



# PURPOSE DRIVEN LEADERSHIP

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## From the Desk of Communication Manager

Dear 41 friends

Warm Greetings. I present to you the 12th edition of the 41 Communique for the year 2025-26

Thanks for your encouraging feedback for the last edition for 'Pray for Peace'. Hope our prayers are heard and we find enduring Peace

It feels like yesterday, as part of Dr Sid's team, I took over as the Communication Manager for 41 International and here we are with the 12th edition for the year. I wish to thank President Dr Sid for his guidance and giving me a free hand on the job. Gratitude to each one of you who have contributed to making 41 Communique truly the engine of communication between 41 brothers and the Round Table family



Team WAGM Mauritius is all geared to give a wonderful time to all 41ers, and members of TCI and ACI. Look forward to seeing you all there

Grateful for your support for 41 Communique. As I enter my 2nd year of responsibility, I welcome suggestions, feedback and ideas to make communication in 41 Communique / 41 social media assets more interesting and effective

Snap It, Write It, Share It. Let your events Sparkle on the Global Stage, One Photo and One Story at a time

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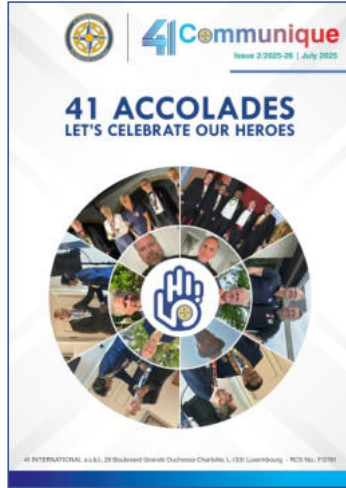
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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR HEROES

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**From the Desk of Communication Manager**

Dear 41ers  
Here is the 3rd edition of 41 Communicative for the year 2025-26.

July has been a relatively quiet month for 41 INTERNATIONAL. Break from AGMs, HYMs, and other major events. But it is time when YAPs are traveling around.

This edition I am adding two new features.

1. **From the Archives.** Blast from the past. An excerpt from one edition from the past. I start from 2013 Nov edition.
2. **Discover more from 41 World.** I am sharing a glimpse of a dictionary and urge you to explore it.

There are contributions from International Secretary Chaitan Choudhary, Task Director Leadership Development, YAPs, Yasser El YACOUBI President of 41 Morocco and Sines. Gratitude to Kim-Mile Foley for inspiring share on his fight with Prostate cancer. We also celebrate recipients of 41 accolades.

The newsletter will be as interesting as your contributions would be. Share photographs of your events along with a short write-up to bring it alive for all.

Yours in Friendship & Service

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**President's message**  
"Criticism that builds leadership in action."

In many organizations, leadership often faces criticism. Sometimes these come in the form of destructive criticism—statements like "you should have done that" or "you failed to do that." Such comments usually focus on fault-finding, accusations, or even hidden agendas, and they do little to help the organization move forward.

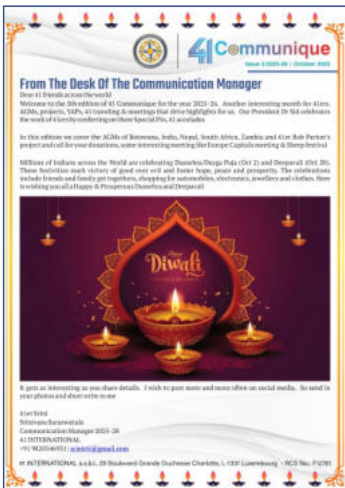
On the other hand, constructive criticism is shared with the intention of progress. It comes as positive suggestions, such as "let's approach it this way" or "we can resolve this by doing that." This kind of feedback builds solutions, strengthens teamwork, and reflects unity within the organization.

As members, let us embrace constructive criticism as a tool for growth, ensuring that our words build bridges, not barriers.

Let us, therefore, commit ourselves to offering feedback that uplifts and saves. When our voices bring solutions instead of blame, we not only support our leaders but also shape an organization that thrives on teamwork, trust, and progress.

Dr. Sid Siddharthan  
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**From the Desk of The Communication Manager**

Dear 41ers  
Welcome to the 5th edition of 41 Communicative for the year 2025-26. Another interesting month for 41ers, AGMs, projects, YAPs, 41 networking & meetings that drive highlights for us. Our President Dr Sid celebrates the work of 41ers by celebrating these Special Piv 41 accolades.

In this edition we cover the AGMs of Botswana, India, Nepal, South Africa, Zambia and El Salvador. We also cover our 41ers' activities, some interesting meetings that bring Captivating & Inspiring.

Millions of Indians across the World are celebrating Dussehra/Dussehra (Dussehra) on Oct 25. These festivities mark victory of good over evil and better hope, peace and prosperity. The celebrations include bonfires and family get-togethers, shopping for traditional, electronics, jewelry and clothes. Here is wishing you all Happy & Prosperous Dussehra and Dussehra!

I join in wishing you an auspicious, 1 wish for your future and more above all, an overall success. So send us your photos and share with us.

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OCT 16-19 2025  
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**41 IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION-IT IS A FEELING, A FAMILY, A FLAME THAT**  
**KEEPS OUR HEARTS WARM EVEN WHEN AUTUMN WINDS BLOW COLD**

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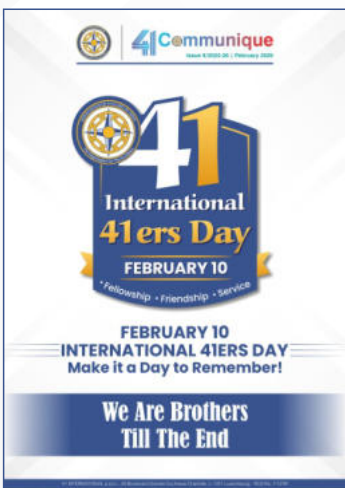


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**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026**

25 years of Christmas Gift Convoy, Germany

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**41 International 41ers Day**  
FEBRUARY 10  
"Fellowship - Friendship - Service"

**FEBRUARY 10 INTERNATIONAL 41ERS DAY**  
Make it a Day to Remember!

**We Are Brothers Till The End**

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**5 Organizations, 1 Family**

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ROUND TABLE  
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**PRAY FOR PEACE**

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**PURPOSE DRIVEN LEADERSHIP**

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## A Grateful Farewel

**Hasta mañana... till we meet again**

My dear 41 ers

As I hand over the responsibility of serving as President of 41 INTERNATIONAL, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and quiet pride.

