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GREETINGS

Approaching the TCI HYM 2015 we are happy to send you the 4th TCI Newsletter. This issue is a focus of national and international side-by-side event with Ladies Circle, Round Table and 41 Club. We do hope that you find the articles in this newsletter inspiring – and hope that you will send us updates on your own side-by-side events for the coming LCI Newsletters.

Please send your input to TCI Vice President Anna Ákesson at vicepresident@tangentclubinternational.org.

TCI HALF YEAR MEETING 2015



Join us – take part in the TCI HYM 2015 that takes place on Saturday 24th October 2015 in Birmingham, England during the 41 International HYM from the 23 - 25th October 2015. Link to register for the event: www.hgonestop.co.uk/events/hym2015

LCI CONFERENCE 2015 in Akureyri, ICELAND – A FAIRY TALE!

Iceland has to be one of the most magical countries in the world. We spent one week travelling before the actual meeting and the landscape is nothing less than stunning. Around every corner was another breath taking view and the camera was working nonstop.



Then add the freshest fish I've ever tasted, puffins at an arm length's distance, more humpback whales than I could count during only one boat trip and the possibility to just stop the car and take a steaming hot bath in a crystal clear creek in the middle of nowhere and you can understand my delight! Iceland itself is definitely worth a journey!

A bit tired after one week of travelling mainly on gravel roads, we entered Akureyri for the meeting and instantly felt the warmth and the energy that surrounded us. Akureyri has to be the friendliest town on earth. Even the red lights are friendly and heart warming.



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It's hard to describe how it feels to enter a LCI meeting. The joy, the energy, the colours, the noise As always, we started with the grand opening of the meeting. And what an event it was! Imagine my delight when my childhood hero, Vidgis Finnbogadottir entered the stage. The first democratically elected female leader talking at our meeting! I had goose bumps all over.



There were Belgian Smurfs, Finnish Marimekko, Indian saris, Dutch clogs,



Just to name a few. Everybody smiling, singing and waving flags and the policemen, who guarded us, have never received as many hugs before in their life, I'm sure.

After the opening ceremony, the traditional parade took place. All countries paraded in alphabetical order, dressed in their national costumes.



The welcome party after the parade is an informal event where you meet old and new friends, exchange pins, talk, talk, talk and dance the night away.

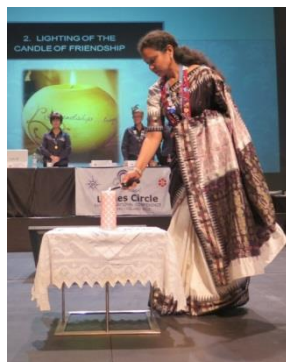
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With all these beautiful ladies in their equally beautiful costumes, it wasn't easy for the few men, who attended the party, to make themselves noticed. But I must say they did their very best.



And now to the main event – the LCI AGM. It's fantastic to see so many ladies come together in absolute friendship! The president of Ladies Circle Nepal was asked to light the candle of friendship, and once again I had goose bumps all over when I thought about the hardships that country has gone through since the terrible earthquake, but also that we as organizations together really can make a difference to a lot of people!



I had the great honour to give greetings on behalf of TCI, which I did with shaky legs but steady voice (I hope).



Some highlights from the meeting: We welcome a new full member country, LC Botswana, and two new associate countries, LC Kenya and LC USA. It's lovely to see our world get bigger and bigger. LC Denmark took grand slam with newly elected VP of LCI, Gry and the new international charity project, Little Big Help (please see www.littlebighelp.com). We also summarized the previous charity project, Children of the dump. The total amount given to the project was almost 200.000 Euro. Well done, ladies!



After the actual AGM there's a lot of festivities, like home parties, excursions and of course the gala dinner as the grande finale. All I can say is that if you haven't attended a LCI meeting yet, don't hesitate – just do it! You will never ever regret joining 😊

Yours in forever friendship
 Anna Åkesson
 Vice President Tangent Club International



KOM / ROM = CLUB CHAIRMAN MEETING

In Sweden, Tangent start their semester with Ladies Circle's and Round Table's KOM/ROM-meeting, which was held at Hooks Herrgård in Småland.

