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President Paula Farnfield

Well hello Ladies, I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer, sadly the days are getting shorter and colder, but I won't mention how many days it is till Christmas.

I'll start by introducing you to the TCI Board 2018-19

Your new Vice President is Nina Leppäkangas from fabulous Finland, expect to see and hear from her a lot over the next (almost) 2 years.

Our Secretary is a lady I don't really need to introduce, you all know and love her, our sexy Swede, the awesome Anna Akesson.

Next is a lady you hope you don't hear from much, if you do it must be because you owe her money, our terrific Treasurer Inger-Lise Andersen from Tangent Norway.

Our other Board members this year are (in no order) smiley Angela Sidiropoulou from super sunny Cyprus, the delightful Dawn Marie Mortensen from dazzling Denmark who has volunteered to create this newsletter – please support her & send her articles you would like us all to see. Representing our two new full member countries we have the remarkable Renuka Sehgal from inspiring India and the awesome Ricky Ashin from incredible Israel

And finally, just in case you don't know me, I'm Paula Farnfield definitely proud and sometimes funny from Tangent GB&I.

So, what have we been doing so far this year, apart from the obvious stuff of planning for the two main meetings this year? firstly for the half year meeting, formulating the items for discussion, working out who will be there and asking the

The new TCI board

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Paula Farnfield, Tangent GB&I, president

Nina Leppäkangas, Tangent Suomi Finland, vice president

Anna Åkesson, Tangent Sweden, secretary

Inger-Lise Andersen, Tangent Norway, treasurer

Angela Sidiropoulou, Tangent Cyprus, board member

Renuka Sehgal, Tangent India, board member

Rickki Ashin, Tangent Israel, board member

Dawn Marie Mortensen, Tangent Denmark, board member

...President Paula Farnfield

universe to send us glorious weather because there will be time to sit and relax by the pool, then for the AGM, guessing how many of you might want to come to Brussels and if you do come will the AGM meeting win over the lure of chocolate and beer? We are holding Skype conference calls, trying to make them on days and times that work for us all spread over 4 different time zones with clashing work schedules and different days off.



Behind the scenes we are putting in place the foundations for the future Boards – job descriptions, policies and guidelines.

I've been packing my suitcase and travelling to your AGMs and conferences, it's great to see how we all do the same thing differently, two club, three club or four club events, 1 day, 2 days or even 3.



May took me to Borlange Sweden for their 4 club event, proof that we still know how to party whatever our age. The festival theme ran through the whole weekend with pool party and Rockstar outings during the day and chillout zones and popup tents at night, then it was back to England but travelling north from home for the Round Table and Ladies Circle conference to tell the Circlers about how there is International life

once they move on from Circle.

June clocked up more airmiles, visiting Israel for their 1st joint Tangent Circle handover celebration in Netanya, also seeing parts of the country I have not visited before. Then a quick trip back home to celebrate my own Tangent clubs 40th birthday before jetting back out to Limassol, Cyprus for their 3-club event – Round Table were missing from this one.

My latest trip was to Haugesund Norway, for the LCI conference weekend, sadly not so sunny but still beautiful, to see my side by side President Kenza start her year.

I'm hoping to see you in Marrakech, Making Every Moment Count

With love & friendship

Paula

KOM



By Carin Carlström Tangent Sweden 2018-2019



A weekend in the middle of August marks the start of the year for Ladies Circle Sweden. It's time for "KOM". And for you who don't know what KOM is, it stands for "Club Chairmen Meeting" or should I call it Chairwomen ☺.

This weekend all the chairmen for the Swedish clubs come to a conference with the national board. It's side-by-side with Round Table Sweden. As Tangent Sweden and LC Sweden have a memorandum of understanding I, as President for Tangent Sweden, was also invited to talk about

Tangent. The best start of a LC- and Tangent year ever.

Friday begins with a meeting for all participants from LC where the National Board is presented. After that, all the ladies are eager to get away, divided into their different areas to start training for their show number. In the evening's dinner, which is held LC and RT separately, each area will perform with their show. This is usually the absolute highlight of the weekend. When dinner and the show are done we go down to the dance floor where RT is waiting for the dance and party to start.

Now my year as President of Tangent, Sweden can start, and I look forward to it with a smile on my face and in my heart. /Carin

Saturday is the big meeting day. First it is a joint meeting for all club chairmen and the national board. After that several hours are set aside for the area chairmen to have a meeting with "their" club chairmen in her area. This is a great opportunity for the area club chairmen to get to know each other, share experiences and get ideas for their year as chairman.