My sincere thanks to every host across the world who welcomed me with warmth, generosity, and impeccable fellowship. Each visit was not just a meeting, but an experience I will cherish for life.

To my team—your commitment, camaraderie, and unwavering support made this journey meaningful and effective. Whatever we achieved was truly a collective effort.

This role gave me the rare privilege to experience friendship that transcends borders, cultures, and languages. The spirit of 41 is alive in every handshake, every smile, and every shared moment across continents.

I step down with satisfaction, knowing that I could contribute, in my own way, to the growth of our organisation and the well-being of our members. There is always more to be done—but progress, however small, is always worthwhile.

The love and affection showered upon me have been overwhelming—far beyond anything I could have imagined. For that, I remain deeply humbled.

I owe so much to this movement. The only way I know to repay is by continuing to serve 41 INTERNATIONAL in every way I can.

This is a great movement—built on values, sustained by friendship, and driven by purpose. Let us nurture it with care, compassion, and commitment for generations to come.

Hasta mañana... till we meet again.

Dr. Sid Siddharthan  
President 41 INTERNATIONAL



## Farewell Messages for Dr Sid

**Yasser President 41 Morocco  
President Dr Sid,**

Your commitment, your energy, and the momentum you created have left a lasting mark on all of us. You didn't just lead, you inspired and brought people together.

Thank you for everything you have given to Member's First. Your impact is real... and your legacy will endure.

With our deepest appreciation  
Yasser  
President 41 Morocco MA



Dear Dr Sid

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for Dr Sid's exceptional leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our Association. Throughout his term, he has guided us with clarity, purpose, and a genuine passion for strengthening the bonds that unite our global community.

His steady vision and tireless work have left a lasting impact, and we are deeply appreciative of all he has done to move 41 International forward.

The 41 Health Initiative was one of the many and great initiatives that Dr Sid introduced and I was honoured to be given the opportunity to lead this key initiative to improve men's health. I wish you all the best for the future.

Steve James  
41 Health Project Director

## Fabian

Dear Sid,  
your time as President of 41 International has already come to an end – it’s hard to believe how quickly the years have passed.

I just wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you. Working with you over the past years – especially in my role as Webmaster and IT Manager – has truly been a pleasure. It was always easy, open, and on equal footing, and that’s exactly what makes joint projects successful in the end.



I especially appreciated that you always gave the “behind-the-scenes” work the attention it deserves – even though IT doesn’t always stand in the spotlight 😊.

Thank you for your trust and your support, and your friendship!

I’m sure we’ll celebrate together again on one occasion or another – and I’m already looking forward to that.

All the best for whatever comes next – and for now, enjoy your “president-free” time 😊

Kind regards,  
YIT  
Fabian



## Bhupender Singh (Pompy)

As we head to the International AGM in Mauritius, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Siddharthan on a truly successful and impactful term as President. His leadership has not only strengthened the movement but has also made 41 India immensely proud on the global stage.

We also warmly congratulate Secretary Christer and the entire international team for steering a meaningful and productive year in office. Their dedication, vision, and commitment have contributed significantly to the continued growth and camaraderie of our organisation worldwide.

Wishing everyone a wonderful AGM and continued success ahead.

Regards  
Bhupender Singh (Pompy)  
President 41 India

## Gopal Chopra

Dear Dr. Sid

"Before you are a leader success is all about growing yourself, When you become a leader success is all about growing others."

Congratulations Sid on your successful journey to the post of 41 International President and the Presidency itself.

As your tenure comes to an end I am sure you must be a proud satisfied and content man today.

We all hold pride to have given 41 International a Leader in you. Indeed a very Proud moment for all of us that you have Donned the highest position of our Organization and have had a very efficient and a successful year in office.

You have done it:). Its now time to cherish , sit and enjoy the fellowship and also see all the new initiatives that you started take shape and gain momentum. All the efforts you have put in have borne fruit and the seeds sown for strong trees to grow with the hard work done, bringing and shaping the systems and working tirelessly for more than 15 years to reach at the pinnacle where you stand today.

This indeed is possible only when you have the support of your family and friends, by your side. My Compliments specially to Tangent India President Lakshmi.

As the AMA Region Chairman not much to report only ALL IS WELL !!

We look forward to seeing you more on the Indian home ground. Wishing you all success in your life Dr. Sid

Yours in Friendship  
Gopal Chopra



## Srinivasu Saraswatula

Dear Dr Sid

Hearty congratulations on a remarkable & memorable year as the President of 41 International. One that you are leaving a strong imprint of your leadership driven by innovative thought leadership and a foundation for a stronger organisation

Your clarity of thought around the purpose driven organisation and strong articulation enabled all to embrace and execute on the ground. You would be remembered for Member First, health initiative, leadership development, geographic alignment, 41 academy and recognising efforts of 41ers through 41 Accolades President's medal and more

You put a good team around you and with trust, you gave them a free hand. This created an inspiring environment. Your unwavering commitment to the mission will leave a profound impact on the organisation and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your extraordinary service as our President and best wishes for fun times ahead

Yours In Continued Friendship

**Srinivasu Saraswatula**  
Communication Manager 2025-28

## Time flies when you're having fun! - Christer Olofsson

It was a very cold spring. The snow was still on the ground and most things were quite grey and dreary. I got a phone call from the election committee wondering if I could stand in the election for new IRO for Old Tablers Sweden. I was invited to come to the Round Tables AGM, where OT was present in a small corner.

