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RTI Executive Board



From left to right: RTI VP – Sebastian Walter, RTI President Majid Tunda, RTI Treasurer Graham Cornelissen, and RTI Secretary Marc Germeshausen





Message from the board

Dear Tablers,

Greetings from the Sunny Mauritius were at present the RTI Exec Board is in meetings and preparing the program for the RTIWM in Romania.

Time had flown since last August but we have come a long way and the progress of our movement is only going forward direction.

Since the RTI Obtained Charitable NGO status in January this year and now almost 90% of the members are already onboarded on the new structure.



Tabler.World implementation is going well and with time we will see the full membership on this platform, beside us our sister organization Ladies Circle International who have adopted the Circler.World and 41'er International in discussions to have same. The digital platform reach to our membership is without boundaries and only future knows how far we can go with it.

The Chartering or RT Nigeria, RT Moldova is proof that we are growing and that next few years we will be growing further in all regions, this wouldn't have been possible without the help of some extraordinary guys and with the help of Regional Chairmen's who's time and dedication is unparallel.

There is so much happening and until we see you all in Romania, Keep tabling, Keep travelling, Keep making the difference in your local community and Keep Shaping the future for the generation that comes after us.

Yours in friendship, RTI Board 18-19

Round Table International World Meeting 2019 in Brasov/Transylvania, Romania 21st to 25th August 2019 Register <u>Now</u> <u>www.rtiwm2019.com</u>

Inside Round Table New Zealand



Its been a busy time for New Zealand as we approach mid-way through the year. For a while Roundtable New Zealand has been a little bit quiet on the international stage but we are back!

Unfortunately, the number of tablers in NZ has been steadily decreasing over the last few years along with the number of tables, however, this has stabilized and we now have six tables with a consistent number of approximately 40 active members.

Whilst we are on the bottom of the planet and a long away from most people that hasn't stopped us getting involved overseas and hosting some of our international friends and showing them some good Kiwi hospitality.

Earlier in the year we had the Neville Bullock Tour. This is a bi-annual event that tours around New Zealand and provides subsided trips, home hosting and good times for fellow tablers from around the world. This year there was 19 people who came over including a number of their partners. This is always a great trip and showcases the best of New Zealand whilst dropping in on a number of different tables.



In April, RT Auckland #7 were proud to host the national NZ AGM. This was the first time the AGM had been held in Auckland for a very long time and with Auckland table only restarting a few years this was a challenge that the guys got stuck into.

This was a great event and we managed to get all of the current NZ tables in attendance, even if RT Timaru was only able to attend via Skype. The weekend went off without a hitch and everybody had a great time as well as making some solid plans for the upcoming year with a number of ideas for projects and fundraising.

To make the AGM weekend even more special RTNZ hosted 12 of our French RT brothers from New Caledonia. Whilst officially part of Roundtable France, New Caledonia is located less than a three-hour flight from Auckland. This was also the first time in 40 years that RT New Caledonia had ventured overseas on an official visit. The guys were great fun, got involved with with AGM and give us some insight as to how they do things in New Caledonia. RTNZ intend to maintain and build the relationship with New Caledonia and are currently reviewing a joint project, in conjunction with RT France to offer less fortunate kids the chance to get involved with sports.



RTNZ hard at work in the AGM with RTNC guests



Group photo of RTNZ



RTNZ President showing off his dancing skills

Whilst it can be sometimes difficult to visit New Zealand as we are so far away, we have still had lots of visitors from all across the globe. As Auckland has the main airport visitors are invariably in need of a beverage when they arrive after a long flight, and RT Auckland doesn't miss a chance to catch up for a beer. We have had international guests from South Africa, India, Germany, Malaysia, Sweden, Estonia, UK and Finland to name but a few. If you are ever in the area, please don't hesitate to get in touch before you get here and we can catch up. We even put one of our Swedish visitors and his girlfriend to work at a local Beer Festival that we got involved with.



Emil and Johanna from Sweden busy pouring pints

Some of our tablers have also made journeys across the world to get involved in the bigger RT world with tablers attending the ASPA AGM in Nepal the upcoming world meet in Romania as well as spending a couple of weeks travelling around France, Belgium and the Netherlands meeting with a number of tables.

Inside Round Table Philippines



A new Tablers account to the birth and infancy of a new national association: The Philippine experience.

While waiting for our flight to the 2019 AGM to be held in Bohol, I remembered everything that has happened to Philippine tabling in the past 2+ years that I have been a tabler. It was a rough and rugged road but in the end showed more light than what I was expecting.