In the evening it's dinner together with RT. Entertainment on stage, dancing on the chairs, good food and drinks and lots of fun. Dance and party all night long cannot be avoided with this wonderful bunch of "Old friends you meet for the first time".

On Sunday after breakfast and a lot of good byes to all these old and new friends, I sit in my car on my way

home, tired but with lots of wonderful energy after a wonderful weekend.

I love being a part of this wonderful family.

Now my year as President of Tangent Sweden can start and I look forward to it with a smile on my face and in my heart.



Presidents of Ladies Circle India, 29 were present. It was

members retiring from Ladies Circle would be given

FRIENDSHIP AND BONDING by Ranuka Sehgal

My year as President started in September 2017 and it will go on to September 2018. It seems to be moving on the lines of the saying that friends are the ones that make us laugh louder, smile broader and help us to live better. They are the siblings who we were not born with, but from another mother.

It was the first time in the history of 41 Clubs, Round Table, Ladies Circle and Tangent Clubs that a husband-wife duo were both Presidents of their respective Clubs in the same year. Harsh of 41 Clubs and me of Tangent Clubs.

Our National AGM being over, we were invited to attend the RTI and LCI AGM in Coimbatore. Out of 50 Past

a good forum to interact with them and getting to know them better. They were explained what Tangent India was about, some had not even heard about it. This way Tangent India got more visibility as they could carry back information to their home Clubs. This was an organization, which could carry on the friendships developed during Circling days.

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An MOU was signed between LCI and TI. A list of

to Tangent India to assist them to get more members. TI were already given a page in the Directory of LCI showcasing the Board Members.

In October, I had the opportunity to attend the HYM of TCI and 41 Clubs in Riccione, Italy.



It was the first time that President of Tangent India was representing her country. It was a truly memorable experience for me. I handed over the application to President Gerd-inger together with the Affiliation Fees. On receiving it, members of TCI and the

Board gave a standing ovation. How I wished I had my Board members there with me to soak in the moment.



The year started with a lot of travelling together with my husband. Working side by side with 41 Clubs was a good learning experience. How they worked and functioned was an eye opener for me. On each occasion being given a place to sit on the dais with the 41ers, given due respect and a turn to speak. This way I got to speak about TI in many cities where there were no Tangent Clubs. The seed was sown in the minds of the people. I got to travel to many wellknown cities as well as some remote ones.

As a home must be built brick by brick, similarly, Tangent India will have to be nurtured. Under the same umbrella, a lot of hard work and a lot of effort has to be put to assist in the progress

of this Association. The contribution has to be brought day by day by all fellow members to make the organisation strong and healthy.

On travelling to various cities for my Club visits I got to know the members closely. This takes me back in time two years ago at the HYM in India. The then President Anna Akesson and Gerdinger (VP) were my house guests. As I whipped up their breakfast in the kitchen, Anna told me that they do this back home in Sweden too. Whenever she visited her mother she too would sit in the kitchen with her.

Though our countries are far apart, our cultures different and we speak different languages, yet deep down we all have the same feelings. We work in very much the same way.

Visiting other Clubs, sharing a meal with them, staying in their homes brought us all one step closer. Here I can proudly say that I measure how many friends I have rather than measuring the miles.



This is so true to my theme for the year- ***Bonds Beyond***

Boundaries. If we all outstretch our arms to others far away, they will also outstretch their arms in friendship.

Tangent India, this year is working hard towards having its own website. Problem of who will maintain and update it often are all common issues as TCI. We are still working at it.

We are also working on getting our Society Registered. It is a lot of work and information has to be sent constantly. Hopefully this should get completed soon.

The key to any successful organisation is Communication. We have a Google group wherein one mail is sent and it reaches all members.



Our Clubs meet regularly almost every month and contribute positively. Their motto being *together we can and we will.* This gives our beautiful members enough energy to look forward to their next get together.

The connect we have with our members can be seen by the vibrant exchange of messages, pictures and ideas

being exchanged on the Whatsapp Groups. It is great to know about other Clubs from the comfort of wherever we are.



We truly connect and the feeling of bonding is there. There is a lot of strength when a group of people with

any city where there is a Tangent Club. This Club works hard in organising the MTM. MTM is an ideal platform to express ourselves, take decisions and bond together. Those who are unable to come to the National AGM due to distance, ill health of self or spouse or other issues, have the opportunity to come to the MTM.

Another feather in the cap this year has been is our becoming a full member



similar interests get together and work together. We feel the joy and forget the worries.

