

# NEWSLETTER



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## THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!

Or will it? They say that “a man’s memory is short”, meaning that once the acute danger of getting infected by the coronavirus, people will return to the old habits very quickly. Should and could we as humankind learn at least something of this all? Seems that at least the nature thanks us: the air pollution has lessened dramatically, the seas are cleaner. But the trouble is: human being enjoys each other’s company, physical connections are important to us - and for that we need to be able to move also by car and plane, no matter how much happier nature would be without all the traffic. In our association, physical togetherness is almost the core of our operations! Having said that, we have been very good in creating alternative ways to stay in touch, to take care of each other, to have fun together - read more from this Newsletter! I think that this virtual togetherness is something to take along from this period also to the future, to add on to the opportunities of being closer to each other more often, in addition to the physical events.

Under these circumstances, we have also had to make decisions on our important meetings. The Verona AGM event has been postponed to 2021 and we shall have our meeting virtually. The agenda was therefore also shortened dramatically. More information on joining the meeting will follow closer to the meeting date, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020.

The TCI HYM, which was planned to take place in Brasov, Romania, also side-by-side with 41 Club International, will need to be re-planned, as our brothers in 41 Club have decided to postpone also that event to 2021. TCI is still hoping to be able to arrange the HYM physically, so we shall look into other options and will keep you posted.

In the meantime, let us try to focus on the positives of this situation we are experiencing. It may be challenging to think that way, but there really are also good things that have come out of this all. Like in friendships and among our association: every experience is as unique as we as human beings, every feeling is equally valuable as we are as individuals - let’s respect, tolerate and value the uniqueness we all have, feel and experience in these challenging times, as well as when we start returning to the normal life, whatever that normal may be.

Ladies, take care of yourselves, your loved ones and cherish the friendships we have in our association. They are more valuable than we may understand

Yours in Continued Friendship,

*Nina*

TCI President 2019-2020



# JOINED MTM IN BANGALORE

HABBA 2020, Tangent India's Mid Term Meeting



*by Åsa Egnell, Secretary TCI and IRO Tangent Sweden*

Last autumn Tangent India sent out an invitation to TCI members to attend their MTM in Bangalore in February. As member of the TCI board and also IRO for Tangent Sweden I accepted the invitation. When I am writing this report I am so happy that I decided to go to India and meet my Tangent India friends in mid-February.

The three Tangent clubs (T10, T18 and T19) arranged the event jointly and they also offered home hosting which I gladly accepted. I attended Tangent India's AGM in 2016 and was then home hosted by Tangent Bangalore. I was so happy when Ms Sandhya Jaiprakash told me that she would home host me this time too.

I arrived Bangalore on Saturday so that I could attend the Tangent India board meeting, unfortunately I could not get in time to attend the charter of the new club in Bangalore (T13) which I was invited to attend. Ms Sangeeta Mata was so kind to meet me at the airport and to take me to Century club where the board meeting took place. Attending the board meeting it stroke me that they were also putting a lot of time into getting all the statues right, just as the Tangent Sweden's board have been doing the week before (we had a 10 hours board meeting, puh).

After attending the board meeting I spent some time together with Ms Padmini Gokhale and her husband. Padmini had been president for LC India when the LCI conference was arranged in Karlskrona, Sweden in the 80s so we had a lot to discuss. As I was a bit tired after the long journey, I spent the evening in Sandhya's house.



On Sunday, the meeting and festivities took place at Royal Orchid in Bangalore. The MTM meeting was interesting, fun and effective. Ms Bijal Jhaveri Kalbag, president of Tangent India led the meeting in an excellent way so the actual meeting only took two hours. During the meeting Ms Mita Chopra



was introduced to Tangent Amigos, so Tangent India not only chartered a new club this weekend, they also introduced a new member to Amigos. At the meeting, I was given some copies of Tangent Times (the Tangent India's magazine/newsletter) to share with the rest of the TCI board. The editor of the Tangent Times, Ms Lakshmi Siddharthan is doing an amazing work putting this newsletter together. I did not have time to read the magazine in Bangalore, but I enjoyed reading it during my next days in India.

