## RTI NEWSLETTER



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#### Welcoming word from Round Table International's very own Shop Keeper, Daniel Kristensen

The year that has gone by has RTIShop moved to a new, more professional platform. This has given us the opportunity to part-deliver orders and be able to repay faster, make campaigns, manage products and sales in a much better way. In the recent months, we have focused a lot on finding products and solutions for members, clubs and countries to be able to order their own customized products.

It has been a great demand for this, to have a inexpensive place to order and produce embroidered and printed goods without any unnecessary start-up fees and additional costs.

This is what the RTI shop provides today!

RTI shop has free access to a large machine park for advertising equipment, embroidery machine, laser engraving, printing, digitalprint, large format, cutting, heating and so on. Together with RT Norway, RT Sweden and OT Sweden, we manufacture and purchase products together to keep costs and working hours as little as possible. We have also produced several products and helped other RT and LC associations around the world.

Normal shipping time for orders today is 2-3 days. The customer can choose from several different delivery methods worldwide.

We have now after 3 years reached a level with a wide selection of different products, new items is added monthly. And we are always looking for a better option or better prices to keep cost down.

I would now like to put more time to help producing and finding items and services for the club and members needing it! This together visiting more events and doing sales around RTI

What do you want to see in the shop? How can I help you and your club? Please let me know and visit the RTIshop.com today and checkout or products, wear our logo everyday!

Thankyou for your support!

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# **Round Table Senegal**



#### **Focus on Senegal**

Created in 1981, "Table Ronde Dakar 1" (Senegal's Round Table) was sponsored by fellow French & Belgium Round Tables. Over the years it has tried to improve its print on social projects and help in many areas where need applies within its own capabilities. In spite of the low attendance the past three years our little Table has increased in numbers reaching 15 enthusiastic tablers to date.



We look forward to growing and possibly in the horizon of 2022 forming a second table and contributing to many other national projects in our beautiful country which needs tremendous help in so many fields. Despite our small financial resources it is with great

honor we announce that 2018/2019 has been a meaningful year in terms of achievements which involved:

- Free Medical screening in THIES the second most populated city in Senegal.
- Distribution of more than 100 school supplies in KINIABOUR for disadvantaged children.
- Donations to "Daara of MALIKA" (local school for orphans and disadvantaged children) and "MAISON ROSE" (Orphanage) to rebuild or renovate their premises for example leaking roofs due to heavy weather impact. All of this was made

possible through Community Events and mainly by two raffles and the benefits were proudly accepted by those two exceptional organizations.







We look forward to keeping the same spirit and commitment for 2019/2020 and provide more for Senegal and local communities throughout renewing past achievements. As a matter of fact, this year ideal focus resides in taking environmental action involving raising awareness in the matter of littering along beach shores and restoring coastlines. In addition, we are looking into helping a health clinic in Malika getting their hands on medical equipment in order to provide better medical assistance to their patients.

Last but not least we at Table Ronde Dakar 1 always try to keep our family spirit alive and infectious. As brothers we make sure to forever engrave moments we spend together as tablers and with our families. It is of great essence and the reason as to why we maintain our Tabler's weekends gathering and annual year end celebrations with the little tabletons (Tabler's children).





Come and pay us a visit brothers! Cheers

> Cyril Ott President "Table Ronde Dakar 1

## **Round Table Seychelles**



Round Table Seychelles was founded in 1973 by the efforts of two young man, Mr Mike Dunford and Mr Serge Pool. Mike Dunford already an enthuastic tabler from Round Table Kenya came to Seychelles in 1971, raving about the Round Table movement. In 1973, along with Serge Pool and other friends, the first Round Table in Seychelles, then known as Table 22 of ARTEA was formed with Serge Pool as its first chairman.

In the same year, Mike Dunford, a water sports enthusiast, proposed the very first Regatta event which was held at Beau Vallon. It was a small scale event and had only one main activity which was sailing race, thus the name Regatta. The Regatta has now grown to be the biggest most anticipated annual event as well as the largest fund raising event in Seychelles. Some call it a beach party, some call it a festival... all we know is that its called the REGATTA!!!

