The Round Table Family in Ireland

Membership Initiatives: Ireland – January 2014

An event was organised in Ireland by 41 Club Regional Councillor Phil Ellis on the 18/19 January to promote and recruit new members into Round Table and Ladies Circle. The event was supported by 41 Clubs Ireland, Tangent Ireland, Round Table Ireland, National and GB and Ladies Circle National, GB and locally.

The weekend was 6 months in the planning and Phil was helped by Marcus Jones of RTBI and Karen Johnson of LCB*“I”.

Events Timetable:

1. Friday night - arrivals and team meeting to set out the format.
2. Saturday morning - Social Media for local clubs
3. Saturday night - LC & RT recruitment drive pre planned
4. Sunday Morning - 41 Club Region 3 AGM and debrief of all involved

Local members of all clubs attended the Social Media Training and mixed together. The fact that National and regional care boosted confidence and promoted a sense of belonging. One Round Table there was re-named, Foyle & District Round Table 87 was born.

The recruitment achieved the desired outcome. One new Ladies Circle will be formed in Bangor and it just might be the start of bigger things to come. The evening developed friendships, it allowed everyone to talk from their perspective and fellowship. So much so, that the prospective member from the newest club was to be inducted the next morning into Round Table.

The 41ers heard a short talk from Marcus Jones PR & Media for RT Nationally. Karen Johnson gives a talk from LC perspective and explained to the 41ers how they can help.

Everyone felt proud that they are involved in possibly the rebirth of Round Table Family in Ireland. The RT in Ireland got to see a formal event and the humour that these “auld gets” have. LC saw the passion and the commitment that everyone from all four clubs has, no matter where you come from GB, Ireland, National or the newest member to the fold.

The spirits of Round Table, 41 Club, and Tangent are all lifted and time is now exciting in Ireland. All the team that worked so hard was given great results immediately so stayed positive the whole time. The weekend a huge success not only for Round Table Family Ireland but for RTGB&I.

Thanks go out to the following for all their help. Marcus Jones RT, Jon Rees RT, Dave Beadle RT, Dave Studley RT, Karen Johnson LC, Marj Aird LC, Jane Smith LC and Joan Henderson Tangent.

Without you all this would have been just a weekend!
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Greetings from National President Karen Darie

Well the year has gone by so quickly and by the time you read this I will have less than two months of my year as National President left to go despite the fact that I will serve an extra two weeks because of the timings of the AGMs last year and this. Now some of you have pointed out that this means that I need 54 pairs of shoes to see out the year but because of the timings of various events and the break I have had over Xmas I think 52 pairs will be enough! I was at a recent meeting in Harpenden when a lady suggested that I should have set an even bigger challenge by wearing a different pair of shoes for every event I attended but that would have involved me in lots of extra visits to the shops leaving not much time for visiting clubs so an interesting suggestion but not a viable one!

I have continued to visit clubs for both special occasions and ordinary meetings and it was very interesting to sit with clubs while they discussed the Tangent International questionnaire. Every club has an opinion and a voice and this is why the National Executive thought that it was important for you to have your say. The results of the questionnaire are reported elsewhere in the magazine so please take time to read the results in readiness for the vote on Tangent International at the AGM.

It is very sad that we have not had a single nomination for the 3 posts which will become vacant this year at the AGM. Anyone who has been on the National Executive will tell you what a fantastic experience it is and although it is hard work some of the time it is very rewarding and the friendships you make will last forever. Please consider standing for one of the positions. Most of the posts now only require a 2 year commitment so it is not quite as onerous as it was and the National Executive have decided that we will need to change the timings of our Executive meetings to fit in with ladies who work. At the first Executive Meeting on Sunday after the AGM the dates of the Executive Meetings for the year will be agreed to suit all members of the National Executive.

You will experience Tangent at its very best and will help to maintain the fun and fellowship started in Ladies Circle. Please don’t leave it to someone else. We are all members of Tangent and all eligible to stand for the National Executive. We only want 3 people out of our 13,000 members. Is that too much to ask? I hope not. If you would like further information please speak to anyone on the National Executive. I am confident that they will inspire you with their enthusiasm but they have already done their bit. It is now your turn.

I also want to say a big thank you to all the clubs who have raised money for my charity. So far you have raised over £8,000 and the final figure for the year will be announced at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM or at other events during the rest of the year.

YICF

Karen Darie
National President

TREASURER REPORT

Hello to everyone,

Well I have just completed my first 8 months of being National Treasurer and all is well!

Had a very busy few months in the summer with all the Capitation Forms and cheques arriving – I think my postman thought there was going to be a wedding. I explained that I would get a lot of post towards the end of July and he said not to worry as if he had a lot of post he would be able to bring the post office van out to me which is what he did!

I have now finished the end of year accounts which was a lot to do during January! All the accounts are with the auditor as we speak!

We are now planning the next conference down in Bournemouth – I don’t know where the time goes!

With Bournemouth in mind if you have any questions for me regarding the finances – please could you let me have sight of them at least two weeks before the AGM so I can do the research for you and will be able to answer as fully as possible.

Hope to see some of you over the coming weeks going up to Conference.

Yours in continuing friendship,

Jilly King
National Treasurer 2013-2015

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Supporting women with cancer
**Regional Lunch Bookings**

On this page is some information about forthcoming Regional Lunc...
Kettering Tangent 318 Celebrates 40 Years

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of our founding, Kettering Tangent held a lunch at the Kettering Park Hotel on October 12th, attended by 54 members and guests.

As it was our Ruby Anniversary, everyone was asked to wear something red, which made for a colourful affair.

The Fellowship candle was lit by our Founder Chairman, Pat Wells, and after a splendid meal, Chairman Judith Dalby welcomed everyone and gave details of Club Secretary, the charity that supports children with cancer, and to whom the proceeds from the raffle were to be donated.

