



Newsletter of 41 INTERNATIONAL

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## A BALLAD ON THE BOARD

Cool and casual you may think  
Of our President **Carsten Flink**  
Although he often makes fun  
He's sure to get things done.



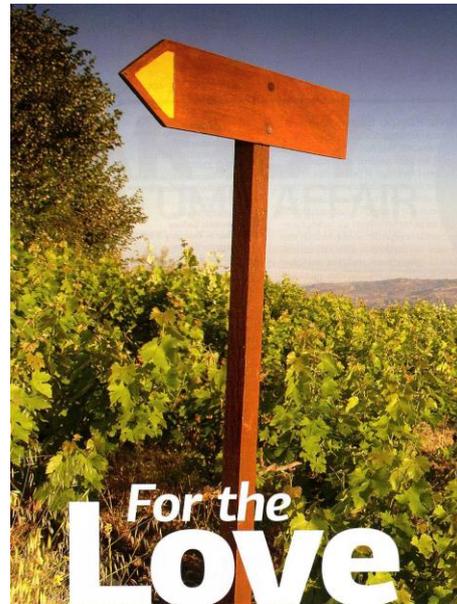
With wisdom in large measure  
**John Livingston** is our treasure  
Cheerful, calm and collected  
His words are most respected.

Vice President **Makarior** of Cyprus  
His meticulous ways do impress.  
Gets to the bottom of any matter,  
**Christoph Haenssler** is our mentor

**Engelbert, Erik and Andy**  
With **Jill Harris** come in handy  
Each one committed to task at hand  
Completes this wonderful **41** band.

Blessed with a progressive team  
The **Secretary** tends to dream  
Of a **Movement par supreme**  
In days to come in **2015**

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For the  
**Love**  
of **Vino**

Cypriots are very proud of the glories of the island's mighty grape and all the tales it has to tell, as copious amounts of VINO are poured, swivelled, swirled in countless glasses across the country. And this pride comes as little surprise, given that winemaking on the island enjoys a rich history that dates back over 5000 years with tales of crusaders guzzling down the intoxicating triple while locals once worshiped the stuff as the nectar of the Gods.

May the hinges of friendship never rust

## Ten Interesting Facts about **POLAND**

1. **Noble Prizes:** Poland proudly claims to have won seventeen Nobel Prizes, which includes five in the field of literature, which speaks volumes of its learned people. Almost 90% of Polish people have completed their education, still the secondary level.

2. **Forests Area:** Perhaps, Poland is the only country in the world where the forested areas are on the rise. Almost 30.5% of Poland is covered with forest.

3. **Education:** The education of children starts at the age of five or six, and on completing 6th class, they are required to take a compulsory exam to determine which secondary school they are eligible to attend. And, after completion of the 9th class, they are again tested to confirm which higher level of secondary school is best

4. **Humanity:** Another interesting fact about Poland is that the country takes the honours, as the first country to abolish corporal laws, which required inflicting physical pain as punishment for wrong doers. It is a very tolerant country and has high level of gender equality and minority tolerance.

5. **Marzenna Dolls:** Weaving straw dolls and decorating it with ribbons is a tradition long followed in Poland, under the guise of Marzenna. This endeavor is undertaken during winters, as the dolls represent winters. Hence, when the snow starts melting, the dolls are thrown in the river, symbolizing getting rid of winters

6. **Check Out Love:** Wianki, which means 'wreaths' in English, is a tradition in Poland followed since the pre-Christian period, in honour of Slavic goddess of harvest and love. People float home-made wreaths with candles on it, in the river and, if it floats to a lucky woman on the other side of the bank, she is destined to meet the love of her life.

7: **Kupala Night:** St. John's Kupala is joyous festival in practice since times long gone by. It is celebrated on the 23rd – 24th of June. It involves couples coming together and jumping over a fire. The interesting fact about this festival is that it is believed that those who participate in this festival will have a happy and prosperous year.

8: **Dog Name:** 'Burek' is the name christened to most of the dogs in Polish countryside, which indicates a dirty greyish-brown colour, the colour of most of the farm dogs.