Generations of Round Tablers have carried on this proud legacy with the 46th edition of the Regatta calendared for the 27th to 29th September at the same location which is now colloquially known as the 'Regatta site' by Seychellois.

The Regatta generates \$40,000 on average (half a million Seychelles Rupees) which is pledged to a national, charitable or community project. A successful Regatta is largely due to the lottery where year after year we sell over 120,000 tickets considering the small population of Seychelles of only about 95,000. We can confidently say that everyone in the Seychelles participates in the Regatta in some form or the other.

Regatta 2019 project is dedicated to the President's Village; a home mostly for social orphans discarded by their families or with torn homes due to substance abuse. These kids are more vulnerable, scard through emotional and physical trauma.

As one of the smallest and proudest club in the Round Table world, Round Table Seychelles was awarded the AMI association of the year in 2019 primarily for the colossal work by a handful of tablers to pull off the 3-day event which touches the lives of so many people.

Currently with 10 members, there is a need to recruit new energetic young men to carry on the long history and propel this wonderful club to new heights. This is a challenge but we are hopeful that with all the hard work, the willingness to adopt, adapt and improve, we will triumph.

Yours in Table



## **Round Table Singapore**



#### Greetings from sunny SINGAPORE!

RT Singapore is a small association with around 35 members across 3 tables with tablers from various countries including Singapore, India, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, SriLanka, Kyrgyzstan and Finland. This speaks about the cultural diversity we have in our tables which is also representative of our multicultural country. We are a small association however given the strategic location of Singapore for business and tourism we have been very active with one fellowship conducted with visiting international tablers every other week. We had fellowships with tablers from all ASPA nations and from other regions including France, Germany, Romania, Cassablanca, Morocco, Belgium, Netherlands, Great Britain, Estonia, Madagascar, St Denis. We welcome tablers from across the world to visit our little island nation and we promise you a good tabling experience along with great fellowship. Reach out to us on roundtablesg@gmail.com if you are planning to be in Singapore.

Although a small association, Round Table Singapore has been very active internationally with many tablers representing at various international events including RTIWM in SriLanka, RTIHYM in Finland, ASPA in Nepal, RT Malaysia charter and various national events in Hong Kong, India, Nepal etc. This year our very own Alexis was part of the RTI board as a board assistant and was awarded ASPA Tabler of the Year 2018 - 19 in Kathmandu. Good going Alexis!



#### Singapore NAGM 2019

We have been busy the past few months with our National AGM which was held in Singapore from 21 - 23 June 2019. We had Michael Holmberg from RT85 Köping, Sweden and a few tablers from India joining us for the NAGM weekend. We started off with a fellowship event on Friday with craft beer and local Chinese food, followed with a whisky flight and a night of good friendship between the tablers. On Saturday we had the NAGM which was brilliantly organised by our convenor Jurek Grapentin from SRT3. During the NAGM the outgoing board presented their achievements during the past year including significant international travel, fellowship and charity events in Singapore. After this the new board got elected and the jewels were handed over. Our incoming National President Vikas Bhalotia presented his team and his vision for the next year. He highlighted the challenges Singapore faces as a nation and his plans to grow tabling in Singapore. The president's motto for the year 2019 is "GROW TOGETHER !!". After a couple of liquid (sic.) and charity contribution fines the tablers enjoyed the evening over delicious BBQ and drinks.