We were then entertained to a talk by Miranda Ponsonby, entitled ‘My Incredible Journey’ in which she recounted how, having been born a man, served as a Guards officer and been a ‘ok’ we will go with the flow. Let’s all leave the cottage to ensure parking, hats, gloves, sticks ready and we were off. Every inch climbed weather seemed to be getting worse, very wet, very misty and very cold. Slight hiccup in first hour as Kay suffered a slight panic attack and had trouble getting her breath, lucky we had two doctors in the party. By then I had realised the enormity of our task and offered to accompany Kay back to the nice warm cottage, but she was determined to continue! Eventually we all got a rhythm, the fit younger Circlers headed off in the distance whilst the second group stayed together. I hadn’t considered wearing my contact lens, and with the rain so bad, was lucky I could not see the edges we were walking along and the drops to my left. Sharon had prepared us all well, we all had our own packed lunch and plenty of water but we cannot thank the Circlers who looked after us enough, from wiping my glasses when I didn’t have the energy, to peeling and feeding us our bananas. A chocolate hob nob has not tasted as nice as the one I had half way up the mountain!

After 4 hours we reached the top, managed to get through the crowds into the café and a nice cup of tea. It was very emotional, lots of tears were shed but the variety that go in vases I am not a fan of. I’m useless at flower arranging and forget to change the water, so I try not to receive any. If I reach that ‘certain’ age. You may struggle with the following information but just to let you know I am only 29 years old. I have never passed 29 years and never will - at least in my head. My birthday was born a man, served as a Guards officer and been a

If you think you might be interested, please contact any member of the Exec, contact details are in the Directory and on the Website. Any member who wants to put herself forward will need to make a short (3 minute maximum) speech to tell us about herself at the AGM.

The topic is:

“Would you bring to the role of... (VP, Sales, Editor)”?

Message from Janice O’Neill, National Vice President

Hello Ladies. This is the last opportunity I have to write as Vice President. Time is running forward and the butterflies are mounting. Oh the excitement!

In my year as VP I have also taken on the role of Membership Officer which has kept me quite busy. We get a lot of ladies who are interested in joining Tangent to make new friends and try something different. This has been a challenge with many clubs being ‘closed’ but with help from club contacts and secretaries we’ve tried to help everyone. I’ve also attended several meetings about the Internationals which are part of International Circling and made many friends so for Circlers joining Tangent I see this as an essential continuation. More in this issue and at the AGM in April. I have enjoyed many Regional lunches and listened to some amazing speakers. I have also visited several Tangent clubs both locally and further afield where I’ve met some fabulous ladies. So many stories to tell!

So I have a couple of announcements which I hope you don’t mind me sharing with you. Firstly I don’t like flowers, that is so I love to see them growing but the variety that go in vases I am not a fan of. I’m useless at flower arranging and forget to change the water until it gets smelly and the vase goes all watermarked. I’m a hopeless flower case so with embarrassment I would ask you not to buy me any flowers during my year. Gin? Well, that’s another matter altogether!

I have been working hard with my chosen charity for the year and to this end I would love your help. If possible, please don’t worry about buying me any gifts.

Your National Vice President
Janice O’Neill

The countdown to Bournemouth Conference 2014 is well and truly up and running and we on the Committee are working hard to put on a fantastic time for you. As you know, the dates are 24-27 April and full details can be found on the 41 Club website with a link from the Tangent website. There is still time to book a Conference Package and your Hotel Accommodation. The Tangent lunch is on both take place in the Art Deco surroundings of the DeVere Suite in the Royal Bath Hotel (the Conference HQ). President Karen looks forward to welcoming you to the Tangent Day.

Please send in your Lunch Booking Forms ASAP. They have been supplied to your Club Contact and are on the Website.

Why not make up a group and come to Bournemouth for the day if you cannot make the full Conference?

Penny Toon
Tangent Day Chairman (aka “PA to The Leading Lady”)
HISTORY IN THE MAKING!

Since my previous report, I can now confirm that the inaugural meeting of Tangent Club International (TCI) took place on Saturday 26th October 2013 after the Tangent Sweden HYM (half year meeting) held at Oresas Castle, Sweden.

The HYM meeting started at 11.00am with the lighting of candles of friendship. There were three candles; purple lit by Susanne Korduner (founder member of Tangent Sweden); a red candle was lit for Ladies Circle Sweden and a silver candle for Tangent International.

All present then proceeded to join in “speed dating”! Each member was given a number and had to join a group with everyone else who had the same number. You then introduced yourself to each other and chatted. The idea was to get members, from both Tangent clubs and Ladies Circles from different countries, to learn more about each other and their clubs. The HYM meeting was conducted in Swedish and this included the chartering of a new Tangent Club from Sweden. The meeting finished by 12 noon and was promptly followed by the inaugural meeting of TCI.

Susanne Norager from Tangent Denmark was elected Chairman of the TCI Inaugural meeting. Once again the lighting of the candle of friendship took place. Immediate Past President of Ladies Circle International Gitte Hoyer lit a candle on behalf of LCI. Immediate Past 41-Club International President Krishna Kumar(KK) was asked to light a candle on behalf of 41-Club International and GB. Past National President Gill Preston was asked to light the first ever candle of friendship for Tangent Club International.

Tangent GB has been invited to become a founder member of TCI, together with Tangent Denmark, Tangent Norway and Tangent Sweden. The decision to join in with the Nordic Clubs and become a founder member remains conditional. The Executive of Tangent GB accepted the invitation to become a founder member but made clear that such acceptance could not, at this time, be unconditional. It was also made clear, both during the preparations for the meeting and indeed to all present at the meeting itself, that the Tangent GB Executive remains without a formal authority from the national membership, such signature therefore could not be unconditional.

After a long “gestation” period, including the drafting and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, endeavours to establish TCI have advanced very rapidly over the last few months, primarily driven by the abundance not only from 41-Club and Tangent membership but also by the willingness to meet and receive visiting tangent members from abroad. Only 15% of member clubs had members who were involved with international trips by partners/spouses. Members in 54% of clubs responding expressed the view that Tangent GB ought to be involved in TCI although only 21% considered that it would be likely to encourage more Ladies Circle members to join a Tangent Club. In 47% of responding clubs there were Tangent members who wished to join TCI.

