT7 Paphos, Nautilus Cycling Club, Will Bike for Beer Cycling and OTI Hiking Club. The event was supported by the Electrical Authority of Cyprus. The whole event was a success and it gave the public an opportunity to visit one of the units and learn more about the training program.

The second event took place on Sunday 24th April 2016 and

it was an antique rally called "Driving for the Life Education Centres". There were 28 cars participating in 7 categories based on the year of manufacture of each car. The event was organised with the cooperation of RT2 Nicosia and supported by the Antique Car Club of Cyprus and PWC.

All clubs from Cyprus participated in the event. The rally started in Latsia in Nicosia with the Mayor of Latsia waving the flag giving the starting signal for all the cars. The route was thought various villages along the Cyprus countryside and the finish line was at the village of Amiantos up the Troodos Mountains. There we had lunch and the organising committee presented the trophies to the winners.

Y.i.i.T

Christos Demetriades

RT Cyprus National I.R.O. 2015-2017





TABLE A “NOT TO MISS” DOUBLE OCCASION:



One hour before opening a business meeting of the TRM N°3 of Toamasina, my phone rings. I pick it up. It is a call from our treasurer Jason who is overexcited. “Eric, Ray Neiman is at Tamatave and he asks whether it is possible for him to attend our business meeting as a guest!!! And I reply that this name does not appeal to me (I had better think twice before answering that). So a you tube link was sent to me and I could find out the nice and rousing R&B and Hip Hop music of the artist.

It was for our Table a “not to miss” double occasion: on the one hand, spending an unforgettable moment with an artist of high reputation among his peers and adulated by his fans... and on the other hand, the opportunity to make him discover the atmosphere and the values of our dear association.

After opening our business meeting, we cleared the points of our agenda requiring discussions so that we could quickly have our guest with us.

This was a memorable meeting with a committed performer, with an attractive flow, in love with his job, sharing a remark-

able kindness, simplicity and complicity which we could not imagine.

The R&B fans who have not heard about Ray Neiman should rush and enjoy his music quickly.

Dear Ray... it was an honour for us to have managed to make our roads cross yours, and a pleasure for us to see that the Round Table seems to have made you spend a festive moment when we read your comments on your Facebook page.

We invite you to get in touch with the other local Round Tables during your next visits to their areas.

The TRM N°3 organized for the second consecutive year a “Hunting, Fishing and Dancing weekend party in the small village community of Vatomandry, on the East coast of Madagascar.

This is the nearest beach resort from the capital of the country. Vatomandry is the right place for escape as it is located both at the seaside and along the banks of the Pangalanes Canal.

More than 20 tablers and members of the C41 moved to the place. It was a weekend to remember: dancing on a dust floor during the night, boat rides on the Pangalanes canal at daybreak, very short sleeping time, and a lot of fond memories.

However we should confess that our happy team of tablers was not quite prepared for game bird hunting. Sorry, Mr Marc... but it was not a bright idea to shout “pool” before shooting the duck...

As for fishing while humming lalalaaaaa is the right way to make the fish go or make them laugh! This weekend gave us the occasion to know exactly which ones of us it is not advisable to wake up early in the morning ;)

To put it briefly, it was a weekend full of highlights and of all sorts of stories. There will be certainly a third similar event... it is forecast for July 2017!

Eric Diore de Perigny
RT Madagascar IRO
TRMT3 Chairman



RT154 MEDIC RUSH 2016

Hochland 154 Round Table has completed a very difficult, but highly rewarding project and it has been a great success.

For those that do not know this project, Hochland 154 target a region in Namibia that has underdeveloped medical infrastructure and with the help of volunteer medical staff, host clinics free of charge to any person that comes in for treatment. This includes all medication and equipment needed by the medical staff.

The planning for the 2016 Medic RUSH started in late 2015 already with a few planning sessions to decide the area that the 2015 RUSH would be aimed at. After a few discussions we arranged a visit to the Ehi Rovipuka Conservancy, west of Etosha in the Kunene Region in late January 2016. All planning and organisation was put into place and the work started in earnest.

The dates of the 4th till the 8th of May 2016 were chosen. These dates minimised the amount of leave needed for the volunteer medical staff as it included 2 public holidays before the weekend.

The clinics were planned for the villages of Okonjota, Otjoka-

vare and Onguta. All the medication, medical equipment and supplied were ordered, the camping equipment needed was booked and the transport and logistics was planned. A month before the project was supposed to kick-off, we were informed by the conservancy that they could not provide us with the necessary camp facilities in the area and that there was no alternative sites close by.

An alternative needed to be found or it could have meant the cancelation of the project. A urgently arranged meeting with an old partner of the Medic RUSH, Wilderness Safaris, resulted in a shift of the target area. After a hurried discussion with our sponsors it was agreed and the 2016 RUSH was back on track.

The new area was further South and the clinics were planned for the villages of Omatjete, Anixab and Twyfelfontein. A central camp site was provided free of charge to allow the staff to travel each day to the clinics and then return each night, making logistics and planning easier.

With all the planning done, we were ready to go with a complement of 23 medical staff, all volunteers, comprised of senior

doctors, intern doctors, medical students and nurses. In total with all volunteers, sponsors, tablers and friends we were 55 people embarking on this project.