The incoming National board for RT Singapore for the year 2019 - 20

President: Tr. Vikas Bhalotia
Vice-President: Tr. Vaibhav Vedak
Secretary: Tr Alexis van Dam
Treasurer: Tr Siddhant Gupta
IPP / IRO: Tr. Kamal Jeet Singh







#### ASPA Fellowship Weekend Saigon 2019

This year for the first time an ASPA fellowship weekend was held in Vietnam where tablers from Sri Lanka, Nepal, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Germany, Gibraltar, UK and Singapore participated. RT Singapore was present in full strength with 3 National board members (Vaibhav, Siddhant and Alexis) along with Petri from Table 3. The meet was a great success with a lot of fellowship, knowledge sessions, and information sharing about tabling conducted by our ASPA Chairman Ranil. Great effort Mr. Chairman! The boys obviously enjoyed the sightseeing, true Vietnam culinary specials and the drinks apart from the brotherhood and camaraderie.

We are signing off now and hoping to see many of you in Singapore and other parts of the world.

Keep Growing with Tabling. #growtogether #tablingisajourney.

## **Round Table Southern Africa**



Under the beautiful and burning African sun there is a stand-out group of unique and professional young men from both Namibia and South Africa that together proudly proclaim themselves as Round Table Southern Africa!

#### **About Round Table Southern Africa**

Round Table Southern Africa, in the wider spectrum of Round Table International, encompasses four countries: Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and eSwatini (formerly known as Swaziland) but unfortunately there are no current active Tables in Lesotho and eSwatini. As such, RTSA is currently broken up into 14 areas:

- 1. Border
- 2. Bushveld
- 3. Drakensberg
- 4. Eastern Province
- 5. Free State
- 6. Gauteng
- 7. Mpumalanga
- 8. Namibia
- 9. Northern Cape
- 10. Natal North Coast
- 11. Natal South Coast
- 12. South Cape
- 13. STNOFS
- 14. Western Province

Each one of the 14 Areas has its own Chairman which then has a seat on the RTSA Association Council that together with the 9 RTSA Executive members manages the Association on behalf of its members.

There are currently over 130 actives Tables within Round Table Southern Africa (RTSA) which means from Gonubie to Walvis Bay, Phalaborwa to Kenton-on-Sea and from Durban to Cape Town you will be able to meet a Tabler serving his community through fellowship.

During the period ending February 2019, as an Association, we raised in excess of R17,5 million for charitable causes and as brothers spent over 73 000 reported hours on these activities within the Association!

Our annual national AGM or "ARTSA" as it is known amongst Tablers across the globe has become a bucket list item for most international Tablers, with the Owen Frye Pre-Tour being a life changing fellowship event.

The next ARTSA will be held in the beautiful province of Mpumalanga which will showcase to those in attendance some of the most breath-taking and diverse landscapes within South Africa. International Tablers are encouraged to visit our website www.roundtable.co.za for more information.

ARTSA, through Round Table East London 1, are also the custodians of the (in)famous Buffalo Club world-wide!

#### **Projects**

As an Association within Africa (where more than 41% of people in sub-Saharan Africa lives in extreme poverty as per the United Nations) our members understand just how much we have to be grateful for and accordingly our members know that only compassion, humanity and a sense of appreciation will change the position of those that are less fortunate than ourselves. As such, the majority of our charitable projects are hands-on as exampled below:

#### **Winter Knights**

Nothing burns like the cold!

Giving encourages dialogue between people, communities and nations in ways that people would not ordinarily have experienced before. When people choose to give, they unite from different sectors and communities in the name of a common cause. This is a key contributing factor in the success of our national alignment project called "Winter Knights".

Winter Knights is a home-grown and hands-on Round Table Project which was first adopted as an Association Alignment Project in 2010.

The initial concept originated as an almost social experiment with Tablers having to spend a few hours in Winter, wearing light clothing, experiencing first-hand the burning cold suffered by so many less fortunate people. It was hoped that members of their communities would come forth with blankets and old clothing, which the Tablers could use to keep warm and then once the project was concluded, donate on to worthy causes.

The project has evolved over the years, with many Clubs showing great initiative and forward-thinking in their approach – everything from trolleys being filled at Shopping Malls, door-to-door collections, corporate donations, creating campaigns with big corporates and finally initiatives that evokes the passion of entire towns to rally behind the Winter Knights campaigns.