The questionnaire was sent out to all Tangent Clubs in NATC. 158 clubs responded in varying degrees of completeness. That constitutes a good response in the circumstance and the Executive considers that that level of response gives a firm indication of the view of the membership nationally.

Analysis has shown that members in 60% of Tangent Clubs have had previous active involvement in LCI. Members in 45% of clubs were involved in Round Table number club clusters for international visits and in 30% of clubs that contact continues. Members in 45% of clubs still maintain some measure of contact either through a club or personally. Members in 47% of clubs responding considered it beneficial to be able to contact clubs abroad when visiting another country. Members in 69% of clubs responding expressed a willingness to meet and receive visiting tangent members from abroad. Only 15% of member clubs had members who were involved with international trips by partners/spouses. Members in 54% of clubs responding expressed the view that Tangent GB ought to be involved in TCI although only 21% considered that it would be likely to encourage more Ladies Circle members to join a Tangent Club. In 47% of responding clubs there were Tangent members who wished to join TCI.

Your National Executive considers that this matter is of such importance to the future of Tangent clubs, both nationally and worldwide, that a full report will be included with documents to be sent to all NATC clubs in advance of the AGM. It is the intention of the Executive to present for debate and decision at the AGM a formal resolution on the issue of Founder membership of TCI.

That report will give a full explanation and justification for the proposal to be made by the Exec at that AGM 2014. Subject to resolution of outstanding matters, it is expected that that proposal will carry the recommendation of the Executive for approval. Our ongoing work will include detailed consideration of all our Associate member clubs and their future position in relation to TCI.

For more information about TCI visit the website www.tangentclubinternational.org

I will conclude by saying that the week-end in Sweden was a true example of what our organisation is all about. Fun and friendship in abundance not only from 41-Club and Tangent members but members of Round Table and Ladies Circle. It was a great opportunity to meet up with old friends but more importantly to make new friends from around the world.

Sue Marlow, IPP and International Officer
41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

President, Martin Green

41 Club President and Stephen Sprod Round Table President sign the Memorandum of Understanding at Marchesi House.

L-R Claire Weavell LC VP, Karen Durie Tangent Round Table President sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

News from Ladies Circle!

Who are we?
Ladies Circle is the sister organisation to Tangent and is open to all women aged between 18-45. There are Ladies Circle groups in 34 countries, across the world. There are 146 Circle groups in the UK and we work closely with Tangent, and also our male counterparts Round Table and 41 Club on large charitable projects such as Children in Need and Race for Life.

What have we been up to?
Being part of Ladies Circle means that there is always something interesting going on... from enjoying nights out with your local group trying new things such as drum fit, making chocolate truffles, glass blowing, Bollywood dancing and sausage making – to supporting your local community groups and charities through volunteering or fundraising activities whenever you can.

Having the opportunity to travel internationally and join up with like-minded ladies from across the world such as in India, Israel, Morocco, Sweden and most recently Zambia for our international conference is also very exciting!! Anybody who volunteers knows that it’s really hard work but the personal reward in knowing that you are making a difference to people’s lives is unbelievably satisfying.

How can you find out more?
To find out more details about your local Circle and how you can get involved please contact membership@ladiescircle.co.uk. Most Ladies Circle groups meet every two weeks during a week-night. If you’d like to find out more about joining in the fun and finding a Circle near you, please visit our website at www.ladiescircle.co.uk.

Yours in friendship
Ruth Curry
National President 2013/2014
Ladies Circle (Great Britain & Ireland)

International Memorandum of Understanding

To give members the background to the current discussions regarding Tangent International, we have included the wording of the original Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is provided by the Tangent National Associations of Great Britain and Denmark, and was signed by both Presidents at the NAGM in Ipswich on 16th April 2011. The MoU is open for each Tangent National Association, now and in the future, to add their names to continue and develop international links.

• To promote the expansion and reach of Tangent Clubs throughout the world
• To promote Co-operation and joint networking at Tangent National levels by means of continued Friendship
• To exchange National Board/Executive members’ travel schedules with a view to having one meeting every year, in rotation, at Board/Executive level by the National Associations
• To establish and maintain links between the Tangent National Associations
• To exchange representatives of members attending the Ladies Circle AGM and Conference, where possible

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In addition, the Memorandum of Understanding was also signed by Tangent Sweden at the AGM of Tangent Denmark 14 April 2012, and, on 1st June 2013 by Tangent Norway. Thus strengthening our links, and paving the way for the formation of the Tangent International. It is hoped that further countries will sign in years to come.

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**South East Regional Lunch 2013**

The South East Regional Lunch was hosted by Northfleet (Gravesham) Tangent 702, ably assisted by Catham Riverside and Darrent Valley Tangents, on 9th November at The Inn on the Lake.

Susan Smith, Luncheon Chairman, welcomed 250 guests to the lunch, which had proved to be a run away success in terms of applications! President Karen lit the Candle of Friendship on the top table, while a smaller candle was also lit on every table around the room. We were delighted to be able to welcome Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe as our guest speaker, and we were not disappointed! She is very entertaining and amusing, and answered numerous questions from the audience, both about her life in politics and in the world of Strictly Come Dancing. Guests had the opportunity to purchase some of Ann’s books before the lunch was served.

After Ann had left, Stephen Sprod, President of Round Table C & B, I proposed the Toast to NACT and our President Karen responded.

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**Atherton & Tyldesley Steam ahead!**

Twenty members of Atherton and Tyldesley Tangent boarded a steam train at Bury Station on 19 December. As the train travelled from Bury to Rawtenstall, on the East Lancs Railway, a delicious Christmas lunch was served and a good time was had by all!

Yours in friendship
Margaret Cornish – Secretary Atherton and Tyldesley Tangent

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**Widnes Tangent 470**

Widnes Tangent celebrated the 80th birthday of their Chairman Betty Owen at their Christmas meeting. They enjoyed a Chinese take away meal, wine and mince pies followed by a birthday cake. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. The members all take a gift worth £5, put them into a tub and then draw one out each to take home. It is surprising how well the members all think of something different to give, and usually there are some very unusual presents!