Not too long ago when I was first invited as a prospect, I only knew of Round Table as group of gentlemen meeting at a board room at the heart of Makati's central business district.

At that time it was the board room of the office belonging to Tabler Atty. Ryan Jan G. Cruz or who we lovingly refer to as the "Godfather of Philippine Tabling." It was also in that meeting I met Tabler Robin Clare-Talbot of RT South Africa now PRO representing RT Philippines. Right then I noticed how passionate these gentlemen were about this particular club or group that I was planning to join. After a few (a lot) of drinks I then said to myself, "I sure want to be part of this crazy bunch!" Fast forward a couple of months I was inducted as a member of RT Makati 1. In the succeeding meetings there were talks of chartering another table at Mariveles to be headed by Robin and the Philippines applying as national association.

We were all excited about this and were hoping for the best. A few months after, good news was relayed to us by the brothers who attended the World Meet at Estonia; and just like that, the club I joined was already a part of a National Association.

This was truly a wonderful news for all of us, especially for a new Tabler like me. From that time the clubs, as well as the national association had a lot of fun as well as charitable activities.

I was fortunate to serve the first national board as a National Secretary and attend all the national meetings and subsequent (extended) fellowships.

Serving on the national board was also an opportune time for me to realize how much the entire worldwide tabling community is interconnected and bounded closely like brothers. This I experienced first hand when I met visiting tablers from oversees. Fellowships always ended up as unplanned parties and lasting longer than we planned. Family activities were also part of the normal repertoire and the ladies and kids always look forward to tabling activities.

It was not only fun and merry-making for this young association we had our fair share of community support activities and outreach activities. As a new Tabler I was pleasantly surprised with the worldwide tabling support that was extended to the Philippine association for support of our calamity fundraising. I realized these guys are not just drinking and fellowship buddies, they also take care of their own brothers in need.

I feel very fortunate to have witnessed and experienced all these and also to have 5 more years before joining Club 41!



Inside Round Table Norway



Men's health

When was the last time you cried? When was the last time you said that your feelings are hurt? Have you ever said to anyone that you have felt depressed?

In 2015, 593 people committed suicide in Norway, where 402 were men. In 2016 the numbers increased to 614 in total and where 418 of these were men.

We believe these numbers are alarming and we want to try to do something about it in RT Norway. In our magazine, Nexus, we have had several articles on that theme. All written by tablers who work in the phycological area.

We didn't expect much of response, but it's been overwhelming, where tablers all the sudden has started to openly talk about feelings. As in all meetings, or where two fellow brothers meet over a beer or coffee, we always have "thick walls and sky is the limit", it has been more accepted to talk about feelings and our well-being.

This is exactly what we wanted to achieve when we started to focus on men's health.

RT-trim

Another contribution in the health area for our tablers, is our own small project "RT trim". A fellow tabler from RT32 Flekkefjord who is a personal trainer has helped us with guidelines and pep-talks. The project had seventeen attenders and together they lost 97,1 kilograms! All are winners, but the one who lost the most, lost 14,32% of his body mass. That's very impressive!

Round Table Norway will continue to focus on men's well-being in 2019/2020 as well.

Golden Tickets

Tor Einar Jordbrekk, the IRO 2017/2018, introduced something we call "Golden Tickets" that was raffled out to fellow IRO's during RTIWM and NEARTM, who should find local clubs in their respective country and distribute them to fellow tablers. The golden tickets give an opportunity for tablers to experience local events in Norway. The tickets give free registration and home hosting.

First year we tried this, four local events wanted to sponsor with this, with two tickets to each event. Due to the success, this year, seven local clubs in Norway gave us the opportunity to lotter out in total fourteen tickets, which has been distributed out to Denmark, Iceland, Sweden, Finland and Estonia.

The meaning with the tickets is to inspire tablers to travel more. Round Table Norway has not sponsored with anything in regards of the tickets, it's the local clubs that takes the cost because the want more international

guests in their events. It's been a success even in 2018/2019 and this is something we will try to continue with in the future. Hopefully more countries will follow our example, to encourage tablers to cross the borders.

70th anniversary, or the small world meeting

On the 17th of November 2018, Round Table 2 Oslo celebrated their 70th anniversary. The expectations weren't large on how many guests that might show up. In total, there were 66 attending guests, where non the least 25 where international. Among the guests we had the VP of RTI and the chairman for NEAR among six National IRO's. And most importantly, we had guests from Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Austria and Luxemburg. During the event the club raised ~3000 EUR which was used to buy Nintendo Switch, which has been donated to the children's departments in two of the largest hospitals in Norway.