There were about ten of us members there, squeezed into a conference room smaller than a shoebox. At the time, I didn't even know what an IRO does. But it was the start of an absolutely fantastic - 3,285 days long - business trip for OT Sweden and 41 INTERNATIONAL..!



AGM-Marrakesh

How do you sum up nine years of your life in a limited number of lines? It's easy to start with some statistics. There hasn't been a single day during these years that I haven't read posts on email, Messenger, WhatsApp, read posts on social media, answered questions, sent information, facts or documentation, written reports or Minutes. Or what I like most, talked to brothers and sisters at meetings or by phone.

At the time of writing, I have 5,296 emails on my dedicated computer for the assignment as international secretary. Counting the number of messages and groups in WhatsApp and on Messenger is of course impossible. I have also lost count of all the Zoom meetings and Minutes that have passed.

The first six "international" years as an IRO, I spent an hour or so a day on this. The last three years it has been about 15-20 hours a week. But that's my choice. There is always someone who needs a little help or has a question, or needs something. There is always something that can be improved - a new idea or small change that can make our fantastic organization even a little better.



**My best Boss**

The best boss I've had in my professional life started by saying the following: "You were given two eyes, two ears and one mouth for a reason. Look and listen twice as much as you talk. Then you'll do well!"

It has been easy for me to follow because I had already discovered that you can achieve much more that way. I have never strived to be at the forefront. Quite the opposite. I prefer to listen, analyze and then see if I can contribute something, improve a thought or idea and preferably lift the originator to take the next step - or that we do it together! The reason I joined Round Table in the first place was the basic idea that the table is round, everyone's equal value, not

least within our family. And I still see that our main goal as an organization is to listen to each other, to help and lift each other up as a group. So also when it comes to our surroundings, where we can be a decisive difference through charity.



I was probably a "charity case" myself when I got a little lost at my first international meeting - HYM in Italy. My great luck was that I was well looked after by Povl Aalund, who was Denmark's IRO at the time. His small stature is more than compensated for by the fact that he has one of the biggest and warmest hearts in the world. There and then he opened all the doors and introduced me to everyone. What a start!!

But I have to be honest that my first impression of 41 was that I found it all quite rigid, a bit bureaucratic and very hierarchical. Everyone knew their place



### My best contribution

I had a hard time accepting that. So at the next meeting, every time someone came up and was about to shake hands stiffly, I offered a big hug. And I exclaimed "how nice to see you again", and excused myself by saying that in Sweden we don't shake hands but hug each other when good friends meet. "Just like the cheek kiss in France!"

Of course, that wasn't entirely true, and many confused faces revealed that we hadn't actually met before... But from that moment on, good friends hug each other when we meet again! It creates a friendship on a higher level, it breaks down some walls. And I probably count this as my best contribution during these nine years. ;- ))

Have I achieved anything else then? No, not on my own. But together with three hard-working International Boards and lots of super-active members within our organization, we have achieved a lot!



I had a few items on my Agenda when I humbly took on Gopal's great mantle as International Secretary in Stratford-upon-Avon 2023:

I wanted to help elevate our information channels to something indispensable, something that all members want to take part in. My time wasn't really enough for that. But Ray Hill did a fantastic job as Communication Manager and now Sрни Saraswatula has developed that role with flying colors. In fact, far beyond what should be possible without help and financial support. A change is needed here with both more employees and financial support! This also applies to the other Managers who largely have to pay out of their own pockets to work extremely hard for the rest of us.



I still believe that our world meetings are too expensive and therefore not accessible to everyone. We have tried to control the price picture, without results. This is one of the reasons why I am convinced that the creation of regions in accordance with the Round Table structure is a fantastic idea - and the solution to many things:

Stronger cooperation and greater exchange within the regions is a big bonus. It will make the organization grow when you can naturally exchange experiences and help each other. It will also lead to semi-annual and annual meetings that will naturally become more accessible to everyone within the region, giving more members an opportunity for international networking.

More meeting places create, of course more and better ideas - and also a larger number of driving forces/leaders. There is currently a missing link between the international board and its sovereign National organizations. This cog in the form of regions can make 41 INTERNATIONAL's engine go "Full Steam Ahead", as my good friend and Past President Barry Durman would certainly like to formulate it. ;-)

Speaking of friends, it really feels like I have the biggest and best family in the world. I have really tried to take the time to get to know all of you I have been in contact with over the years. When contact turns into friendship, it becomes much easier to both understand and help each other.



HYM-Sidsplace



AGM-Sweden



Rob-Fab

No one mentioned and no one forgotten! But I have to finish by highlighting my guru, my brother in arms, the man with whom I have had almost daily contact during this entire time: the world's best Fabian (Engler), our International IT-manager and Webmaster! I can't count all the calls and zoom meetings we have had, not least when we tried to persuade everyone to join 41.ER WORLD. We still can't understand why not everyone sees the benefits of the whole network being on the same network. How it can open up fantastic opportunities for communication, news flow and closeness between member countries and members, if everyone connects. But we don't give up!



WM-Iceland



HYM-Legends



HYM-Iceland

And finally, one more who doesn't give up, Fabian's fantastic wife Ulrike. No matter how much we forget or miss, for example when we prepare our international meeting rooms or go through the upcoming meetings point by point, she is there to fix it. You are magical!

Now there are only days left before I hand over the chain and hang up my kilt. I feel incredibly confident about the future of 41 INTERNATIONAL through the leadership and development plan that Sid and Robert have now paved the way for and that Nico has already promised to follow through on, as will his successor! (But Rasmus - and my successor Steve - must be elected in Mauritius first! ;-)

It will be fantastic to have some time off. At least for a day or two. Then we'll see. I guess we'll see each other again soon, somewhere.

Thank you for a fantastic time and friendship. I hope you think I've behaved decently. I have over 9,000 pictures on my phone, so I apologize for only showing a small selection.