Widnes Tangent’s oldest member Edith will be 96 in May, and they are all pictured here enjoying their double celebration at the home of their Chairman Betty.

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**Vintage Hutton & Shenfield**

Hutton & Shenfield Tangent opened our doors to members and friends (or at least opened the more substantial doors of Shenfield Parish Hall) and hosted a ‘Call my bluff wine evening’ on Thursday 28th November 2013.

Around 80 people attended and, guided by our local jolly wine merchant, Nish from Shenfield Wine Company, a panel of our members and partners sipped and attempted to identify each wine. Three Panellists read out varying descriptions of each wine tasted and the audience had to guess which two were bluffing and which one was telling the truth.

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The luncheon was a great success. Everyone had a chance to chat with Karen. Friendships were rekindled, news exchanged and a good time was had by all. Here’s to the next fifty years!

Widnes Tangent 470

Widnes Tangent celebrated the 80th birthday of their Chairperson Betty Owen at their Christmas meeting. They enjoyed a Chinese take away meal, wine and mince pies followed by a birthday cake. It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all. The members all take a gift worth £5, put them into a tub and then draw one out each to take home. It is surprising how well the members all think of something different to give, and usually there are three very unusual presents!

Widnes Tangent’s oldest member Edith will be 96 in May, and they are all pictured here enjoying their double celebration at the home of their Chairperson Betty.

South East Regional Lunch 2013

The South East Regional Lunch was hosted by Northfleet (Gravesham) Tangent 792, ably assisted by Chatham Riverside and Darrent Valley Tangents, on 9th November at The Inn on the Lake.

Susan Smith, Luncheon Chairman, welcomed 250 guests to the lunch, which had proved to be a run away success in terms of applications! President Karen lit the Candle of Friendship on the top table, while a smaller candle was also lit on every table around the room. We were delighted to be able to welcome Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe as our guest speaker, and we were not disappointed! She is very entertaining and amusing, and answered numerous questions from the audience, both about her life in politics and in the world of Strictly Come Dancing. Guests had the opportunity to purchase some of Ann’s books before the lunch was served.

After Ann had left, Stephen Sprod, President of Round Table C&B & I proposed the Toast to NATS and our President Karen responded.

Hutton & Shenfield

Hutton & Shenfield Tangent opened our doors to members and friends (or at least opened the more substantial doors of Shenfield Parish Hall) and hosted a ‘Call my bluff wine evening’ on Thursday 28th November 2013.

Around 80 people attended and, guided by our local jolly wine merchant, Nish from Shenfield Wine Company, a panel of our members and partners supplied and attempted to identify each wine. Three Panelists read out varying descriptions of each wine tasted and the audience had to guess which two were bluffing and which one was telling the truth.

It was a runaway success (or should I say stagger-away success) and we raised a massive £861.35p for our Chairman Mary Aaron’s charity for the year - Alzheimers. For anyone who enjoys, and thinks they know their wines, this is a terrific recipe for an enjoyable evening, even though it might prove you don’t always know as much as you thought about wine – but it doesn’t matter, as long as you have a good time! And what a great way to raise money for Charity!

Atherton & Tyldesley

Steam ahead!

Twenty members of Atherton and Tyldesley Tangent boarded a steam train at Bury Station on 19 December. As the train travelled from Bury to Rawtenstall, on the East Lancs Railway, a delicious Christmas lunch was served and a good time was had by all!

Yours in friendship
Margaret Cornish – Secretary Atherton and Tyldesley Tangent

Dundee Tangent 290 Celebrates 50 Years
International Memorandum of Understanding

To give members the background to the current discussions regarding Tangent International, we have included the wording of the original Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is provided by the Tangent National Associations of Great Britain and Denmark, and was signed by both Presidents at the NAGM in Ipswich on 16th April 2011. The MoU is open for each Tangent National Association, and in the future, to add their names to continue and develop international links.

- To promote the expansion and reach of Tangent Clubs throughout the world
- To promote Co-operation and joint networking at Tangent National levels by means of continued Friendship
- To exchange National Board/Executive members’ travel schedules with a view to having one joint Meeting every year, in rotation, at Board/Executive level by the National Associations
- To establish and maintain links between the Tangent National Associations
- To support links to and between each other’s websites making these easily accessible to all members
- To ensure that the Tangent National Associations respect each other’s Constitutions
- To implement and maintain Clauses that reflect the importance of on-going close co-operation between Tangent National Associations
- To promote and support International Tangent
- To support one another, at all levels, in any other activities perceived to be of mutual benefit to all Tangent National Associations

In addition, the Memorandum of Understanding was also signed by Tangent Sweden at the AGM of Tangent Denmark 14 April 2012, and, on 1st June 2013 by Tangent Norway. Thus strengthening our links, and paving the way for the formation of Tangent International. It is hoped that further countries will sign in years to come.

In June 2012 the role of an International Tangent Contact (ITC) was created to aid communication within the Round Table Family. This position was initially held by the IRO of Tangent GB and then passed on to the IRO of Tangent Denmark on 31st March 2013. It is envisaged that she will hold the post for two years and on 31st March 2015 it will be passed on to the IRO of Tangent Sweden.
HISTORY IN THE MAKING!

Since my previous report, I can now confirm that the inaugural meeting of the Tangent Club International (TCI) took place on Saturday 26th October 2013 after the Tangent Sweden HYM (half year meeting) held at Orenas Castle, Sweden.

The HYM meeting started at 11.00am with the lighting of candles of friendship. There were three candles; purple lit by Susanne Korduner (founder member of Tangent Sweden); a red candle was lit for Ladies Circle Sweden and a silver candle for Tangent International.