After the meeting the festivities took place, and that was really, really fun. We played many games, all lead by Ms Tina Gupta, also called 'Queen of Habba'. It was really fun to take part in the games, but I think that I did not contributed a lot to my team so much, except for my energy and positive mind. After spending some hours playing fun games it was time for a wonderful Indian lunch and after the lunch it was time to go to the airport to continue to explore India.



I really enjoyed attending the Indian MTM and I am so glad that I did. The meeting was so fun and as I was more than well taken care of and really well hosted. When I am writing this in mid-March I am extra thankful that I took the opportunity to travel when I did. I am also thankful that I was able to see my Tangent India friends again, and I promise to get back to India and see you all again.





# TANGENT ISRAEL



Tangent Israel is in its fourth year and we continue the friendship with lots of love. I'm happy to share with you what's going on in Tangent Israel before and during the Corona days. Together with our Vice President Dana, we participated in fundraising events organized by the clubs to raise funds for community projects.



We had a great gathering evening with all the national board and the chairman from all over the country at Sigal our IPP's house. Batya the chairman of club 16 taught us to cook Indian food and we really enjoyed the experience and the friendship. At this event we had the honor of hosting our friend Pandy from Tangent Cyprus.



On Purim, a



holiday where everyone wears costumes and celebrate, we were got the privileged to make many people happy at colorful parties full with music and dancing



During the Corona, the women in Tangent Israel have worked and assisted the needy and elderly families who are quarantined in homes.



They helped them distribute food and medicine and also baked cakes and brought food to doctors and nurses in hospitals



It was an honor for us to be the godmother of Tangent Romania and to take part in the virtual ceremony.

Welcome to Tangent U.S.A. and Tangent Romania to Tangent world.



**In friendship and love Shalom from Israel**

**Inbar Farhy,**

**TC Israel President**

# TANGENT NORWAY



Kollen weekend 6. - 8. April 2020



By Gro Karsten Skarholt & Gerd-Inger Kaasen

Every year in connection with World Cup or WM in cross-country skiing, Ladies Circle and Round Table Oslo arrange a gathering that has become very popular. Two years ago 150 persons participated, last year and this year organizers had to limit the number of participants to 100 - still making this a memorable event.



The week-end program is a get-together Friday evening, we leave for the skiing slopes early in the morning on Saturday, and continues with after-ski in the evening. AND, normally we return back to the house by seven in the evening, totally exhausted.

*“At around four in the afternoon busses picked us up and took us to the “after-ski”, - the party continued.”*



Due to circumstances we all recognise, things turned out a bit different this year as we were strongly advised to not go out in the woods.

Instead, we joined home-parties in the morning, same procedures as out in the woods, but this year with the skiing competition on wide screens. It worked perfectly.

Tangents have been present at this event every year since 2013. We use to meet on Thursday evening, having a “Tangent get-together”, this year together with Tangent Sandvika who had their club meeting. Sandy (Tangent Kristiansand) brought fresh scrims and we had a lovely evening.



Friday afternoon Tangent/41 Norway had a joint board meeting discussing our national AGM in May. We were lucky to have company from the presidents of LC and RT Norway. On Sunday before going home, Tangent Norway had their board meeting. Effective four days we dare say.

Sincerely recommend this event!

Gro & Gerd-Inger  
President and Vice President Tangent Norway



# TANGENT INDIA



**#TangentIndiaFightsCorona**  
**#FeedtheNeedy**

Tangent India joined the family of Round Table India, Ladies Circle India and the Association of 41 Clubs of India to bring joy to the families left bereft Of daily wages, food and essentials.

Tangent clubs have been helping out by providing the Needy with provision packs, cooked food, providing masks and other protective gears to the medical and police personnel and helping senior citizens with their needs.

RTI kitchen is running kitchens in 17 areas across India and feeding 1000 people in each area. So, essentially we are feeding 17000 deserving people everyday.