The Round Table Winter Knights project continues to be a passion project for Tablers and as a collective during the 2018 campaign raised in excess of R 2,4 million in goods and donations which itself was distributed back into the most desperate parts of the Community.

Round Table Botswana has also taken up the project during 2019 and Round Table Zambia has also shown interest in applying it within their communities.

#### Steps-4-Ubuko

At ARTSA 2019, Steps-4-Ubuko, was announced as the RTSA Community Service Project of the year! The lads from Round Table East London 1 took on the project to not only assist one of the most inspiring little boys in South Africa but to also transform themselves and their own outlook on life and health!

The beneficiary of the project was Ubuko Mpotulo, a small, but massively inspirational boy from a disadvantaged background in the townships from Port Elizabeth. Unfortunately, Ubuko was diagnosed with Meningococcal Septicaemia which eventually resulted in a bilateral lower limb and finger amputation at the age of 3.

Ubuko's wish was to be integrated into normal school activities, especially sports as his biggest dream is to be a South African Paralympian! This dream, his perseverance through life and exceptionally positive and infectious attitude earned him a #100YoungMandelas recognition in 2018 and ultimately brought his plight to the attention of Round Table East London 1.

Unfortunately, Ubuko will have to refit and change his prosthetic sockets at least 14 to 16 times before the age of eighteen. To keep Ubuko mobile and (happy) comes in at around R148 000.00 a year, every year until Ubuko turns 18.

After meeting Ubuko the members of East London 1 came to the realization that all individuals, regardless of age or background, share the desire to be as functional, independent and pain-free as possible so that they can live socially and economically productive lives with dignity. As such, seven Tablers where willing to put their bodies on the line by entering the 2019 Ironman in East London all in the name of Ubuko!

Their Ironman 2019 campaign resulted in a massively successful crowdfunding campaign but of more importance was that their massive awareness and PR-drive ultimately led to our brothers of Round Table France securing a sponsor of Ossur Blades for the next ten years (valued at R80 000 per year) for Ubuko!

Other than the intended end-result for Ubuko, the intrepid Tablers spent an estimated 2 100 hours training, 51.5 hours racing on the day all whilst being cheered on by Ubuko himself at various points along the course! This has also led to #fittabler movement within the Round Table Border Area that is fast spreading to the rest of the Association! The long-term goal is to turn Steps-4-Ubuko into a national alignment project to ensure that more children will be able to live an active lifestyle that they so desperately want and deserve.

Closing comments from RTSA
Table the World, Change the World!
#alloutcompassion #alloutfellowship #totalroundtable
Yours in Table
Round Table Southern Africa

# What's happening in 2019?

**Round Table International Event Calendar 2019** 

August 21st to 25th - RTIWM

Romania <u>www.rtiwm2019.com</u>

register@rtiwm2019.com

Round Table International World Meeting 2019 in Brasov/Transylvania, Romania 21st to 25th August 2019



For comments and suggestions

Please contact RTI Public Relation Officer at pro@rtinternational.org





#### **EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD WITH RTI**

Three-Country AGM 2020 (Germany, Austria and Switzerland, for both round table and ladies circle) to your next RTI-Newsletter.

It will take place in Friedrichshafen, Germany, from 15th until 17th of May 2020.

More details and tickets: www.agm2020.eu

We have a limited amount of tickets and almost sold half of 1.300 available







Round Table Tunisia

# Special Clubbing AGM 2019

Price: 99 euros

#### 27/09/19

21:00- 1:00 - Welcome arrival party with arabic music 1:00- 4:00 - Show cabaret (Extra)

### 28/09/19

10:00 - 14:00 - Vip guided tour (Carthage, Sid Bousaid) and lunch (Extra) 15:00 - 17:00 - RT Tunisia AGM

20 :00 - 1 :00 - The best Tunisian pub 1 :00 - 4:00 - Party in a nightclub (Extra)

## 29/09/19

11:00 Brunch Kisses & Goodbye

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