All present then proceeded to join in “speed dating!” Each member was given a number and had to join a group with everyone else who had the same number. You then introduced yourself to each other and chatted. The idea was to get members, from both Tangent clubs and Ladies Circles from different countries, to learn more about each other and their clubs. The HYM meeting was conducted in Swedish and this included the chartering of a new Tangent Club from Sweden. The meeting finished by 12 noon and was promptly followed by the inaugural meeting of TCI.

Susanne Norager from Tangent Denmark was elected Chairman of the TCI Inaugural meeting. Once again the lighting of the candle of friendship took place. Immediate Past President of Ladies Circle International Gitte Hoyer lit a candle on behalf of LCI. Immediate Past 41-Club International President Krishna Kumar(KK) was asked to light a candle on behalf of 41-Club International and GB Past National President Gill Preston was asked to light the first ever candle of friendship for Tangent Club International.

Tangent GB has been invited to become a founder member of TCI, together with Tangent Denmark, Tangent Norway and Tangent Sweden. The decision to join in with the Nordic Clubs and become a founder member remains conditional. The Executive of Tangent GB accepted the invitation to become a founder member but made clear that such acceptance could not, at this time, be unconditional. It was also made clear, both during the preparations for the meeting and indeed to all present at the meeting itself, that as the Tangent GB Executive remains without a formal authority from the national membership, such signature therefore could not be unconditional.

After a long “gestation” period, including the drafting and signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, endeavours to establish TCI have advanced very rapidly over the last few months, primarily driven by the Nordic clubs. In light of that clear progress, the view of the NATC Executive is that Tangent GB, as the first such organisation worldwide, should, subject to the approval of the entire membership, be a founder member of TCI if such is to be established. During the period between the Inaugural meeting and the Charter meeting, the NATC Executive has continued a detailed dialogue, working proactively with the Nordic Clubs, to finalise organisational and administrative matters for the future of TCI worldwide.

At the conclusion of the Inaugural meeting one could not be unaware of the overwhelming feelings of friendship and support to the establishment of TCI. Best wishes were offered by all countries represented at the meeting, including from Tangent India which has already expressed a desire to join with TCI soon.

The document signed by both National President Karen, and me as NATC Immediate Past President and International Officer at that HYM was a formal Declaration in support of the establishment of TCI. That Declaration was signed unconditionally by the Presidents and IROs of Tangent clubs from Denmark, Sweden and Norway, but as explained above, conditionally by Tangent GB.

In parallel with the dialogue with TCI founder members, NATC has circulated a questionnaire to all NATC Clubs seeking responses to guide the Executive and make the Executive more aware of the feelings of member clubs on this most important issue. A big “Thank You” to those clubs which responded. Those responses are being analysed and will inform the Executive and help to ensure that concerns and questions raised by clubs are addressed.

The questionnaire was sent out to all Tangent Clubs in NATC. 158 clubs responded in varying degrees of completeness. That constitutes a good response in the circumstances and the Executive considers that level of response gives a firm indication of the view of the membership nationally.

Analysis has shown that members in 60% of Tangent Clubs have had previous active involvement in LCI. Members in 45% of clubs were involved in Round Table number club clusters for international visits and in 30% of clubs that contact continues. Members in 43% of clubs still maintain some measure of contact either through a club or personally. Members in 47% of clubs responded considering it beneficial to be able to contact clubs abroad when visiting another country. Members in 69% of clubs responding expressed a willingness to meet and receive visiting tangent members from abroad. Only 15% of member clubs had members who are involved with international trips by partners/spouses. Members in 54% of clubs responding expressed the view that Tangent GB ought to be involved in TCI although only 21% considered that it would be likely to encourage more Ladies Circle members to join a Tangent Club. In 47% of responding clubs there were Tangent members who wished to join TCI.

Your National Executive considers that this matter is of such importance to the future of Tangent clubs, both nationally and worldwide, that a full report will be included with documents to be sent to all NATC clubs in advance of the AGM. It is the intention of the Executive to present for debate and decision at the AGM a formal resolution on the issue of Founder membership of TCI.

That report will give a full explanation and justification for the proposal to be made by the Exec at that AGM 2014. Subject to resolution of outstanding matters, it is expected that that proposal will carry the recommendation of the Executive for approval. Our ongoing work will include detailed consideration of all our Associate member clubs and their future position in relation to TCI.

For more information about TCI visit the website www.tangentclubinternational.org

I will conclude by saying that the week-end in Sweden was a true example of what our organisation is all about. Fun and friendship in abundance not only from 41-Club and Tangent members but members of Round Table and Ladies Circle. It was a great opportunity to meet up with old friends but more importantly to make new friends from around the world.

Sue Marlow, IPP and International Officer

Introduction

1. The Round Table Family is a group of National Board Members/ National Executive from The National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland, The National Association of Ladies Circle of Great Britain and Ireland, The Association of Ex Round Tablers’ Clubs and The National Association of Tangent Clubs.

Purpose

2. The Purpose of the Round Table Family is to
   a. Work together with the common aim of membership development.
   b. Seek commercial advantage by sharing best practice.
   c. Encourage representatives of each association to interact at all levels.

Meetings

3. The Round Table Family will hold a minimum of two meetings per year. Officers expected to attend are Vice President and Membership Officers (or equivalents). Any current Board/Executive member may attend. Other observers by mutual prior agreement only.

Chairman

4. The Round Table Family shall have a Chairman who shall hold the role for the maximum of one year. This will be the President of each organisation in turn starting in 2013/14 and following this order:
   a. National Association of ‘Tangent Clubs
   c. The Association of Ex Round Tablers’ Clubs.
   d. The National Association of Round Tables of Great Britain and Ireland.

Minutes

5. Minutes of the meeting will be taken usually by the Secretary of the Chairman’s organisation and duly attended by the Vice President, Secretary and Membership Officer (or equivalent) of each organisation following each meeting.

Voting

6. If relevant will be by organisation and by the Vice President (or defeated substitute) of each organisation. National Presidents and Past National Presidents must be ex officio.

To be effective, the result of voting must be unanimous.