The boards of Ladies Circle Sweden and Round Table Sweden gather a few days before the meeting and on Friday all club chairmen from all over Sweden and representatives from Tangent and Old Tablers arrive. The meeting begins with a presentation and everything kicks off. This year, all areas had a lot of time to sit together and share experiences in order to be prepared for their future year as chairman. I (Åsa) and a few other "old ladies" circled around the different areas and talked about the things that they have problems in their circles, but also about things that worked well.

In the afternoon all the Circlers and their brothers from Round Table got together in their respective area for a toast. After that everybody were united in a toast all together. Then the women and men split up. The dinner is always ladies only. Each district has a mission to carry out, some kind of entertainment, and incredibly good! We laughed and danced and had a fantastic evening. After dinner we met up with Round Table for the party!!



Saturday morning, we were a brave bunch that morning bathed, others took the opportunity to sleep a little longer. The meeting began with information from the board and I also held a presentation from Tangent Sweden. It was highly appreciated and I had done a "cheat sheet" for the youngsters how to cope with a marathon event like this we, who have been around for a while, know from experience and failure what one should do and shouldn't do to manage. During the day it is more area work and I had the privilege to step into an area meeting and also hold a chairman meeting during the day. A very rewarding day with many wise thoughts and laughter, it felt very good to be able to help.

In the evening there was a joint dinner with Round Table and it was hilarious! A band played and it was a crazy party that continued well into the small hours.

For our Tangents, this is a fantastic weekend to be part of. We are able to present ourselves and we can offer assist and help. You get to know many new girls and boys who haven't been around that much, and you sow a seed about Tangent they can take back to their circles, and above all, we can show those who are near the end of their time in Ladies Circle, there is still life after Ladies Circle.

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We are highly appreciated because we are present at the meeting and represent a stability which is good. In Sweden, we are growing our member number slowly but steady largely because we are seen and we are heard in a natural way. And we are a helping hand to Ladies Circle. It's a privilege and a fantastic way to start my president year in Tangent.

Let friendship continue

Åsa Cato

President Tangent Sweden 2014-2016



NATIONAL AGM / LEADERS MEETING

Since the national AGM in Gjøvik the first week-end in June, it has been very quiet in the Norwegian

Tangent/Club 41 family due to a long period of summer holidays.

The AGMs for Tangent Norway and Club 41 were both held in connection with the National Annual Meeting for Ladies Circle Norway and Round Table Norway. All together we were approximately 40 Tangents, ex-ladies, 41'ers and ex-tablers present during the week-end, and we dare say that we did "color" the arrangement. Photos show the Boards prepared for the Farmers night – costumes made by the TN girls.



Coming up now is the leaders meeting for Ladies Circle and Round Table beginning of September. Tangent Norway/Club41 Norway will distribute our presentation folder to all participants of the meeting aiming to inform about "the life after" 45/40. The Board of Tangent Norway will also meet with participants of Club 41 Norway board, and we will draft an "event-calendar" for the year to come.

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As of now three events are already decided; HYM Birmingham in October, LC and RT Kollen 2016 and the National AGM for Tangent Norway and Club 41 Norway, 20.-22. May 2016. Invitation for the National AGM will hopefully be ready by end October to be distributed in Birmingham.

The Board meeting beginning of September was very constructive; all of us got tasks to solve, and we wrote the first draft for our Web site. We will soon be more visible.

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Gerd-Inger Kaasen
National IRO Tangent Norway



TANGENT CLUB SUOMI FINLAND – GROWING LIKE MUSHROOMS IN THE RAIN!
Perhaps not the cutest of metaphors but definitely one that pictures perfectly the growth of the membership numbers of TCSF: we were chartered

in April and when writing this, only four months later, with summer months in between, we already have 90 members. And growing! Our newly elected national board has met once since the charter and is oozing with energy to start the first official season of Tangent Club Suomi Finland.



When writing this, at the end of August, we will still have all the exciting events of the Tangent year ahead of us. We will start with the official Fall General Meeting in mid-September, to be held simultaneously with the Ladies' Circle Suomi-Finland's Fall Meeting onboard the Silja Serenade cruising ship to Stockholm, Sweden. That meeting will concentrate on financial matters.



On the agenda will also be the challenging decision on how will the numbering of the Tangent Clubs happen in the future. It is interesting how sensitive this topic is, not at all as simple as one might imagine. Shall we start from number 1 or 2 for the club that is fastest in founding itself, or should we use the numbers that the majority of the ladies come from in the Ladies' Circle side – or something completely different. It is in any case important that

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there is a commonly made decision from the very beginning, as changing it later is even more challenging, as we have learned from the OTSF, Old Tablers of Finland.