**Tangent 1 Mumbai:** Tangent India President - Bijal Kolbag donated 15000/- to Round Table India Trust for the Round Table India Kitchen. Chairperson Manju and Secretary Deepa have also donated 15000/- for the same cause.

**Tangent 9 Kolkata:** Members along with club 94 donated 5000/- for the RTI kitchen project, to 41ers Area Chairman Hitesh Dani.

**Tangent 11 Nagpur:** The ladies distributed 50 kgs of rice, sugar, daal and flour to 50 poor dolly wagers at a total cost of 9200/-





The three Tangent clubs of Bangalore 10, 18 and 19 have contributed more than Rs. 51,000/- for community kitchens which is being run by Round Table, Ladies Circle and the Association of 41 Clubs of India as well as Clubs of Tangent India.



Tangent 13 Kanpur : Chairperson Sabiha took care of factory workers who had been stranded due to lockdown. The club has also distributed food grains, grocery and food items to the needy - 10 kg flour, 5 kg rice, 2kg dal, 2kg onions and 5litres of oil to 200 people.



Tangent 15 Mumbai : They have raised a sum of Rs. One Lakh towards this noble cause. They also distributed 30 packets of foodgrains and grocery to the needy who had come from the slums of Dharavi in the presence of 4 Ter Kumar Ruparella of Club 213.

Tangent 16 Bhillwara : They collected Rs. 50,000/- and donated to the Local Head of Government administration to be utilized for the people in distress.



Tangent 19 Bangalore : National Treasurer Ranjana along with her husband Pankaj Singh IRO 41 Clubs of India distributed grocery and ration containing rice, dal, oil, sugar and salt to 70 homes of daily wage earners and migrant workers in Rampura, Chansandra.

Tangent 20 Jaipur : They donated Rs. 11,000 towards the Round India kitchen Project to feed the hungry people in misery.



Tangent 26 Pondicherry : Chairperson Vidya sponsored 110 litres of hand sanitizers to the Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital for Women and children.



Tangent 29 Hubli distributed facemasks and sanitizers to health workers of KIMS Government Hospital. They also handed over grocery and provisions in packets to 200 people.

Tangent 33 Delhi: The members formed groups to reach out and care for the senior citizens of the neighbourhood, living all alone in their respective localities during the lockdown.



Amigo Ramiya and husband Area 1 Chairman Rajesh also distributed food grains and ration to the needy.

In these scary and uncertain times Tangent members of India have shown exemplary grit and determination to fight this menace and at the same time given solace to the vulnerable strata of the society and we shall continue our efforts in this mission.



Tangent Amigos member and First lady 41 Clubs of India Shyamala Devi distributed cookies and drinking water bottles to police personnel on duty during the lockdown.



# GREETINGS - LCI MTMs

## INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE FAMILY EVENTS



Vienna, Austria - greetings from the TCI board member Jill Harris

What a great weekend with 19 countries represented and just over 200 ladies attending.

There was no pretour as there not enough participants but the ladies of Vienna took myself and 3 Circlers out for the day exploring Vienna and then we went out to what they classed as the best schnitzel restaurant in the town and I felt exceedingly underdressed as there were a lot of people there in ball gowns and tails who were going on to the opera .

Friday was a day sightseeing with Circlers and then the welcome party at a bar about 1/2 hour away from the centre of Vienna, where I met a lot of old friends as well as making new ones. There were very few Tangent representatives at this MTM; myself and one other from GB.

On Saturday evening, a great gala dinner was held in the hotel and I talked to several Circlers who are due to leave under the age rule shortly and are interested in setting up Tangents and left it that they will contact us nearer the time to take this forward.



Reykjavik, Iceland - greetings from the TCI President Nina Leppäkangas

It was late Friday afternoon when I finally arrived to Reykjavik and the hotel. Only half an hour to take luggage to the room and then the transportations to the home parties took off. We were taken to the homes of the LC and Agora members - Iceland is an Agora country. We were treated with lovely food, with local specialities. It was lovely to meet with some old friends from LC times. We had Tangents from Denmark, Norway, GB and Finland, and Agora members from Iceland and Belgium in our party. On Saturday, after the meeting, there was time to see the city of Reykjavik and enjoy the fresh and crisp air and snowy sceneries. The location of the city by the sea, with mountains rising behind the gulf of the sea, is really beautiful!