9: **Polish Number:** The Polish numbers are brain crackers, and you have to give in a lot of efforts to master them, especially the number 2, which has thirteen different forms of names.

10: **Unique Christening:** In the Polish countryside, there are places where a gold coin is placed in the diaper of a baby before christening. It is supposed to bring good luck and happiness to the baby during their life time.

The Republic of Poland is situated in Central Europe. It is the 69th largest country and 34th most populous country in the world. It has a long history of its formation and consists of sixteen voivodeships. It is a democracy with President as the head of the state.





Marzenna Doll



Kupala Night



Wianki



## 41 NORWAY Logo

### NORWAY

Viking ships were marine vessels of particular designs used and built by the Vikings during the Viking Age. The boat-types were quite varied, depending on what the ship was intended for, but they were generally characterized as being slender and flexible boats, with symmetrical ends with true keel.

The ship functioned as the centre piece of Scandinavian culture for centuries. In fact, the importance of the Viking ship is deeply rooted in Scandinavian culture, as the vessel served both pragmatic and religious purposes. Scandinavia is a region with relatively high inland mountain ranges and easy access to coastal ports. Consequently, trade routes primarily operated via shipping, as inland trading was both hazardous and cumbersome.



## LOGO of 41 CLUB CYPRUS And Goddess of Love Aphrodite

Aphrodite is the Greek goddess of love, beauty, pleasure, and procreation. Her Roman equivalent is the goddess Venus. She is identified with the planet Venus.

According to one legend (Hesiod's Theogony), this rock is the site of the birth of the goddess Aphrodite, perhaps owing to the foaming waters around the rock fragments, and for this reason it is known as Aphrodite's Rock. Gaia (Mother Earth) asked one of her sons, Cronus, to mutilate his father, Uranus (Sky). Cronus cut off Uranus' testicles and threw them into the sea.

Similar the local version indicates that Aphrodite's Rock is a part of the lower body of Cronus! This legend says that Cronus ambushed his father and cut him below the waist with a scythe. Uranus as he tried to escape flying, lost parts of his truncated body and testicles into the sea. White foam appeared from which a maiden arose, the waves first taking her to Kythera and then bringing her to Cyprus. The maiden, named Aphrodite went to the assembly of gods from Cyprus.

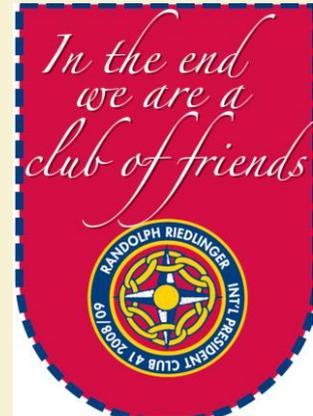
--**Makarios Charalambides**, Vice President



Petra tou Romiou  
(Rock of the Greek), also  
known as Aphrodite's Rock  
is a sea stack in Paphos,  
Cyprus.



**Torch Bearers of  
41 INTERNATIONAL  
Randolph Riedlinger  
President  
2008-2009**



Randolph Riedlinger was the 41 INTERNATIONAL President during the years 2008-2009. He is member of Merano number 12, in Sud Tyrol northern Italy. An enthusiastic internationalist from his early days in Round Table, he became Italy's 41 Club IRO at the turn of the century and was very active making great use of his six languages. A giant of a man of nearly two metres tall who encompasses the spirit of 41 Club with his friendly disposition. The theme of Friendship was his message during his presidential year and was successful in bringing together national boards who had not spoken to each other for a number of years which was quite an achievement then. He has been active at his own club level being the driving force behind the annual event of the Toerggelen or in English the Chestnut Festival which under his leadership has become a truly international happening. A quiet big friendly man who is always interested in Round Table and 41 locally, nationally and internationally.

