

NEWSLETTER No. 5 Tangent Club International

GREETINGS

On the first TCI Day in history we are happy to send you the 5th TCI Newsletter. This issue focusses to update you on news from member countries, past events and coming events. We do hope that you find the articles in this newsletter inspiring – and hope that you will send us updates on your Tangent events for the coming TCI Newsletters.

Please send your input to TCI Secretary Ia Patsalides Ioannou at secretary@tangentclubinternational.org.

TCI HALF YEAR MEETING 2015



The historic first Half Year Meeting of TCI took place on Saturday 24th October 2015 at 10am in the Novotel Hotel in Birmingham. 72 people attended representing 8 countries, 6 Member countries and 2 visiting representative countries: Denmark, Finland, India, Germany, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and Zambia

TCI President Susanne greeted Special Invited Guests: LCI VP Gry Haugen, LCI Secretary Ruth Curry, LC NP GB&I Zoe Gaskill, 41 Club International VP Englebert Friedsam, RTI IPP Jason Thomson, 41 Club GB&I NP Terry Cooper, RT GB&I NP Marcus Jones, Tangent India National Secretary Renuka Segal, Tangent Zambia officers Mulenga Tembo, Doreen Mwafuilwa and Emmy Jere.



Along with the TCI Board were the TCI Councillors, with the exception of Tangent Club Cyprus who were unable to attend but sent their greetings along with - Tangent Club Ukraine, Tangent Club Lithuania, Tangent Club Belgium and ACI.



Tangent Zambia was chartered as Associate Member of TCI and received a Charter certificate and pins donated by Gloucester Tangent, where Mulenga had been a Circle member for many years before returning to Zambia.

During the meeting we were all encouraged to send content for the quarterly newsletter and to read the TCI Directory. We have nominated 12th February as TCI Day and are encouraging all clubs to arrange side-by-side events to support the LCI Charity Project 'Little Big Help'

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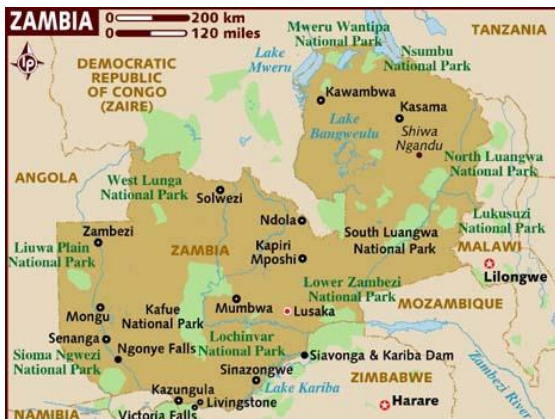


Each country's National President provided a report, Jill Harris from Tangent UK offered to be the Club Archivist, TCI pins were offered for sale and finally the date was confirmed for the next TCI and 41 Club International AGMs on 22nd -24th April 2016 in Landshut, Germany with a TCI HYM in Finland in September 2016 to be confirmed or in Bangalore, India in October 2016.

The meeting closed with huge smiles at the end of the very first TCI HYM.

Then the partying started and in traditional form lasted until the early hours of the next morning. A great weekend for everyone.

Janice O'Neill
TCI Board Member 2015-2016,
National IRO and IPP Tangent Great Britain

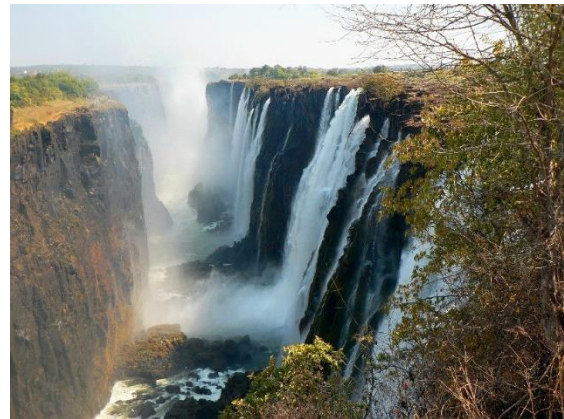


NEWS FROM TANGENT CLUB ZAMBIA

Greetings to you all in TCI. We are all fine, a little busy with farming, being the rainy season in Zambia.

We are still 12 (6 in each Club). But we have 6 six prospectives whom we shall receive at the Ladies Circle Zambia AGM in May.

During February we will have a meeting and membership drive. We are trying to reach all the old Circlers and 41er spouses and we expect to reach 50 by the end of April. I will report progress and up-date you shortly.



Our Project has taken off. At the beginning of January we started paying school fees for the 36 children at a community school in Lusaka. Each Tangent member sponsors 3 kids. Ladies Circle Zambia have been helping to build infrastructure at the same school.