This is the ninth Medic RUSH to be done by Hochland 154 and I would like to share some of the stats that make up a RUSH:

- 538 People treated by the medical staff.
- Project spend was N\$311 954.82, that works out to N\$579.84 spent per patient treated.
- 11 Vehicles driving a combined distance of 18040km, using approximately 1600 litres of fuel.
- N\$35 000 worth of food, drinks & kitchen supplies, 80kg of meat feeding 42 people 3 times a day for 5 days = 630 meals
- Transporting and setting up of 37 tents, 55 stretchers, mattresses & chairs & 18 tables.
- During the RUSH, 6 tablers working on average 16 hours a





day for 5 days = 580 hours and 33 Medical staff and volunteers working on average 14 hours a day for 5 days = 2310 hours

A project like this cannot be done without the help of the medical staff and other volunteers, freely giving their time and expertise to help us make a difference in the lives of the Namibian people. Also a very big thank you must go to Standard Bank Namibia and the NamPower Foundation for sponsoring this year's RUSH with a total sponsorship of N\$355 000. Thank you to Wilderness Safaris, Adventure Camping Hire and ALCB Namibia for generously supporting this year's RUSH.

A special word must also be given to the gentlemen of Hochland 154 Round Table, it is only with their continued dedication and support to this project that allows us to make a real difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our community.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

By Jason Sivertsen RT154 Medic RUSH 2016 Convenor



KATHMANDU UNITED ROUND TABLE-17



It was a proud day for Kathmandu United Round Table-17 (KURT-17) on 30th June 2016 when two of our extended tables got chartered in Kathmandu - Kathmandu Saints Round Table (KSRT-24) and Kathmandu Titans Round Table (KTRT-25).

The extension got us and specially me as the Extension Convenor so much more involved into the movement of tabling. We started with the extension last year with a few known friends and then during the earthquake relief work came across many more young people like us who were trying their bit to give something back to the society. With continuous support from our Table Chairman Tr. Jitu Agarwal - from the initial meetings to the Charter, we successfully extended 2 tables.

The extension was special for KURT 17 for various reasons:

- o It was the first extension for KURT 17 since its inception in 2011 – Twin Extension.
- o The Inauguration ceremony was a historic one for Round Table Nepal.
- For the first time the entire RTI board was present in Nepal during a table inauguration ceremony.
- For the first time in RTN history, three tables got inaugurated

on the same day - 2 sponsored by KURT17 and 1 by KRT1.

- We were acknowledged by the RTI board and felicitated as one of the best inauguration meetings they attended – excellently balanced between fun and serious business.

Both tables sponsored by KURT17, continued their journey of becoming part of Round Table and completed all required business meetings, fellowships and service projects. KSRT & KTRT got CHARTERD in a joint event on 30th June 2016, in a well-organized and crisp program, enjoyed by all present.

It makes you really feel proud when you talk to the prospective tablers about the good things Round Table has been doing worldwide. Their new ideas and enthusiasm reconfirms this movement is to go a long way forward. It has indeed been a wonderful experience to get this opportunity to involve more people to tabling. With the good work, the newly formed tables have already initiated, we are sure they are going to enjoy the movement of Tabling.

Cheers to Tabling!!!

Tr. Anand Bahety - Extension Convenor – KURT17



THE BICYCLE TOUR 2016, (SUNDAY 29 MAY - FRIDAY 3 JUNE) AMSTERDAM

The fourth aim of the aims and objects of RT Netherlands: to stimulate worldwide international friendship and partnership. Last year our National theme was: The Journey of Tabling. Part of this meant ending the year with a Bicycle Journey for 20 Indian Tablers across the Netherlands from Table to Table. It was a memorable Journey full of fun and fellowship.

The international relation between RT India and RT Netherlands has been strong for many years as we (RT Netherlands) have an intensive partnership with RT India's National Service Project Freedom Through Education.

(What an incredible and beautiful project through which RT India has already built over 2100 schools and brought almost 6 million children the chance of a future by giving them a chance to go to school)

Last year vice-president of RT India, Manpreet Singh Raja, asked me about a legendary bicycle tour in 2005 across the Netherlands, which I had never heard of. We had to dig into the memory of RT Netherlands. Manpreet asked me to organize it again and from the great memories of the tour in 2005 that I found, we were very excited to organize another one. Under the

inspired convenership of enthusiastic and energy filled Tabler Chris Spaansen (RT144), we set up a tour to remember. Within a few phone calls there were five Tables prepared to organize a day each and to provide home hosting for our Indian friends.

And then Sunday the 29th of May, there were 20 Indian Tablers, 20 bicycles and a couple of Dutch Tablers to start from Amsterdam Central Station, ready for the first stage to RT185 Woerden. The rest of the week was a journey across the picturesque, flat, Dutch landscape along RT63 Gorinchem, RT178 IJsselstein, RT40 Vechtstreek to end at our AGM in Utrecht.

A week full of fun and fellowship, a week of International friendship and partnership across the green fields and along the blue rivers of the Netherlands. My best memory: to cycle and push one of my Indian friends for 30 km and at the end to be encouraged to push harder to win this stage, a memory for life.

Thanks to all our Indian friends who joined. We are looking forward to organize a new BicycleTour next year, the first week of June, just before and towards our AGM at RT27 Sneek.

Fer van den Hurk, RT73 Netherlands