This Memorandum of Understanding was agreed and signed on Saturday 11th January 2014 by the four Family National Presidents.

Stephen Sprode
Martin Green
Karen Durie
Tangent
Ritch Curry
Ladies Circle
Kettering Tangent 318 Celebrates 40 Years

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of our founding, Kettering Tangent held a lunch at the Kettering Park Hotel on October 12th, attended by 54 members and guests.

As it was our Ruby Anniversary, everyone was asked to wear something red, which made for a colourful affair.

The Fellowship candle was lit by our Founder Chairman, Pat Wells, and after a splendid meal, Chairman Judith Dalby welcomed everyone and gave details of Club Secretary, the charity that supports children with cancer, and to which the proceeds from the raffle were to be donated.

We were then entertained to a talk by Miranda Ponsonby, entitled ‘My Incredibly Journey’ in which she recounted how, having been born a man, served as a Guards officer and been a ‘OK’ we will go with flow. 7.15am we all left the cottage to ensure the weather seemed to be getting worse, very wet, very misty and very cold. Slight hiccup in first hour as Kay suffered a slight panic attack and had trouble getting her breath, lucky we had two doctors in the party. By then I had realised the enormity of our task and offered to accompany Kay back to the nice warm cottage, but she was determined to continue! Eventually we all got a rhythm, the fit younger Circlers headed off in the distance whilst the second group stayed together. I hadn’t considered wearing my contact lens, and with the rain so bad, was lucky I could not see the edges we were walking along and the drops to my left. Sharon had prepared us all well, we all had our packed lunch and plenty of water but we cannot thank the Circlers who looked after us enough, from wiping my glasses when I didn’t have the energy, to peeling and feeding us our bananas. A chocolate hob nob has not tasted as nice as the one I had half way up the mountain!

After 4 hours we reached the top, managed to get through the crowds into the café and a nice cup of tea. It was very emotional, blame the hormones, and panic set in with a few of us as we were all aware there was no way we could get down the way we got up, train was full but luckily someone suggested going down the Llanberis pass, phew! Another 4 hours and we were back at the cottage for a nice G&T and shower!”

In total £4040 was raised for a local Diabetes Charity that takes teenagers on activity holidays, it allows them to enjoy all the activities amongst other teenagers with the same condition. Diabetes specialists are on hand to reassure at all times. One of the Circlers’ daughters had been on the holiday and described it as life changing. When she phoned us all on speaker phone that night to thank us all, don’t think there was a dry eye between us.

I attended the LOTS Christmas Party at The Lamb on December 11th 2013. My first visit and I had been invited to accompany hubby Richard as it was my birthday!!

Was a great way to celebrate!

L-R: Kay Smith; Jane Smith; Barbara (née Smith) Matthews and Chris Smith.

We just realised as we were standing together of our “connection”….happy times!

Barbara Matthews

Message from Janice O’Neill, National Vice President

Hello Ladies. This is the last opportunity I have to write as Vice President. Time is rushing forward and the butterflies are mounting. Oh the excitement!

In my year as VP I have also taken on the role of Membership Officer, which has kept me quite busy. We got a lot of ladies who are interested in joining Tangent to make new friends and try something different. This has been a challenge with many clubs being “closed” but with help from club contacts and secretaries we’ve tried to help everyone. I’ve also attended several meetings about the Interna-tional issue of being part of International Circling and made many friends so for Circlers joining Tangent I see this as an essential continuation. More in this issue and at the AGM in April. I have enjoyed many Regional lunches and listened to some amazing speakers. I have also visited several Tangent clubs both locally and further afield where I’ve met some fantastic ladies. So many stories to tell!

So I have a couple of announcements which I hope you don’t mind me sharing with you. Firstly I don’t like flowers, that is to say I love to see them growing but the variety that go in vases I am not a fan of. I’m useless at flower arranging and forget to change the water until it gets smelly and the vase goes all watermarked. I’m a hopeless flower case so with embarrassment I would ask you not to buy me any flowers during my year. Gin! Well, that’s another matter altogether!!

I have been working hard with my chosen charity for the year and to this end I would love your help. If possible, don’t worry about buying me any gifts.

I hope to show you how you can donate to the charity in future magazines and on the website. In return, I hope to buy small tokens of gifts from the charity’s shop. I’m sure most of us have reached an age when we are fortunate to have most things we like in life but health, happiness and friendship must top the list. So please read the next edition of Tangent News for more information and look out for the charity booklet and logo plus events which we can all enjoy.

Finally my dream or challenge for the year is to build a wonderful bridge to make it easy for Circlers to join Tangent once they have reached that ‘certain’ age. You are entitled to the following information but just to let you know I am only 29 years old. I have never passed 29 years and never will – at least in my head. My mother told me my hair would drop out by the timе I was 30 if I kept painting them, so how could I ever reach 30 without my father told me I could see in the dark if I ate carrot! So each birthday my age remains the same, it’s just the date of birth which changes. Until May this year, my birth year will remain at 1984.

Anyway, back to my dream. I will go into more detail in the next magazine but I have great ideas and will be working closely with Claire Weill, the next National President of Ladies Circle and the new Circle Membership Officer to see if we can build this bridge and make it happen. With your support, I’m sure we can encourage younger members to join Tangent and have lots of fun in the process.

Finally I want to play a big part in the 4 Club family. I believe wholeheartedly in joining with Circle, Round Table and 41 Club to make it the best club in the world. Watch this space.

Until the next issue of Tangent News, I remain

Your National Vice President

Janice O’Neill

The countdown to Bournemouth Conference 2014 is well and truly up and running and we on the Committee are working hard to put on a fantastic time for you. As you know, the dates are 24-27 April and all details can be found on the 41 Club website with a link from the Tangent website. There is still time to book a Conference Package and your Hotel Accommodation. The Tangent lunch and both take place in the Art Deco surroundings of the De Vere Suite in the Royal Bath Hotel (the Conference HQ). President Karen looks forward to welcoming you to the Tangent Day.

