

Vice President Calls!



Hi,

It's not too late to register to 41 INTERNATIONAL AGM in Denmark from 2-4 May.

Please register on our website: LM2014.dk

We hope to see a lot of our international friends. For the moment 375 persons have registered, but we still have space for YOU.



Festival of the month-April 30th Edinburgh Beltane Fire Festival



Celebrating the beginning of the summer season, this unique festival draws inspiration from ancient Gaelic traditions and the age-old Beltane festival, as Edinburgh's populace gets pagan and elemental dancing and dazzling fire displays become the evening's entertainment for the 12,000 plus people in attendance.

Look out for the variety of characters on show too, like the magisterial May Queen and the red men, who give the event a wholly otherworldly feel. It's as if the creatures from Pan's Labyrinth grew sick of Spain and came to Scotland for their holidays, losing clothes and gaining an excitable fearlessness along the way.

Then once their majestic story is played out, a bonfire is lit and the dancing commences, gleefully ensuring a mass celebration of the death of spring and the birth of summer. Just don't wear anything flammable.



Helping Children make healthy choices

Life Education Centre Cyprus is a Charity working in Cyprus delivering health and drug education in Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools. The program is in partnership with the International Organization Life Education Centers.

LECC supports schools in meeting the national curriculum and government guidelines for health and drug education young people and families.

The program aim to teach children, young people and families how to make responsible life choices by educating them about how to take care of their bodies through a healthy diet, regular exercise, emotional well-being and the dangers of risk taking behavior such as drug, alcohol and substance misuse.

The program has been designed to promote the protective factors seen to help prevent against young people misusing drugs and other associated problem behavior including drinking /binge drinking and smoking.

The program is integrated in the health education program of the Ministry of Education and Culture. The teaching takes place in mobile units so called "Life Teaching Mobile Units Mentor" from highly skilled Educators trained to deliver the program - all qualified teachers with additional specialist training.

41 Club Cyprus is one of the co-founders of **LECC** together with **Round Table, Ladies Circle and Tangent Club Cyprus** and it is our common Cyprus National Project.

41 CLUB Cyprus support Life Education Centers, physically and financially. National President 41 CLUB Cyprus 2013-2014 Andros Kontos with 41 International Vice-President Elect 2013-2014 Makarios Charalambides at the finish of Nicosia - Larnaca fund car-race for LECC on 16/3/2013.

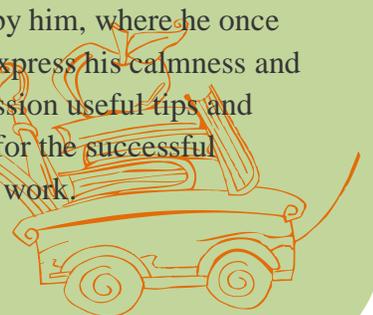


- Report by Makarios Charalambides





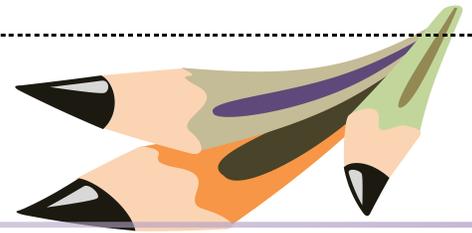
He left us **Alfredo Samaritan**, the Father of **Club 41Italy**, the Friend of all of us, always ready and willing to listen, to give wise counsel with you to find an adequate solution to everything revolved around the club. **Alfredo is no longer with us**, but we like to remember him as we have heard in Parma during the first meeting of the newly formed Commission for the award of the "Targa Bidorini", chaired by him, where he once again was able to express his calmness and simplicity of expression useful tips and practical guidance for the successful performance of the work.



Rules of the house for breaking wind at the AGM

1. Do not pass wind near open fire.
2. Stand at ease if you have to pass wind.
3. Louder than 80 decibels will disturb the proceedings-cough while passing wind to muffle the sound.
4. As a courtesy to fellow delegates do not consume smelly cheese the night before.
5. Do not strain hard, you might shit instead.
6. It is forbidden to have fart sound as ring tone.
7. Do not use the room reserved for smokers to let go gas.
8. Sit with your feet tucked close to your bottom.
9. Please do not treat the subject matter lightly assuming that the issue lacks the intellectual penetration nor emotional depth of serious thought that it deserves.
10. CAUTION: THE BOARD IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM THE IMPROPER USE OF RULES ON PASSING WIND.

(These ideas are merely the crepitation of cerebral flatulence
-- Secretary)



La La - La La - La La La La La La

I have often wondered where the origins of the French 41 Club hand waving and clapping song originated. It was not until earlier this year, whilst visiting our twin town in Agen, France, that I discovered its origins.

The song is known as "Le Ban Bourguignon" and comes from one of the most famous wine regions in central France, Burgundy (Bourgogne). It was invented by the French winemaker Lapierre, who lived at Oullières, a then remote wine growing area. Unsure of how to greet visitors to his vineyard he would raise his hands and make puppet like twirling movements followed by hand clapping and chanting – "La La La". Thus was born the "Ban Bourguignon" in the year 1889.

The Brotherhood of Beaujolais was created in the last century to honour this ancestral tradition. They sing to celebrate the joy of living and the fellowship of their fellow men.

Nowadays it is adopted as a "Chanson à boire" or drinking song, generally sung at the end of a meal with a glass of wine, being popular at marriages, parties, family meals, sports events and festivals. It is poignant that 41 Club have also adopted the song, for we too, being like minded men, enjoy each other's fellowship and have reason to celebrate whenever we meet - Not that we need excuses to have a drink or two! Examples of these celebrations can be seen on YouTube at

Ban bourguignon Vieux Cep.mov and Ban bourguignon.mov

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News in Pictures



Board Meeting at Gdansk, Poland



Meeting with Ex-Tablers-Bulgaria



Meeting with 41ers of Poland



41 Romania- 20th Anniversary Meeting

AN HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE ROUND TABLE FAMILY

On Saturday 11th January 2014 the four Clubs in the Round Table Family (Round Table, 41Club, Tangent and Ladies Circle) signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding'. This agreement is focussed on the four Clubs working together particularly on Membership Development.

The National Membership Officers from each Association are now tasked with working together to develop a plan for us all. As soon as this is finished – it will be discussed at all levels of each Association so we can start to turn the tide on membership erosion. More news on this in future editions of this magazine.

41 President Martin Green, who has been the architect in seeking this agreement said "This is real progress for us all. We now have a proper strategy to work together with. The Round Table Family Meeting has been taking place for around ten years and this is the first time we have created a formalised agreement to work with. I am very proud that this has been during my Presidential year".



Present for the signing the document are (left to right). Claire Weavell – Ladies Circle National Vice-President, Karen Durie – Tangent National President, Martin Green – 41Club National President and Stephen Sprod – Round Table National President.