Yours in continued Friendship
Mulenga Ng'andu.
Chairman Tangent Clubs Zambia



NEWS FROM TANGENT CLUB UKRAINE

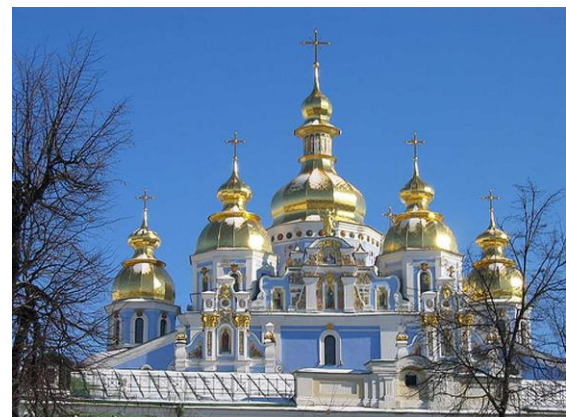
We have just come to the end on January 19 of Christmas holidays. On January 14 we had przdnik - Old New Year. I think that przdnik only exists in our country. This is the same as the holiday and the New Year. From that day until January 19 children go from house to house singing carols and wearing special clothes. Our granddaughter also sings Christmas carols in our home for our friends. Adults give money, fruit and sweets. This is a beautiful custom. On the 14 and 18 January people prepare a special meal. Food should not be fat, must be simple. We also do it in our home. We give gifts at 3 times - New Year (the largest gifts) at Christmas and the Old New Year.

Children receive special Christmas sweets sets and at New Year we decided to give toys and clothes. This year our granddaughter got everything she wanted. It was a Princess Frozen castle, Frozen Princess clothes, Princess Frozen doll and shoes and jewellery from Princes Frozen!



Now Ukraine is very cold, a lot of snow. Practically, we cannot ride on our roads by car so we use the subway in Kiev.

In Ukraine all has been destroyed. I do not know when God will put his point in the war. In Kiev it is now a very large cold frost, a lot of snow. Houses are poorly heated and people are freezing. Our family all fell ill in early December at a time, first a daughter, then a granddaughter and now Valera. In Kiev there is a flu epidemic. Already more than 10 people have died. Medicines are very expensive now, people have bad meals, and vitamins are not available because they are expensive. We started to buy apples for the children and hand out to families. Oranges, tangerines, and other fruits are very expensive to buy. I am writing so that you can know how it is.



You know sometimes people need a breath of fresh air, that is why I'm writing this to you and then we have in the country now, pain, tears and death. It is very difficult to live in this state and to show and give women and children any joy.

I am very pleased that we continue to communicate with you and it will be the second year. Thank you for your beautiful heart.

Yours in continued Friendship
Lora Pavlenko
Chairman Tangent Club Ukraine

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TCI HYM 2016

Dear Ladies, you are all warmly welcome to TCI Half Year Meeting 2016 in Finland. More specifically, the meeting will be held during a cruise between Finland and Sweden.

Cruise ship M/S Silja Serenade will depart from Helsinki on Friday 16th September at 5 pm and returns on Sunday 18th at 10 am. The ship has something for everyone: duty-free shopping, luxury boutiques, nightclubs...



The cruise fee (250 € - 350 €) includes a 2-4 berth cabin of your choice and the following events:

Friday afternoon:

- Welcome buffet (coffee or tea served with a variety of sweet and savory pastries)
- Tangent Finland NHYM

Friday evening:

- Welcome cocktail
- À la Carte dinner (drinks excluded)

Saturday:

- Generous breakfast buffet
- Leisure time (9.30 am till 3 pm) in Stockholm, Sweden

Saturday afternoon:

- Snack buffet (coffee or tea served with a variety of sweet and savory pastries)
- Tangent Club International HYM
- Buffet dinner (unlimited wine, beer and soda included)

Sunday:

- Generous breakfast buffet

Personally I prefer the DeLuxe cabin with the special breakfast and there is also a minibar included in the cabin price. The cruise cost in a DeLuxe cabin was 305 € per person (2015 prices).

The HYM cruise is really affordable and worth the price.

DELUXE CABIN



Ladies Circle Finland has had years of experience organizing the NHYM on this ship, a magnificent setting, good meeting facilities and equipment - not to mention great food. Tangent Finland had last autumn its first HYM in conjunction with LC Finland HYM and we were extremely pleased.

MEETING FACILITIES



Tangent Finland is honoured to organize TCI's HYM 2016; welcome and join us!

Tyynne Hietanen,
TCI Board Member 2015-2016
National IRO Tangent Club Suomi Finland

P.S. More details and registration instructions coming up later in this spring.

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EXTENTIONS

Happy news © TCI will extent to the following countries in 2016-2017, as the following countries will charter:

- Tangent Club Israel, godmother Tangent Club Cyprus
- Tangent Club USA, godmother to be announced

For more information please contact the TCI Vice President 2015-2016 Anna Åkesson at vicepresident@tangentclubinternational.org.



NEWS FROM TANGENT NORWAY

Norway experienced a fantastic mild autumn, and had a Christmas without any snow. Winter was freezing cold, snowy white and dark almost all day. I know that it is the same in the other Scandinavian countries.

Foreigners wonder; how is it possible to survive? In Norway, we survive because we think it is "koselig" during winter. There is no English word for "koselig", I'll try to explain: We visit each in our homes, drink a lot of coffee, meet at pubs and bars, have fun, sit by the fire, light candles, but most of all we have this positive attitude and we socialize. And, what is better than socializing with members of our expanded family; the Tangents and the 41'ers.