Please send in your Lunch Booking Forms ASAP. They have been supplied to your Club Contact and are on the Website. Why not make up a group and come to Bournemouth for the day if you cannot make the full Conference?

Penny Toon

Tangent Day Chairman (aka “PA to The Leading Lady”)
**Regional Lunch Bookings**

On this page is some information about forthcoming Regional Lunches that will be held in 2014. Booking forms etc will all be available on the Tangent web site www.tangent-clubs.org, so go there to get a copy for you to fill in and apply for tickets.

Remember if your club is hosting a Regional Lunch to let the Sales & Regalia Officer and the Editor know the details so that your lunch can be promoted as soon as possible after the previous year’s. Printed forms are no longer being sent out to each club in the interests of cost and to reduce un-necessary waste and printing, so make sure that Tangent members know all about your event via this page in the magazine!

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**Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph**

It was a bright November morning when we assembled to honour those who have died to defend us over the years.

President Karen, National Secretary Melodie and I were there to represent Tangent, together with representatives from the other three members of the Round Table family. Melodie and I had stayed in Gravesham overnight following the South East Regional Lunch, and made our way into London by train to Kings Cross and then by tube to meet the others at The Moon o’ the Mall pub. As we travelled we could see many other people all going in the same direction, all proudly displaying their poppies, and many with medals as well. We were ushered through the security cordon, finally finding our correct place in the procession after a few minutes of confusion!

Luckily the weather was dry and the bright sunshine was warming, but I was still glad that I had dressed in layers! As we waited we chatted to the people behind us (Equity the Actors’ Union) and in front of us (Rotary). We could hear band music being played over in Horseguards Parade and the occasional shouted command, flags were flying on the Government buildings nearby, and the crowds lining the Mall gradually grew in size. After some waiting the service began, we had been given an order of service with the words on, and everyone joined it. Then the marching began. We were in the upper section to go by so had the opportunity to see the other lines moving off in sequence. The Chelsea Pensioners got a huge cheer, and there was much applause for other Service Personnel. Then we were off! Having stood still for about 2 hours it was actually quite difficult to get the legs moving, and Tangent really need to put some practice into this marching malarchy! Equity kept time and we strode along in fairly good order past the Cenotaph, where Karen handed over our Wreath. The crowds on the pavements were waving and cheering us – I wanted to say that I really did not merit this attention – all I had done was to have a good time in Circle and Tangent with my friends, with a little fundraising thrown in!

As we turned out of Birdcage Walk towards Horseguards David Cameron and his young son came out to watch us march by, and we marched right by Princess Anne! We assembled in Horseguards Parade and after a very short time we were all dismissed. Nice time in time for a brisk walk along to the Round Table pub where we had some excellent food! Also a visit to the Ladies as you can imagine after about 3 hours of hanging about! Then it was back to Euston for me, and my train home to Cheshire.

I cannot express my gratitude to our wonderful clubs for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful day. It is a truly humbling experience and I would recommend anyone who has the chance to grab it with both hands!

Sue Hill, National Editor & Website Co-ordinator

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**Penarth & District 902**

extend a warm invitation to the Welsh Regional Lunch to be held on 17th May 2014 at Park Plaza, Cardiff. Reception from 11.30, lunch served at 12.45. The Speaker is Owen Morgan, Comedian, Entertainer and BBC Radio Wales Presenter.

Tickets are priced at £38. The application form can be found on the Tangent Website or email penarth@tangent@tt.com to reserve your place. Please apply by 1st April so as not to be disappointed.

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**Save the Date – South East Regional Lunch 2014**

Our team from Eastleigh & Chandler’s Ford, Gosport, Fareham and Romsey Tangents are pleased to invite you to the Macdonald Botley Park Hotel Golf and Spa, Southampton on Saturday 8th November 2014.

Our speaker will be Denise Edwards, Stuntwoman from films and television.

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**South West Regional Luncheon, Saturday 20th September 2014**

Taunton Tangent Club 199 is proud to be hosting this year’s luncheon at Oakem Anor Golf Club. You are invited to see what Somerset is made of and also what is made in Somerset within our small selection of “shops” and then apply for our coffee table. Listeners to Radio 2 will be familiar with our Guest Speaker, the Revd Canon Ann Easter who often guests on “Pause for Thought”. Ann hails from the East End of London (sorry, slight diversion from the Somerset theme!) and in addition to being a priest, charity worker, wife, mother and grandmother has served as a Chaplain to HM The Queen since 2007.

You will be welcomed to the luncheon with a refreshing glass of Pimms or juice and we have chosen a wonderful menu for you. A choice of starters followed by Fillet of Sea Bass in a Mediterranean Sauce or Pork Loin Som erset style or a delicious vegetarian option. And finally, a choice of delectable puddings plus tea or coffee served with a mint.

Somerset has so much to offer and we would encourage you to extend your visit so that you can take advantage of the many attractions that are on offer. Whatever your taste, Somerset has it in abundance! Beautiful scenery ranging from the Somerset Levels up to the Quantock, Brendon, Blackdown and Mendip Hills and Exmoor. A trip on the UK’s longest privately owned steam railway or perhaps a shopping trip to Mulberry or Clarks Village. Partners may wish to take advantage of a round of golf at our luncheon venue (www.oakemnor.com). Accommodation can be whatever you want it to be – a farm stay, bed and breakfast in a thatched cottage, luxurious hotels. … An Internet search will bring forth a huge variety or contact Barbara North (bjn608@btinternet.com) for our list of personal recommendations.

We are so looking forward to seeing you on the 20th September so please, let us have your application for tickets as soon as possible as numbers are limited!
The fourth Wednesday of the month is our meeting night, but in October we have a Friendship Evening and hope that other Tangents, past members, and other friends will join us. This took place on 23rd October when we were pleased to welcome friends from other Tangents, past members, and other friends. Joining me on top table were our two guests - namely Karen, our National President, and Christine our Guest Speaker.