There is affinity and bonding with our friends on the Board. When different visions and views are worked upon till a single voice resolves keeping the good of the organisation in mind.

During the year in February, we also had a successful MTM. This is organised in

country of TCI in April in Austria. Another first for Tangent India is to be part of the International fraternity. We look forward to working together with TCI. We are proud of it.

I truly believe that going forward we will continue to make a difference. True in its spirit, Tangent India is living up to its motto *Friendship Continued Forever.*

Ranuka Sehgal

TANGENT CLUB SUOMI FINLAND IN ACTION

*By Nina Leppäkangas,
Tangent Finland*

It's been a wonderful, hot summer in Finland, but it has not stopped us Tangent ladies from meeting and having fun in various events. The aim of our national board has been to arrange an event for our members every month, in different parts of Finland, so that as many members as possible have an opportunity to participate. TCSF also supports the events financially, which is, thus, a way for our members to benefit from their membership fee. The events have varied from champagne school and tasting to climbing park family day, and many more.

During this summer, the hit event was Pori Jazz Festival. In mid-July, 16 Tangent ladies from different parts of Finland, joined together to enjoy the Pori Jazz Festival, which is a popular event with many famous performers, this time for example Jess Glynn and James Blunt! Lots of laughter, dance, good picnic food and tasty wine, with and without bubbles, were enjoyed during that weekend.

TANGENT CLUB SUOMI FINLAND IN ACTION (continued)

Picture 1: Pori Jazz Festival. In mid-July



Pic. 2: LC Olympics



SIDE-BY-SIDE WITH LADIES' CIRCLE

We also encourage our members to keep close contact with our “little sisters”, the Ladies’ Circle, as they are our future – that’s where our members to Tangent come from. In August, Tangent ladies from Porvoo arranged fun-Olympics together with their little sisters, LC-Porvoo. The different sports consisted of “bear” hunting, skiing (no, we don’t have snow in August), darts and croquet, among others. The rumor says that the Tangent ladies won the Olympics, but there are no confirmed results available.

BUSY FALL AHEAD

The next big event is our national HYM, which is held side-by-side with Ladies’ Circle Suomi-Finland, on a ferry from Helsinki, Finland, to Stockholm, Sweden, during the weekend of 14.-16. September. We will be 40 Tangents and about 200 Ladies’ Circle members on the ferry, so all the lucky male travelers will be amazed of the beauty surrounding them!

In October will start the LC & RT circle events, where the TCSF board will arrange own program for the Tangent members during the LC meeting and then we have fun together with LC and RT – and also with Old Tablers – in the evening. In October we will also have the very popular theater and dinner -event for our TCSF members, this time in Tampere, and we will attend with quite a big group in the TCI HYM in Marrakesh, Morocco.

Busy times ahead, but what could be more fun than share the plethora of events with the wonderful Tangent ladies. We definitely let the friendship continue!

Yours in Continuous Friendship,

Nina Leppäkangas, IRO TCSF Finland, Vice-President TCI



Last but not least...

By Paula Farnfield

Just a quick update on decisions made at the LCI AGM that I think might interest you, sorry for not covering everything but feel free to come back to me for more info if you've heard about something I haven't covered.

The LCI board had submitted a proposal to update the aims and objectives to cover all 5 RT family associations.

This was approved at the AGM and now reads;

3. D. To promote, coordinate and develop working relationships with, Round Table International, Tangent International, Agora Club International and Club 41 International wherever possible.

Included in the approved budget was the cost to move to an online Circle.World platform, this will require each country to pay their own costs to port onto it. RTI

introduce Table.World recently.

An additional region was added at the 2017 AGM, so that there will be 5 LCI Mid Term Meetings in January / February, with 2 joint meetings on alternate years. It was agreed to introduce 5 regional chairmen and reduce the IPP role, with her only travelling to 2 of the 5 board meetings. To start with these roles will not need any travel so no costs are anticipated.

The LC GB&I proposal to increase the age rule was defeated.



The New LCI Board 2018-19 is President Kenza Sbihi, LC Morocco, IPP Anne Ahlefelt, LC Finland, VP Alexandra Bennett, LC GB&I, Secretary Marieke Van Gent, LC The Netherlands, Treasurer Prachi Agarwal, LC India and Weblady Criss Lengyel, LC Romania. President Kenza's Motto is Dream, Achieve, Inspire.



Here are details if anyone is planning on travelling next year to the LCI AGM in Rotterdam.

<http://www.lci2019.org/>



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