The gala was held at the hotel and was hosted by an Icelandic comedian, lady, I must add, who was just hilarious! The food was very tasty again and they had a lovely way of serving the food: the appetizers were served as cocktail style in another room so that it was easy for people to walk

around and talk to many different people. Then for the main course we went to another room and sat down to tables.

On Sunday I had a chance to visit the world-famous Blue Lagoon with my President colleagues from LCI and Agora and LC member from UAE. An interesting experience: you soak yourself in warm, mineral rich water, enjoy drinks, put a face mask on and wonder around the large pool for hours! One-time visit did not make us look ten years younger, but at least our skin felt very soft for a moment.



And as I did not have a week to explore the wonders of the rest of Iceland, the Fly over Iceland - experience was a great way to get a scenic tour over the beautiful nature wonders of the country, and to finish my one and only tourist day in Reykjavik.

## LCI MTM's

There were two Mid-Term-Meetings for LCI this year: one in Vienna, Austria, for Middle European and African regions and another in Reykjavik, Iceland, for the Nordic, Southern Europe and APAC regions.

In Vienna, there were 19 countries represented and just over 200 ladies attending and in Reykjavik, there were 16 countries represented, with about 250 ladies attending the weekend.

As both of the LCI MTM's had the same agenda, here is a summary of the discussed topic for both meetings:

Saturday was the MTM itself, which as the TCI HYM, is a discussion meeting with little voting. TCI board member Jill Harris gave the TCI greetings for the meeting in Vienna and TCI President Nina Leppäkangas in Reykjavik.

At the meetings, we learnt that the LCI charity project, Crimson - International Service Project 2019-21, already has enough money to distribute the first sets of napkins to ladies in rural India and one can follow their project on Facebook. TCI supports this LCI project - a way of also showing the dedication and support for our "little sisters" from Tangent.

The region leads gave their reports and new regional leads were voted on. They will not, however, step into their role until at the LCI AGM in August, to be held in Lahti, Finland. The locations and dates for the MTM's and AGM's for 2020-22 were presented. The status of the members' platform circler.world was discussed and it is wonderful that over 70% of countries will be live in the circler.world by the end of 2020. Lastly the legal and financial entities were discussed, as the bank account of LCI will need to be moved to another country and they are planning to establish LCI as an NGO or foundation. More will follow on this at the LCI AGM.

In the end, the meeting participants were divided in groups and given discussion topics. They varied from charter packages to how to support countries to get new members and how to offer and find home hosting opportunities when travelling. Social media presence was one "hot" topic in



the meetings too, as it has been identified as an important information channel, despite its informality.

Attending the meetings of LCI is very important for us Tangent representatives, as there we can be seen and heard, there we can share the information on how to continue the friendship after Ladies' Circle. Any member of Tangent is welcome to join these meetings, so do not hesitate to do so either at the LCI AGM in the end of August in Lahti, Finland or in the beginning of next year, the MTM for Nordic region in Denmark, MTM Southern European region in Cyprus or MTM for APAC region in Nepal.



# LADIES CIRCLE INTERNATIONAL



Alexandra Bennett, LCI President 2019-2020

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for the opportunity to help explain a little about our **5 Club agreement**.

Firstly, it's worth noting that this was the initiative of Ladies Circle and Round Table International. It is important to us to work together with all associations and in doing so bring us closer together, for us as members of Ladies Circle we want to ensure that our friendship continues following our time in Ladies Circle as I know you all do and benefit from today.

I've been a Circler myself for 15 years as have many of the ladies who will inevitably reach our age limit in the coming years, in some countries our friends will have moved on to Agora and in some Tangent. Our main priority as past members of Ladies Circle is we maintain our friendships and can continue to coexist together.