The evening went well. After welcoming everyone and Karen lighting our Candle of Friendship, we enjoyed a three course meal before our speaker took to the floor. Christine collects Masks and in October we have our meeting night, but before concluding the month is our meeting night, but Christine our Guest Speaker.

Well the year has gone by so quickly and by the time you read this I will have less than two months of my year as National President left to go despite the fact that I will serve an extra two weeks because of the timings of the AGMs last year and this. Now some of you have pointed out that this means that I need 54 pairs of shoes to see the year out but because of the timings of various events and the break I have had over Xmas I think 52 pairs will be enough! I was at a recent meeting in Harpenden when a lady suggested that I should have set an even bigger challenge by wearing a different pair of shoes for every event I attended but that would have involved me in lots of extra visits to the shops leaving not much time for visiting clubs so an interesting suggestion but not a viable one!

I have continued to visit clubs for both special occasions and ordinary meetings and it was very interesting to sit with clubs while they discussed the Tangent International questionnaire. Every club has an opinion and a voice and this is why the National Executive thought that it was important for you to have your say. The results of the questionnaire are reported elsewhere in the magazine so please take time to read the results in readiness for the vote on Tangent International at the AGM.

It is very sad that we have not had a single nomination for the 3 posts which will become vacant this year at the AGM. Anyone who has been on the National Executive will tell you what a fantastic experience it is and although it is hard work some of the time it is very rewarding and the friendships you make will last forever. Please consider standing for one of the positions. Most of the posts now only require a 2 year commitment so it is not quite as onerous as it was and the National Executive have decided that we will need to change the timings of our Executive meetings to fit in with ladies who work. At the first Executive Meeting on Sunday after the AGM the dates of the Executive Meetings for the year will be agreed to suit all members of the National Executive.

You will experience Tangent at its very best and will help to maintain the fun and fellowship started in Ladies Circle. Please don’t leave it to someone else. We are all members of Tangent and all eligible to stand for the National Executive. We only want 3 people out of our 13,000 members. Is that too much to ask? I hope not. If you would like further information please speak to anyone on the National Executive. I am confident that they will inspire you with their enthusiasm but they have already done their bit. It is now your turn.

I also want to say a big thank you to all the clubs who have raised money for my charity. So far you have raised over £8,000 and the final figure for the year will be announced at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM or at other events during the rest of the year.

Karen Darie
National President
Dear Tangent Members

Well, this is the last edition of Tangent News that I will be putting together. The last three years have flown by, and it has been a tremendous privilege to be able to communicate with all my fellow members. I have so enjoyed my time on the National Exec, helping Tangent to develop in the 21st century, starting to use social media and try out new, more efficient methods of communicating.

Although we respect and continue with many of our traditions, nothing can stand still and we need to follow the words that we all know from our contact with Round Table in the past. Tangent must ADAPT new ways of doing things, ADAPT what we do to build our membership and IMPROVE to bring on board new ideas such as the exciting developments on the International scene. More about this later in the magazine.

I am disappointed that no-one has come forward to be nominated for the position of National Sales & Regalia Officer and I would just like to recommend this position to you and hope that someone would like to take it on!

It can be frustrating at times as members do not complete the form but that is a good opportunity to call and speak to them! The one plea I would make is for the Club Contact who receives the magazines and therefore the forms in the July mailing passes them on to the Secretary immediately to allow for the form to be completed and returned to me. Remember please that the orders are due by 2 weeks to delivery.

The position is now for 2 years only and I can assure you that the time flies! But I wouldn’t have missed it so contact Melodie for an application form!

Jenny Bevan, Sales & Regalia Officer

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REGARDING OBITUARIES...

Did you know that we record the names of members who have recently died in the magazine, but you can have a longer item on the website? Here you can celebrate their life, tell other Tangent members about their achievements and have pictures included if you wish. Please send anything you would like included to editor@tangent-clubs.org and they will be published in both places.
The Round Table Family in Ireland

Membership Initiatives: Ireland – January 2014

An event was organised in Ireland by 41 Club Regional Councillor Phil Ellis on the 18/19 January to promote and recruit new members into Round Table and Ladies Circle. The event was supported by 41 Clubs Ireland, Tangent Ireland, Round Table Ireland, National and GB and Ladies Circle National, GB and locally.

The weekend was 6 months in the planning and Phil was helped by Marcus Jones of RTBI and Karen Johnson of LCB”T”.

Events Timetable:
1. Friday night            - arrivals and team meeting to set out the format.
2. Saturday morning  - Social Media for local clubs
3. Saturday night       - LC & RT recruitment drive pre planned
4. Sunday M orning    - 41 Club Region 3 AGM and debrief of all involved

Local members of all clubs attended the Social Media Training and mixed together. The fact that National and regional care boosted confidence and promoted a sense of belonging. One Round Table there was re-named, Foyle & District Round Table 87 was born.

The recruitment achieved the desired outcome. One new Ladies Circle will be formed in Bangor and it just might be the start of bigger things to come. The evening developed friendships, it allowed everyone to talk from their perspective and fellowship. So much so, that the prospective member from the newest club was to be inducted the next morning into Round Table.

The 41ers heard a short talk from Marcus Jones PR & Media for RT Nationally. Karen Johnson gives a talk from LC perspective and explained to the 41ers how they can help.

Everyone felt proud that they are involved in possibly the rebirth of Round Table Family in Ireland. The RT in Ireland got to see a formal event and the humour that these “auld gets” have. LC saw the passion and the commitment that everyone from all four clubs has, no matter where you come from GB, Ireland, National or the newest member to the fold.

The spirits of Round Table, 41 Club, and Tangent are all lifted and time is now exciting in Ireland. All the team that worked so hard was given great results immediately so stayed positive the whole time. The weekend a huge success not only for Round Table Family Ireland but for RTGB&I.

Thanks go out to the following for all their help.
Marcus Jones RT, Jon Rees RT, Dave Beadle RT, Dave Studley RT, Karen Johnson LC, Marj Aird LC, Jane Smith LC and Joan Henderson Tangent.

Without you all this would have been just a weekend!