- **DAVID ILLINGWORTH**

The last honest Tabler as President, he had only Round Table and how could he improve the Organisation. It was pleasant but not without dispute that we worked together. Everywhere he went he was involved with ideas beyond the horizon of Italy without any doubt the best president to compare perhaps only with KK in recent years but he did an awful lot to improve the spirit within our club. As he would say at the end of the day we are all friends. His interests lay in what is happening in 41 and not just in personal advantages or glorification. - **BOB PARTON**

### **Randolph Speaks**

Dear 41ers worldwide,

It is incredible, that it is almost 6 years back that I could serve 41 INTERNATIONAL as their President. But I still have in me the magic memories of the great friendship I could experience, travelling most of the 41 associations countries. In 2008/2009 I only couldn't visit Zambia because of the mourning of the late political president from Zambia and further I couldn't make it for Israel. All the other 41 countries gave me an excellent welcome and I could experience a great international friendship.

In 2008/2009 we could live a whole world international friendship, which is not the case now, missing 41 France in our ranks. As it is the first goal of an International President to keep the friendship between the different 41 Associations, I think it should be a great task of the future International Presidents to reunifying all the 41 Associations in our 41 family. But time will bring the solutions!

I'm looking forward to meet all the friends and delegates during the next Int'l AGM in Limassol/Cyprus, for which I have registered a couple of days ago.



### 41 Club is 70 years old!

2015 sees the 70th anniversary of the forming of the National Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs as it then was. The word 'Round' was added more recently. The Association was formed in 1945 at the Town Hall in Wakefield, Yorkshire, when Wakefield, Lytham, Liverpool and LOTS (London Old Tablers) formed the Association under the Presidency of **John E. Shuter**.



This is a significant milestone for us, and we intend to celebrate this during 2015 in a very big way.

So what is planned?

**CELEBRATORY LUNCH:** On Saturday 12th September 2015 we will be having a major Celebratory Lunch at The Armouries in Leeds. We have secured the former BBC and ITN Newscaster Martyn Lewis as the guest speaker for the lunch. The lunch will include all the tradition you would expect at such an event, including a brass band and inevitably 'Jerusalem' and 'The Dambusters'!

**REGIONAL EVENTS:** We are asking that every Region carries out a 70th Anniversary Regional event during the year. This could be an adaptation of an existing 'Top 12' event or a special new one. The National President will be attending where possible, and will present the organiser with a special commemorative gift.

We have also designed a special slideshow detailing our entire history from our archives that will be shown at Regional events.

**NEW BOOK:** Many of you will have a copy of the book we produced for the 60th called 'Continued Friendship'. This is currently being updated and will be available in limited quantities from September.

**COMMEMORATIVE CLOTHING:** A special range of clothes including shirts, fleeces and polo-shirts have been designed for the 70th year. These will be available in limited quantities from 41Club Sales. Full details on these will follow later in the month.

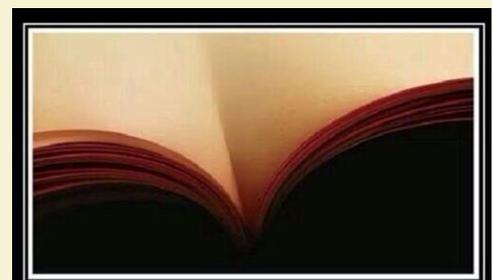
**BADGE:** A special commemorative badge has been made. These will be available from 41Club Sales and your National Councillor. The badge will reflect the design above.

**NEW MEMBERS IN THE SEVENTIETH YEAR:** Another special badge has been designed for anyone who is inducted into 41Club during the seventieth year. This will only be presented by the National President. If you have a potential new member, please try and get him to your regional seventieth event so he can be presented with the badge.

**OTHER IDEAS:** If you have other ideas on how we can celebrate our 70th year, please contact our 70th Anniversary co-ordinator – Martin Green - on [41seventieth@martingreen.biz](mailto:41seventieth@martingreen.biz).

### TANGENT CLUB INTERNATIONAL

The word Tangent comes from the Latin "**Tangere**" meaning- "**to touch**". As it passes through the point where the tangent line and the curve meet, called the point of tangency, the tangent line is "going in the same direction" as the Circle, and is thus the best straight-line approximation to the Circle at that point. Hence the name and logo of TANGENT CLUB INTERNATIONAL.



Life is so much  
funnier when you  
have Imagination  
It's just a book