A big hug from me - to all of you!  
;-)

**Christer Olofsson,**  
41 INTERNATIONAL Secretary 2023-26



## Farewell Messages for Christer

Dear Brother Christer,  
 After years of unwavering dedication to 41 International, you have not only ensured continuity...you elevated it.  
 Building with respect on Gopal's work, you brought clarity, strength, and lasting progress.  
 Thank you for your commitment, your integrity, and your quiet excellence.

With our gratitude.  
**Yasser**  
 President Morocco MA



I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Christer for his outstanding service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to 41 International. His steady guidance, professionalism, and tireless work behind the scenes have been instrumental in keeping our organisation connected, informed, and moving forward.



The role of Secretary is often one of quiet leadership, yet its impact is felt everywhere – in the smooth running of our operations, the strength of our communication, and the unity of our global fellowship. His contribution has strengthened all of these, and we are truly grateful . I have big boots to fill when I take over from Christer. I deeply appreciate everything that he has done for the Association and wish him all the best for the future and I know he will always be on hand if I ever need any advice.

Steve James  
 41 Health Project Director

The working of a good Secretary is not seen or heard as much but felt in the smooth & efficient running of an organisation. Over the past three years as Secretary of 41 International, you have embodied dedication, commitment, and honour. You tackled a demanding role with unwavering professionalism and a warm & endearing smile. You have much to be proud of.

I know you have made many friends across the world and won their respect. Personally, I would miss a dear friend on the board.

Srinivasu Saraswatula  
 Communication Manager 2025-28



Dear Christer,  
 three years... honestly, I'm not quite sure how we managed it – but somehow we did! And not just that, we actually got a lot of things done along the way

Looking back, it wasn't just about tasks, meetings, and deadlines. It was about the countless (and sometimes very long) conversations, often stretching late into the night, pushing each other, motivating each other, and somehow always finding a way to deliver a solid result. Thinking about it now... we really made a pretty good team!



What I appreciate most is that somewhere between all the work, calls, and messages, a genuine friendship developed. And that's something you can't plan – but it's definitely the best outcome of all.

Thank you for your energy, your commitment, your humor, and for keeping me going when needed (and I hope I did the same from time to time)

I'm pretty sure this isn't the end of our "working together" story – it just means fewer official titles and more time for the fun parts!

Take care, my friend – and let's make sure the late-night talks don't stop anytime soon

Warm regards,  
 YIT  
 Fabian



Dear Christer

The saying goes all good things come to an end and so does your term as the International Secretary.

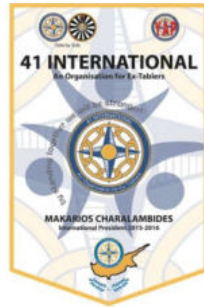
My compliments on doing a remarkable, dedicated, efficient job and ensuring the Organization runs smoothly. The directory and the agenda papers are par excellence.

Do Pursue other post also in mind, as you have had an excellent Inning in office.

All the best..  
 Gopal Chopra



**By standing together we will be stronger**



**Nicosia 27 April 2026**

**Makarios Message to the 41 International  
World Meeting -Mauritius 2026**

**Dear President Dr. Sid, Members of the Board, and Fellow 41ers,**

Although I regret that I am unable to attend the Word Meeting in Mauritius on 9 May 2026, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all.

I wish you a productive and successful meeting, along with an enjoyable time in fellowship and friendship, which are at the heart of 41 International.

I would also like to sincerely congratulate President Dr. Sid and the Board for their excellent work over the past year.

A special word of appreciation to President Dr. Sid Siddharthan for a truly exceptional presidency that has made a real difference, marked by vision, dedication, and a lasting positive impact.

My sincere congratulations as well to the Secretary Christer Olofsson for the excellent work carried out with professionalism, commitment, and efficiency, which has greatly contributed to the success of the year.

Wishing you all continued success and a memorable AGM.

Yours in friendship,  
Makarios

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## Long Standing Service Project

**Project Name: Kukhanya Care Point Foundation**

Started in 2011, 15 years in the running



The Kukhanya Care Point Foundation aims to support AIDS orphans in Kukhanya (Swaziland) in growing up to become self-reliant adults who, around the age of 18, are able to provide for their own livelihood. [www.kukhanya.nl](http://www.kukhanya.nl)

AIDS orphans and children from the surrounding area, as well as the wider community, since a water source has been established for the local population.

As a foundation, we aim to travel to Swaziland regularly to monitor progress, carry out inspections, and actively contribute on-site. In 2026, the board, together with two supporters, visited the Care Point in January, and the secretary/treasurer will visit again in October 2026. A former Tabler from 239 Power Lines South Africa is our contact person for this project.

Provision of food, education, and water; recently, a young adult has been given the opportunity to attend university (tuition fees paid and a laptop provided), and a jungle gym has been built at the care point.

It is a long-term project, originally started as a farewell initiative by a large group of Tablers and subsequently continued by three committed 41ers as a formal foundation, ensuring that support remains structural rather than a one-time effort.

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## Long Standing Service Project

**Project Name: The Greatest Almelo Seniors Day**

Started in 2019, 7 years in the running



**41 CLUB**  
THE NETHERLANDS

Pampering and bringing joy to the elderly residents of the city Almelo. At one of the most beautiful locations in Almelo, the Theater Hotel, elderly people are completely taken care of and treated for one full day by the entire 41 Club Almelo. Through music, food and drinks, and personal attention—meaningful conversations, dancing, quizzes/bingo, and more—they are given the day of their lives.

For example, on Saturday, 30 March last year, the 5th edition of the Greater Almelo Seniors' Day welcomed 200 elderly participants from various care and home-care facilities. The day was entirely dedicated to making them feel special and appreciated. The highlight of the day is the tremendous support from our sponsors. Thanks to their generous contributions, we are able each year to present a cheque to a charitable cause, creating lasting positive change for the elderly. During the last edition, a cheque of €11,500 was presented to residential care facility De Löchte for the purchase of an electric duo bicycle.