Welcome to Mikkeli in March 2016

During the fall and winter there will be also other events arranged for the Tangent members, such as a golf competition and a theatre evening, but the main event of the year will take place in Mikkeli, the capital city of holiday houses of Finland, located in South-Savo, in the heart of Lakeland Finland.

It's the **TCSF AGM**, to be held at the same time as the AGM of OTSF. The dates are **March 11 – 13, 2016**, and the fun'n games will start on Friday the 11th of March with the Get Together party, where you may also dress up according to the theme, to be announced later.

On Saturday the official Annual General Meetings will take place, the official Annual General Meeting to be held at the Conference hotel, Cumulus of Mikkeli. The evening will culminate with the Gala dinner, to be held at the spectacular Concert House Mikaeli. During Saturday there will also be a separate program arranged for the companions of both Tangent and Old Tablers, or anyone else not attending the official meetings.

It would be wonderful if many of you, our international friends, could join our AGM in Mikkeli, in March 2016. Do put the dates, 11 – 13 March, into your calendar and check www.otsfagm.fi for more information. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our

Tangent National IRO, *Tyynne Hietanen* at IRO@tcsf.fi



On behalf of the whole national board of Tangent Club Suomi Finland,

Nina Leppäkangas,
National Vice President 2015-16



NATIONAL AGM

In Denmark Tangents and Tablers each year since 2012 have hosted a combined National AGM. The first couple of years – the event was hosted by the National Boards of the two associations as a true side by side event creating a tradition – and they did it so well – that the arrangement of the National Conference today has been adopted by the local clubs ☺.

There are no ties - no written rules as to arrange the National Conference but to make sure that there will be a party on Friday and Saturday evening – and a National AGM for each association on the Saturday morning ☺

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In 2014 our AGM were held side by side with the 41 International Conference, and at that time our own fantastic and very engaged Susanne Nørager were inducted as the first TCI President ☺. We had a marvellous and joyful get together-party Friday evening and a grand Gala Dinner on Saturday.



I 2015 we were invited for home parties on the Friday evening – in small groups we were welcomed with great hospitality – it was time for Circling and Tabling in smaller circles – and the evening ended with combined party of dancing and – with just one small drink ☺.

After the party ended it was time for some still very festive participants to continues the party down town and the story tells that they went on till the early morning ☺.



Saturday morning – the serious part of the Conference the national AGM, however at a start

with Champagne is always welcome. We try to make the AGM at a happy event – we perform all needed procedure – but fill the event with songs, celebrations and surprises.



After the side by side lunch it's time for social events to join in as the come along ☺.



The Gala Dinner was replaced by a theme party - no gala dresses but more casual clothes were to be Worn.



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It was a great evening once more in true spirit of Circling and tabling ☺



The National Conference in 2016 is to be held from the 29th April till 1st May – this time the theme will be Party at the Castle with “Fair Maidens and Noble Knights”. We hope to see all our International friends for this event! Welcome to the Danish National Conference 2016,

Helle Nielsen
President Tangent Denmark



TANGENT GREAT BRITAIN

The National Association of Tangent Clubs in the UK is working very hard to be a pro-active partner in the Round Table Family in the UK. Our National President has been visiting Northern Ireland to help grow the 4 clubs there & I have been working with the Norfolk/East Anglia Region to encourage all

clubs to work together. Two years ago the 4 RT Family clubs in the UK signed a Memorandum of Understanding which has been published in all four club's magazines both hard copies & on the websites. The National President 2013-2014 challenged clubs everywhere to hold joint events & it was one of my goals in 2014-2015 to make this happen.

On the International front at the LCI AGM we showed Ladies Circle International that we are all sisters in Circle wherever we are & whatever the name of the club.