I think of the parallels we have in our own association, where countries have different rules but we all coexist with respect and tolerance under the banner of Ladies Circle International which brings us together, like The Round Table Family, like any family we are likely to have debates, disagreements maybe but it is what is common that brings us together for the greater good .

Our belief is that by having this agreement we state our desire to be a part of that family, to be respectful of each other's differences but know that our core values are in essence the same, Friendship & Service.



Yours in Friendship and Service  
**ALEXANDRA BENNETT**  
President 2019-2020  
Ladies' Circle International



# ROUND TABLE HYM



Dear Ladies, dear friends,  
What a CONFERENCE!

It was such a great pleasure to meet so many wonderful new and old friends from around the globe in the RT HYM 2020 that took held on February in Luxembourg.

Nina and I, Liat, we arrived on Thursday and had a sight-seeing around beautiful Luxembourg with lovely friends from Round Table Finland and Germany.



After the sight-seeing tour a "Luxembourg welcome party" waited for us with good musical and joyful atmosphere and it was more than a basic warm-up with so many friends around.

What a great Half Year Meeting on Friday morning at the historic venue, where the first European Parliament plenary session was held in 1958. The meeting was full of productive and constructive discussions. Nina had the honor to give greetings of Tangent Club International and we had the honor of meeting the Prime Minister of Luxembourg Xavier Bettel.



The Gala Evening was the summit of a well-organised week-end full of friendship.

**THANKS!**



# TCSF GOES AFTER SKI



Corona-situation has really challenged us to think differently on keeping in touch, in celebrating friendship, having fun. TC Suomi Finland normally organizes a member event every month, something that all members are welcome to join and we subsidize the costs from the capitation fee to all who attend. Value for the TC capitation fee!



In the beginning of April, there is normally a trip to Finnish Lapland, Levi ski resort, which is famous also for its very lively after ski. It means that after a day in the slopes or cross country skiing, people get together to the resort bars in their skiing gears, have a drink (or two) together, dance on the tables, sing karaoke and do other fun things together. Well, this time the TCSF trip had to be cancelled - but the After Ski not! TCSF President Kirsi Anttonen, together with his RT husband Mikko decided, that let's have a virtual After Ski of a lifetime, not only for the Tangents, but all four associations, so also Old Tablers, Round Tablers and Ladies' Circle members were invited. And what a fun event it was!

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, a live YouTube event started at 6 pm together with a WhatsApp -group, where everyone could send pictures and videos, share the fun. The first WhatsApp -group filled in quickly, so another was opened. On the YouTube event, there was a DJ, who played after ski -music and performers, like a troubadour and a party band. Kirsi's husband Mikko was the great host for the evening. All four association Presidents had made a video greeting to the evening as well, including Nina, as the TCI President.



We are not able to get exact details of the participants, but on the YouTube live there were more than 1200 visits and in the WhatsApp groups there were about 250 people in each. As in many families there are members from two associations, there were most likely many more people joining the party virtually by one screen. People dressed up funny, danced and even had a drink (or two) by the screen. The messages in the WhatsApp group really made you laugh - and they got funnier towards the darker hours of the day.

Well, nothing can beat the atmosphere of Levi After Ski, when you've been skiing all day, sun is shining, and you have a group of friends around you - but this virtual after ski surely was not left far behind, it was such a success and FUN!





# EVENTS

TCI=Tangent Club International/AGM=Annual General Meeting/HYM=Half year meeting

Event	Date	Place
AGM, Sweden 2020		Online meeting
AGM, Finland 2020	May 15th	Online meeting
AGM, Denmark 2020	Part I Online meeting May 4 <sup>th</sup> Part II 21.-23. August	Rebild Bakker, Denmark
AGM, Noway, 2020	29-30 May 2020	Holmenkollen, Oslo
TCI AGM 2020	June 6th	Online meeting
LCI AGM 2020	August 26.-30.	Lahti, Finland
TCI HYM 2020		Romania = postponed to 2021. New location asap