Music, recreation, transportation for all elderly participants, and various fun activities such as quizzes/bingo and performances

Improvement in elderly care and increased social engagement and well-being among elderly participants. It highlights the importance of this group of elderly people and their value to society, while also creating tangible and lasting improvements in their quality of life.

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## Long Standing Service Project

Projects for “Recognition of Long-Standing Service Projects – World Meeting Mauritius 2026”:

1. C41 Austria - WPA – Weihnachtspackerlaktion (Christmas Parcels Campaign)
2. C41 Graz – Charity Trankerl (Charity Drink)



Both are side-by-side projects with national or local - Round Table, Ladies Circle, Agora

### Weihnachtspackerlaktion (Christmas parcels campaign)

Year Started: 2009/2010, 16 years running

The Christmas parcel campaign brings gifts to needy children in remote and rural regions of eastern Romania. The focus and core idea is - children in Austria helping children in Romania. 20,000 parcels per year and the support & recognition in Austria gets bigger & stronger Every year we collect in Christmas parcels with the support of schools, kindergarden and families, companies in Austria to distribute them in remote areas of Eastern Romania.

For many of these children, this is the only Christmas present they receive.



## Long Standing Service Project

### Project Name: Charity Trankerl (Charity Drink)

Club Name: 6 Clubs: Austria C41Graz, C41 Graz Clocktower, C41Graz Geronticus Eremita + RT8, RT13, Lc8

Year Started: 2013, 12 years in the running

Charity Trankerl is a joint charity project of 6 clubs in Graz, Austria (3x C41, 2xRT, 1xLC) to raise funds for our charity projects We are running an Advent stall and selling mulled wine for a good cause for 5 weeks in a row before Christmas.

This project helps Children, elderly, poor families, school, hospital, community amongst others Each of our 6 clubs is funding a charity project to support local children and families in need, schools to support educational project for poor children, emergency help projects etc. Charity projects are carefully selected by each club.

Project prep starts early each year, as we have to apply for the Advent stand every year at the local city government. Thereafter, organize the stand equipment and mulled wine (that we buy from a local Tabler) and especially staffing the booth, running 2 shifts during the week and 3 shifts on weekends with 2-3 people for every shift, 5 consecutive weeks before Christmas

A great side-by-side activity of our local clubs, where we are getting booth-duty support from other C41 & RT clubs in the region and even beyond (even from Switzerland and rest of Austria like last year)

We were raising well over 250,000 € over the past 13 years and funded over 70+ charity projects in total over the past years



## Long Standing Service Project - France

**PROJECT NAME : Friendship assistance**

Quatalagor (side by side) solidarity instrument

Year started: 1990

The association amitié assistance (AAA) implements solidarity and accompanies active members ( from the 4 associations)who are in accordance with our values:

### The anonymity of the applicants

It may concern all the members who needs help (financial, mental, medical ..)

For instance we may provide financial help to a student who lost his parents Consequently it could be given to a child , a senior or a charity program.

Every year we collect a fee of 10 euro for each member

The annual budget is 100,000 euros plus the donation (50,000 euros a year)

The file are being studied every 3 months by the committee composed by 4 delegates and 4 past Presidents of the Association. The help is about 129,000 euros annually.

### IMPACT AND RESULTS:

Great lever to increase the spirit of solidarity between our four associations but also to create a magnificent assistance tool granted to our floor members, thus giving them the feeling of belonging to a large family.

Accordingly we may propose to settle that association in the other countries.

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## Long Standing Service Project - Germany

**Project Name: Christmas Parcel Convoy**

Year Started: 2001, 25 years in the running

The Christmas Parcel Convoy follows the simple but powerful idea “Children help Children.”

Since 2001, children in German kindergartens and schools pack Christmas parcels filled with toys, school supplies and warm clothing for children in economically disadvantaged regions of Europe.

Every year more than 30 trucks deliver tens of thousands of parcels to countries such as Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania.

Over the past 25 years, more than two million parcels have been delivered.

While the project is formally organised by a charitable company (gGmbH), many of its founders are today members of Old Tablers and the organisation remains one of the most visible service initiatives of the German Tabling community.

The project supports children from disadvantaged families in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe.

For many of these children, the Christmas parcel they receive from the convoy is the only Christmas present they will receive that year.

Beyond the material support, the project sends a powerful message of solidarity, dignity and human connection across borders.



Every year, thousands of children in Germany pack a Christmas parcel for another child in the convoy's destination countries. Parents, schools and kindergartens actively support this process.

Members of the Round Table Family – including many Old Tablers – together with volunteers then organise the logistics of the convoy: collecting, sorting, loading and transporting the parcels.

Each winter, dozens of trucks travel thousands of kilometres to deliver the gifts personally to schools, orphanages and community institutions in the destination countries.

In 2025 alone, about 150,000 children received a Christmas parcel, made possible by around 260 volunteers accompanying the convoy.



For more than two decades, the Christmas Parcel Convoy has brought joy, hope and dignity to children who often grow up under very difficult conditions.

More than two million children have already received a gift through this initiative. For many of them, it is the only Christmas present they have ever received.

At the same time, the project educates thousands of children in Germany about empathy, solidarity and social responsibility, creating a powerful chain of giving that connects children across Europe.

For 25 years, the Christmas Parcel Convoy has united the entire German Round Table Family – Round Table, Ladies' Circle, Agora Club Tangent and Old Tablers – in a unique Side-by-Side service initiative.

With more than two million parcels delivered to children in need, it represents one of the most impactful and enduring service projects within the international 41 community.

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## Long Standing Service Project - India

**Project Name: FREEDOM THROUGH DIGITAL EDUCATION**

Started in 2021, 5 years in the running

FTDE (Freedom Through Digital Education) is a transformative initiative focused on establishing digital classrooms in rural and underserved schools across India.