Circle & Round Table were created to enjoy friendship, fellowship & fun so in Tangent Club International, we can join them & show them how we continue to do it without any sectarian or religious barriers. Let us join hands all over the world with our sister & brother clubs & enjoy life to the full, supporting each other. If we can encourage more countries to join our family then we can enjoy greater friendship whilst helping those who may not be as fortunate as we are. For example in the Ukraine, Tangent members cannot leave their country but we bring them our love & support whenever possible. Zambia is the next country to join us & we are reaching out, growing fast with many countries enquiring about being part of this amazing organisation. The world is our oyster but it takes time, so little by little & side by side, we will grow & enjoy the International Round Table Family

Janice O'Neill
National IPP & IRO Tangent Great Britain

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TCI Calendar						
Year	Month	Date	Event	Country	Place	Link or contact e-mail
2015	August	12-16	Round Table International	Sweden	Gotland	www.rti2015.com
2015	August	20-23	Ladies Circle International Conference	Iceland	Akureyri	www.lci2015.org
2015	September	18-20	Ladies Circle and Tangent Finland National Half Year Meeting	Finland	Helsinki	Tarja.hietanen@pikapost.fi
2015	September	25-27	National AGM Tangent and 41 Club India	India	Goa	jayshreethapar@yahoo.co.in
2015	October	2-3	Tangent Denmark National Half Year Meeting	Denmark	Sakskøbing	iro@tangentdenmark.dk
2015	October	16-18	Tangent Sweden National Half Year Meeting	Sweden	Hooks Herrgård	www.oldtblers.eplanner.se/hym2015
2015	October	23-25	41 International Half Year Meeting	England	Birmingham	www.hgonestop.co.uk/events/hym2015
2015	October	23	Tangent Club International Board Meeting	England	Birmingham	president@tangentclubinternational.org
2015	October	24	Charter Tangent Zambia	England	Birmingham	ipp@tangent-clubs.org
2015	October	24	Tangent Great Britain National Half Year Meeting	England	Birmingham	ipp@tangent-clubs.org
2015	October	24	Tangent Club International Half Year Meeting	England	Birmingham	www.hgonestop.co.uk/events/hym2015
2016	January	23-31	LCI MTM	Belgium	Leuven	president@ladiescircleinternational.org
2016	February	5-7	LCI MTM	Mauritius	Port-Louis	Chhayan.ringadoo@lottotech.mu
2016	March	11-13	National AGM Tangent and Old Tablers Finland	Finland	Mikkeli	www.otzfgm.fi
2016	April	14-17	National AGM Tangent and 41 Club Great Britain	England	Birmingham	www.41clubconference.org
2016	April	22-24	41 International Conference	Germany	Landshut	www.old-tblers.de/41int-AGM2016
2016	April	22	Tangent Club International Board Meeting	Germany	Landshut	chairman@tangentclubinternational.org
2016	April	23	Tangent Club International AGM	Germany	Landshut	www.old-tblers.de/41int-AGM2016
2016	April /May	23-1	National AGM Tangent and EX-Table Denmark	Denmark	Svendborg	www.lm16.dk
2016	May	13-21	National AGM Ladies Circle, Round Table, Tangent and EX-Table Sweden	Sweden	Varnamo	iro@tangentsverige.org
2016	May	20-22	National AGM Tangent and EX-Table Norway	Norway	Bergen	iro.tangentnorve@gmail.com
2016	August	25-28	Ladies Circle International Conference	South Africa	Cape Town	www.lci2016.org
2016	August/September	31/8-4-9	Round table World meeting	Nepal	Katmandu	www.rtiwm206.com
2016	October	14-16	41 International Half Year Meeting	India	Bangalore	seehappy@gmail.com
2017	April	20-23	National AGM Tangent and 41 Club Great Britain	England		ipp@tangent-clubs.org
2017	April		41 International Conference	South Africa	Sun City	seehappy@gmail.com
2017	August	24-27	Ladies Circle International Conference	Denmark	Sønderborg	www.lci2017.org

TCI CALENDAR

See the above TCI Calendar for all international events 2015-2016 – we hope that you will take the opportunity to be part of at least one international event each year – and we look forward to meeting you for the event.

The event of the year 2016 – take part in the TCI AGM 2016 in Landshut Germany, enjoy the friendship across borders – extend your hand in friendship – join us in the celebration of the TCI year 2015-2016.

TCI AGM 2016



Link to register for the event:
www.old-tblers.de/41int-AGM2016

TCI DAY 12th FEBRUARY 2015

Please do join us in celebration of the friendship between Circlers and Tangent – we challenge you to arrange side-by-side events to support your local Circle, your National LC Association Service Project or the LCI Service Project 2015-2016 “Little Big help” learn more at www.ladiescircleinternational.org.



Celebrate friendship, extend your hand in friendship
 Susanne Nørager
 President Tangent Club International 2014-2016