Two weeks ago, Tangent Norway's Board met again and have "koselig", this time at Berit's house. Besides having a Board Meeting, we started the transformation to "Stunning maidens" and

"Bavarian fraulines". You understand; we had lots of fun.

Last week we attended The LC/RT Kollen arrangement in Oslo, and had "koselig" together with the rest of the "family", including the youngsters.

This is from last year's event:



Since last newsletter, Tangent Norway has had an extraordinary mail-AGM, voting for an expanded period for the national IRO. This to be able to present a candidate to Vice President for TCI. We have also had phone discussions regarding a future capitation fee. Good discussions that we think will bring us one-step further.

Now we are looking forward to the spring – think we will continue to have "koselig".

Gerd-Inger Kaasen
TCI Treasurer 2015-2016
National IRO Tangent Norway

MORE SIDE BY SIDE IN DENMARK



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Each year in January Tangent and EX-Table National Board have a board meeting – and for the past 3 years the board meetings have been place at the same weekend at in the same town. Therefor the idea was born by two national board members to extend the national board meetings with a side-by-side event for Tangents and Ex-Table members.

This year the first January side-by-side took place in Middelfart on a Sunday morning – with 2 hours of fun entertainment remembering us all to use humor in our daily work. As the entertainer used us to try his new show – the payment for the entertainment were very low and the surplus from the event were donated to LC Denmark National Service Project: NANU CHILDREN in Greenland – and both LC and RT Denmark were represented at the event.



At the following combined Tangent and EX-Table Board Meeting as part of the preparation for the Tangent and EX-Table National Conference and AGM 2016 in Svendborg, is was decided to make the January side-by-side event to a tradition open for all four associations Circle, Round Table, Tangent and EX-Table hosted by Tangent and Ex-Table.

Susanne Nørager
TCI President 2014-2016
National IRO Tangent Denmark

NEWS FROM TANGENT CYPRUS

Tangent Club Cyprus has been active during the past months (May 2015 to January 2016), with regular monthly meetings (5 so far) and other activities.

During the summer months we participated in events organised by Ladies Circle and Round Table.

The majority of our members participated in the «Get Together» event organized by LC Cyprus at the Yacht Club in Limassol Marina on November 7, 2015, where we had the opportunity to meet with members of LC, RT and 41 Clubs of Cyprus and extend our friendship relationships.

Christmas holidays gave us the opportunity to organize jointly with 41 Nicosia a festive dinner in a nice restaurant where we sang and danced together.

Throughout the year we take part in a joint committee together with our fellow clubs LC, RT and 41, so that MENTOR program is reactivated. MENTOR is a project the purpose of which is to educate students against drugs, smoking, alcohol and other harmful substances.

The three fully renovated MENTOR units are going to be presented to the public on the 13th of January 2016, in major Cyprus towns, on a special event organized by LC and supported by Tangent Club and RT and 41 on the occasion of LC day and Tangent Day.



Currently we are enjoying a lovely weather with temperatures between 17 and 20 degrees Celcius during daytime, after a short cold spell in January. A lot of flamingos came back again at the Salt Lake in Larnaca, among them for once again, a very rare black one.

Our National AGM will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 in Nicosia, jointly with RT and LC Cyprus.

Skevo Kyrou
National President Tangent Club Cyprus, 2015-2016



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BLOOD DONATION

Round Table are planning a blood donation campaign for Round Table Day, and we received the question if we wanted to take part in this as a side by side event. We would like to take the opportunity to inform you about an ongoing blood donation project in Sweden.



The project, called Blodbroder (in english Blood brother), was started in 2013 by Round Table 92 Umeå Björkstaden. RT 92 was searching for a charity project but realized that the economic resources of the members varied and it was not always easy to make donations. But there is, however, one thing that almost everybody can donate, and that is blood. The blood donated saves lives without any costs. Furthermore, in Sweden, when you donate blood you get the opportunity to donate a small amount of money for different charity projects.

On the website 'blodbroder.nu you register each time you donate blood and at our AGM that is side by side for all four clubs, the club that has been the best donor is awarded with a bottle of bubbly.

Anna Åkesson
TCI Vice President 2015-2016
National IRO Tangent Sweden

TCI AGM 2016

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



The registration for the 41 International Conference has unfortunately been closed – as all events are fully booked. If you did not manage to register before the closure – please do contact the TCI President at president@tangentclubinternational.org – and we will contact the Conference Committee in order to provide you all help possible for you to be placed on the waiting list for the event.

Please notice that **all members of a Tangent National Association that are Full or Associate Member of Tangent Club International and Specially Invited Guest by the TCI Board** are welcome to take part in the TCI AGM to take part on the 23rd April 2016 at 11.00 in Landshut, Germany ☺

A special edition of the TCI Newsletter will be issued in time before the TCI AGM with more detailed instructions – if you would like a copy of the TCI AGM 2016 Newsletter to end in your personal mailbox – please sent your personal e-mail address to the TCI President before the 1st March 2016.



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