The project bridges the digital divide by providing smart televisions integrated with curriculum-aligned digital content in vernacular languages. It enhances classroom engagement, improves learning outcomes, and equips students with essential digital exposure.

In addition, the initiative includes teacher training and skill development modules, ensuring long-term sustainability and future readiness of students.

The project primarily benefits students from rural and underserved communities who lack access to quality digital learning resources.

It also empowers teachers by equipping them with modern teaching tools and training, thereby improving the overall quality of education delivery.



Each year, the project follows a structured approach:

- Identification of rural and underserved schools across India
- Installation of smart televisions with curriculum-based digital content
- Delivery of content in regional languages for better comprehension
- Training of teachers to effectively use digital tools
- Continuous monitoring and support to ensure sustained usage

### What good change has this project made?

Since its inception, FTDE has created significant measurable impact:

- 700+ schools digitally enabled
- 140,000+ students impacted
- 1,100+ teachers trained
- Presence across 13 states in India

Beyond numbers, the project has:

- Improved student engagement and classroom participation
- Enhanced conceptual understanding through visual learning
- Increased digital literacy among rural students
- Strengthened teacher effectiveness and confidence

In today’s world, access to digital education is not a privilege but a necessity. FTDE stands as a scalable and sustainable model to bridge the digital divide in developing regions.

What makes this project unique is its combination of technology, localization (vernacular content), and teacher empowerment — ensuring long-term impact rather than one-time intervention.

With proven scale across multiple states and consistent year-on-year expansion, FTDE demonstrates how structured community-led initiatives can transform education ecosystems. This project represents the true spirit of “Service with Continuity” and has the potential to be replicated globally.



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## Blue Plaque for Louis Marchesi at the place where it all began

Dear 41 Friends,

I write with some exciting news and information about a very special occasion that took place recently, honouring Louis Marchesi and the place where Round Table held their first official meeting 14th March 1927.

A special blue plaque cast in solid bronze was commissioned by members of the Louis Marchesi Club [pictured here, which I'm holding]



This was unveiled at a special ceremony on Saturday 14th March, exactly 99 years ago in the place where Round Table held its first official meeting [pictured here, left to right = myself, Niels Louis Marchesi, Justin Holmes (General Manager of Cinema City), Lord Mayor of Norwich, David Fullman (former Lord Mayor of Norwich, who made this all possible) and Town Crier/MC Bob Lloyd

On the same day an announcement of the special Adnams single malt whisky was made, available to preorder soon



Niels Louis Marchesi proudly stood alongside his Grandfathers blue plaque at the unveiling



Pasi Pauni and his fellow 41'ers from Old Tablers 1 Riihimäki, Finland made a significant contribution towards the blue plaque, so International played a part in this very important matter [Pasi visited Norwich in 2023, pictured here at the Louis Marchesi pub, before heading off to a Norwich City FC home match]

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Des Fulcher  
Louis Marchesi Club - Founde

## Happy Easter from Onna

### Village of Rebirth and Reconciliation

We are referring to the L'Aquila earthquake in central Italy on 6 April 2009 at 03:32 local time, which heavily affected the village of Onna. Club 41 International came to help under the direction of Domenico Vannicola from Ascoli Piceno.



Onna is a small village (frazione) of the municipality of L'Aquila, in the Aterno valley, a few kilometres south-east of the city, close to the Aterno–Pescara river and Strada Statale 17.

- Before the earthquake, it had around 350–400 inhabitants; Italian sources list about 350 residents in the damaged area.



### Damage to the village

Italian civil-protection and technical reports describe Onna as essentially obliterated, with macro seismic intensity up to X (MCS scale).

- Official Italian summary tables state that about 80% of buildings in Onna collapsed and the remaining 20% were unusable, meaning the entire village became uninhabitable.
- The historic centre and much of the housing stock (mainly unreinforced masonry, some recently refurbished) turned into continuous rubble; local bridges over the Aterno river also suffered heavy damage

### Victims and human impact

For Onna alone, Italian sources report 40–41 deaths (41 victims listed in a national damage table; many news reports spoke of “about 40” dead).

- With roughly 350 residents, this means more than one in ten inhabitants died, one of the highest mortality rates of any locality in the 2009 earthquake.
- Contemporary local news articles describe entire families lost, children among the victims, and a community where “each inhabitant suffers a personal loss and knows exactly who is missing.”



### **Reasons Onna was hit so hard**

Onna lies in the valley close to the fault rupture, in an area where shaking was amplified by soft alluvial sediments; this produced very strong ground motions compared with nearby hilltop towns.

- Many houses were old masonry structures not designed for seismic loads; even some recently renovated buildings lacked adequate seismic strengthening, so they collapsed when subjected to strong horizontal forces.

### **Reconstruction and current situation**

Engineering and reconstruction reports note that Onna was included among the priority areas for post-earthquake rebuilding, with large parts of the village being completely redesigned and rebuilt.

### **On the 15 anniversary (2024),**

Local reports and drone footage show a mixed picture: many buildings have been reconstructed, but some ruins remain, and only a part of the pre-quake population has returned, while others still live in temporary modular housing (MAP) or have moved away. bjected to the strong horizontal forces.

Bob Parton

OT46 Karlsruhe

## Anniversary of Club 41 no. 3 in Brasov, Romania.

On April 25, I had the pleasure to participate in the anniversary of Club 41 no. 3 in Brasov, Romania.

29 years of friendship celebrated with loved ones from clubs across the country. The event was held at noon with the reception of three new members in Club 3 and a lunch enjoyed among friends.

In the evening, banners and pines were handed out at the festive dinner and, of course, a bottle of wine. Founding members, old and new members were present. Vice President Bogdan Manea was present on behalf of the National Bureau, Sibiu came with four members, Gabriel Cojocar, Nicu Bija, Cristian Cruceru and the Chairman of the Central Europe Region, Lucian Dragotă. On behalf of Round Table No. 1, Alex Lădar participated. Memories were made, they danced, they served selected dishes sprinkled with good wine.