TABLER.WORLD - UPDATES FROM ALEXIS VAN DAM

Dear Tablerfriends,

We have listened to the feedback from you. It is the pleasure of the Tabler.World team to announce new features that are being deployed to our platform.

Mobile First

We are working to improve the experience on mobile. We have learned from the success of some of the national Table apps out there and we are going to implement geolocation information to make it possible, for example to filter on an event near you during a certain period. Or if you get stuck somewhere over the globe while traveling, you can simply search for events around you

Making Table administration & finances a breeze

Tabler.World is the administrative platform to support the local admin, area chairman and national administrator to make their duty easier. We are currently working on the attendance matrix for the statutory meetings. TW will be able to track all your attendance from local statutory meetings up to RT International meetings, neatly organised for your own reference – and for eventual awards for activeness.

Money talks

The Finance module is being improved with a lot of long requested additional functionalities, as we speak. It's going to include VAT, one-time or periodical invoicing on each level, multiple accounts, invoice status and much more! Since today, online payment has been made possible! As convenor you can simply choose the payment options you'd like to propose, and that's basically it! Important note: it currently works with a payment provider that supports the majority of European and Scandinavian countries. We're working to extend to global payment possibilities of course!

Interlinking with the family

Ladies Circle is successively rolling out their CIRCLER.WORLD as a twinning system to its members, based on our core platform, as we speak. Old Tablers are close behind. Since we are part of the same family, the boards agreed that it is in its benefit to extend connectivity across the family borders an allow viewing access (an family interlink) to other family members. From a privacy perspective, of course we stay compliant to the GDPR! each Tabler and Circler needs to explicitly opt-in to enable visibility with the other family members at all, and he/she can revoke at any moment!

Helping hands needed!

If you want to be part of the TABLER.WORLD Team, and you have some spare time left, come and join us on to gradually improve the system – all together!

Yours in Tabling,

Alexis van Dam, RT Singapore, RTI Online Vision Manager Damian Jdanoff, RT Germany, Online Vision Consultancy Director Online-vision@rtinternational.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH ROUND TABLE EXPANSION PROJECTS

We are delighted to be continueing our work on numerous expansion projects across the globe.

As per our Aims & Objectives we like to grow our network. We rely on the help of many individuals such as yourself to make it happen!

What can you do?

Please have a look at this list and advise if you have any friends, business partners or other acquaintances in below countries/cities.

Please send a short introduction e-mail to the corresponding project leader incl. the prospect details.

Please screen your network and advise if there are any other countries where you know somebody – maybe a Tabler moved abroad for work or goes to a foreign country regularly.

Any idea or contact is welcome and should you wish to be part of one of the teams, kindly be in touch.

On the next page are the areas we are focusing on currently.

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1	Albania	Tirana	Nico di Prata	looking for prospects	albania@rtinternational.org
2	Cameroun	Yaounde, Bamenda, Buea	Kongnso Cyrille	Charter 26-29 September 2019	cameroon@rtinternational.org
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6	Moldova	Chisniau	Liviu Sacalov	Charter 10-12 May 2019	moldova@rtinternational.org
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What's happening in 2019?

Round Table International Event Calendar 2019

June 27 th to 30 th - SEM	Malta	https://semtm2019.com	
August 21 st to 25 th - RTIWM	Romania	<u>www.rtiwm2019.com</u>	register@rtiwm2019.com

Keen for 2019?

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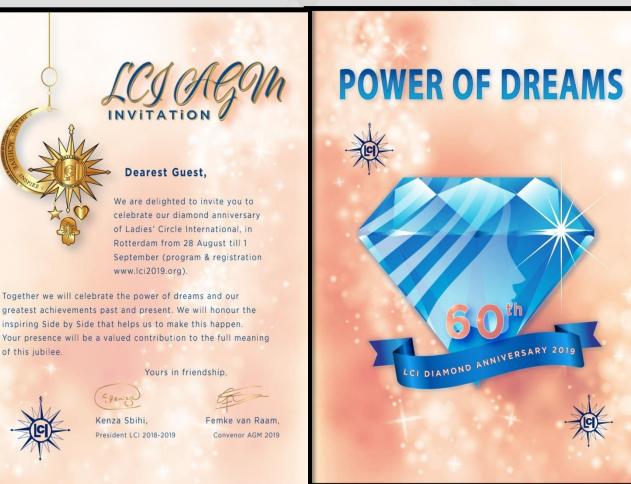
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