Congratulations to the organizers Dan Souca and the president Nelu Bija! Happy Anniversary Club 41 No. 3 Romania!!!

Lucian Dragotă,  
Chairman of the Central Europe Region



## Tabler Benefits

Roundtable Norway created a documented flow for handling of all the benefits. With help and teamwork with Round table Norway we in 41-norway also have this set up and will help expand on these possibilities.

Round Table and 41 have long had many good advantages both through tablers who run own companies and via local agreements in the clubs. The challenge has been that these agreements have often been scattered and difficult to find across our network. With **Tabler Benefits**, we now get a comprehensive and structured overview of the benefits. The goal is to make it easy for all members to discover and use of the offerings, while giving our **Preferred Partners** visibility and access to a wide network.



We encourage both organisations, all clubs and districts to contribute with agreements - either local or national. This can be anything from discounts on hotels, restaurants and shopping to Corporate agreements through Tablere's own businesses.

When we as an organization pool our **purchasing power** and make use of our **preferred partners**, we become a relevant and attractive **business customer**. This means that members can ensure better prices for the organisation's purchases, meetings and events, while private trade can be facilitated through our partners. How we create added value both for the individual member and for the community as a whole. Over time, **Tabler Benefits** will evolve into a unique collection of benefits that strengthens our network and positions Round Table and 41 as an attractive partner for companies.

### What is the flow?

In order to secure a structured and clear way for everybody and making this as easy to transfer between people as possible (cause we move around who works with what) we have created a flow that is as lean and easy to understand as possible.

- 1 A Benefit occurs for a member that can be used for others
- 2 Member registers the Benefit thru the form
- 3 Board validates the benefits and asks for more info if needed
- 4 If this qualifies as a benefit we notify the member who sent this in and the contact for the benefit
- 5 We publish

The qualification is to ensure that we have valid information and a benefit that is relevant to us. Currently You will find about 30 different Restaurants/Hotels/Nightlife/Online stores and more And that's just the start.



Webmaster/Editor 41-Norway

# 41 Games France

Dear Club 41 friend,

Does 2027 seem far away to you ?

Anyway... **everything is happening now!**

You will be able to join us for **three days of sports, games, sun, and fun with fellow members of Club 41, at the Club Med Resort in Opio**, fully privatized for us only.

**The 41 Games – “Brain and Brawn”** will take place from **Wednesday, April 7th noon until Saturday, April 10th, 2027 afternoon**, with the option to extend the fun until Sunday if you want even more.

On the agenda :

An ‘all-inclusive’ stay combining sports, games, and friendliness, with unforgettable moments:

- sports challenges easily accessible by everyone,
- brain-teasing challenges quite demanding,
- and above all, a truly unique atmosphere under the mild Mediterranean climate

Caution : a limited number of rooms are available, with early-bird rates reserved for the first ones to book. Please note ‘Opio 2027’ in your calendar right now. It’s shaping up to be ... **LEGENDARY!**

The National President of Club 41 Français, Étienne, and the President of the 41 Games Organization Committee, Michel, are inviting you to proceed with your registration as of Saturday, January 31, 2026, 9:00 a.m. CET (official registration opening date)

The full program, packages, prices, and registration will be accessible directly through the Club 41 Français website: [www.club41francais.fr/les-jeux-du-41](http://www.club41francais.fr/les-jeux-du-41)

Kind regards,

**Étienne HUMBERT**

National President of Club 41 Français

**Michel BABLED**

President of the 41 Games Organization Committee



## Message from your friend Pascal- National IRO, France

My dear friends,

By this message it was very important to me to present you a national upcoming event that will take place in France in 2027 and that will allow us to meet together at the club med in Opio ( near Nice) to participate in the 41 games.

**Why do you talk about it so early before the event.**

Because we privatized the site (not too many rooms, unfortunately) we are waiting for you with great pleasure.

While waiting to see you in France or elsewhere, know that it was an immense joy for my 2 national presidents and myself to return in the international family and of course to have had the chance to meet you.

Looking forward seeing you all,

Warm regards

Pascal, French Iro.



# Celebrating 100 years of the Round Table Family

## Strictly Blackpool 27

[www.strictlyblackpool27.com](http://www.strictlyblackpool27.com)



Many years ago, in 1927 to be exact, a young Rotarian in Norwich called Louis Marchesi had an idea to create a Young Business and Professional Men’s Club. He convened a meeting at Suckling House in Norwich on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1927 at which “Round Table” was formed. Its motto was and still is “ADOPT, ADAPT, IMPROVE”.



Louis Marchesi 1925

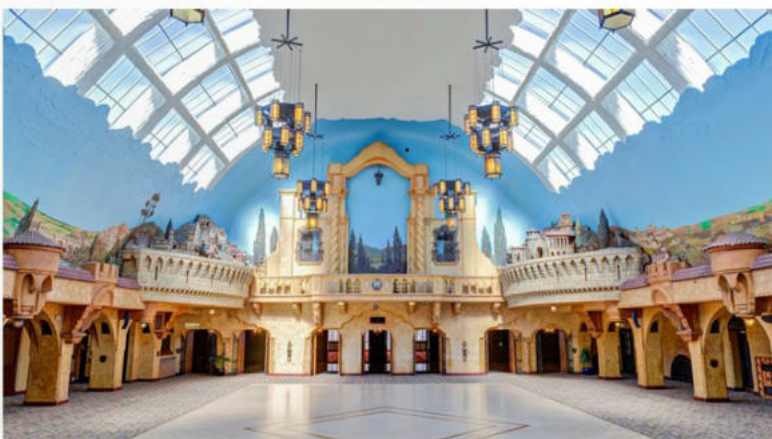


2027 will be the centenary of the founding of Round Table, and the Dragons 41 Club and Tangent are honoured to have been chosen to host the 41 Club and Tangent GB&I Annual Conference in Blackpool in April 2027. We will be celebrating the centenary at the Final Night Party.

Blackpool is a seaside resort in the North West of England with many famous attractions such as Blackpool Tower, the Winter Gardens, the tram system, the autumn illuminations and the Blackpool Pleasure Beach. For overseas visitors you can fly directly into Manchester Airport. At the airport there is a train station with direct trains to Blackpool North railway station, which is only a two minutes walk to the Conference HQ Holiday Inn hotel. So getting there is very easy.

Some of you will have attended the last Conference organised in Blackpool by the Dragons back in 2017 . It was a great success and the two main events were held in the World Famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom. In 2027 we are offering something completely different as Blackpool has two world famous ballrooms and this year we will holding all of the Conference events and AGMs in the Winter Gardens which has held many of the Ballroom World Championship Finals in the past. The complex in not just a ballroom but houses a theatre, a new multi purpose conference centre, several large event spaces and several dining and drinking venues as well.

### Thursday night is the Welcome Party in the Spanish Hall at the Winter Gardens



- Spanish themed night
- Spanish tapas and sangria
- Live entertainment
- Dance the night away



### Freetime Friday

There are no specific tours arranged this year, instead you are free to explore the attractions that you want to visit. Day passes on the tram or bus give total flexibility.



### Friday Night is the Presidents' Ball in the Empress Ballroom at the Winter Gardens



International Banner Exchange

Four course banquet

Live entertainment

### Saturday 41 Club & Tangent AGMs in the Winter Gardens Conference Centre



Both AGMs will take place in the new fully equipped Conference Centre



### Saturday Final Night Fancy Dress Party in the Empress Ballroom



Three course meal

Live entertainment

Fancy Dress Competition

**We look forward to welcoming you to Blackpool**

**A pre-tour is planned for the three days prior to the Conference, visiting the beauty of the Lake District, the history of Lancashire and the fun of Blackpool.**

**Details are available on our website [strictlyblackpool27.com](http://strictlyblackpool27.com)**



# 41 INTERNATIONAL EVENT LIST

For your chosen event please click the AGM/HYM column to go to their website, the MEETING column to insert the date into your calendar. For new entries upload the information via **form** or send an email:

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**[www.41international.net/41-international-event-list/](http://www.41international.net/41-international-event-list/)**

Month	Members Country	AGM HYM	date from	date to	Country / City
<b>2026</b>					(C) 41 INTERNATIONAL - Webmaster
Apr	41 MADAGASCAR	AGM	30/04/26	03/05/26	Madagascar
May	<b>41 INT. &amp; TCI AGM &amp; ACI HYM</b>	<a href="#">AGM</a>	07/05/26	10/05/26	Mauritius
May	41 MAURITIUS	AGM	07/05/26	10/05/26	Mauritius
May	41 SWITZERLAND	<a href="#">HYM</a>	08/05/26	10/05/26	Kreuzlingen
May	41 GERMANY	<a href="#">AGM</a>	15/05/26	17/05/26	Berlin
May	41 SWEDEN	<a href="#">AGM</a>	15/05/26	17/05/26	Skövde
May	41 ROMANIA +RT	AGM	15/05/26	17/05/26	Botoşani
May	41 ICELAND	AGM	15/05/26	17/05/26	Akureyri
May	41 ITALIA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	22/05/26	24/05/26	Rovereto
May	41 AUSTRIA +RTA +LCA +AGA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	29/05/26	31/05/26	Salzburg
May	41 NORWAY	<a href="#">AGM</a>	29/05/26	31/05/26	Grimstad
JUN	41 FRANCE	AGM	05/06/26	07/06/26	Pau, France
JUN	41 MOROCCO	AGM	11/06/26	14/06/26	Marrakech
JUN	41 KENYA	AGM	12/06/26	14/06/26	Nairobi
JUN	41 ESTONIA (with RT, LC,TC)	<a href="#">AGM</a>	12/06/26	14/06/26	Viljandi
JUN	41 NETHERLANDS	<a href="#">AGM</a>	12/06/26	14/06/26	Netherlands, Almere
JUN	41 BELGIUM	<a href="#">AGM</a>	19/06/26	21/06/26	Belgium, Leuven
JUN	41 SRI LANKA (with RT)	AGM	26/06/26	28/06/26	Sri Lanka, Colombo
JUN	41 BULGARIA	AGM	26/06/26	28/06/26	tbd
Aug	41 MALAWI	AGM	14/08/26	16/08/26	tbd
Aug	41 BOTSWANA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	21/08/26	23/08/26	Maun
Aug	RT, LC, AC, OT, TC Eurosail	<a href="#">Event</a>	28/08/26	03/09/26	NL IJsselmeer
Aug	41 ZAMBIA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	28/08/26	30/08/26	Livingston
Sept	41 SOUTH AFRICA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	03/09/26	06/09/26	Badplaas
Sept	41 CYPRUS	<a href="#">AGM</a>	04/09/26	06/09/26	Nicosia
Sept	41 NEPAL	AGM	11/09/26	13/09/26	Nepal Kathmandu
Sept	RTI & LCI World Meeting	<a href="#">WM</a>	16/09/26	20/09/26	Italy Piacenza
Sept	41 INDIA	<a href="#">AGM</a>	18/09/26	20/09/26	Bhubaneswar
Sept	41 HUNGARY	<a href="#">AGM</a>	25/09/26	27/09/26	Budapest
Sept	41 LITHUANIA	AGM	25/09/26	27/09/26	Lithuania Vilnius
Sept	ACI Conference	AGM	25/09/26	27/09/26	Rotterdam
Oct	<b>41 INTERNATIONAL &amp; TCI</b>	<a href="#">HYM</a>	30/09/26	04/10/26	Finland Cruise



**41 International**  
**World Meeting**  
**2026**

**Dates - 7 to 10 May 2026**  
**Shandrani Hotel , Mauritius**

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The poster features a collage of images: a person's face, a globe, and a cartoon bird holding a rainbow. It also includes several logos, including the 41 International logo and the Tangent Club International logo.

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