



Tangent Club International

Charter

Saturday the 3rd May 2014

At 41 International Conference, Korsør, Denmark

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**Minutes of Tangent Club International Charter
Held on Saturday the 3rd May 2014
At 41 International Conference, Comwell Grand Park, Korsør, Denmark**

1. Opening of the TCI Charter Celebration

Gill Preston opened the meeting by introducing herself as President of Tangent Great Britain 2010-2011 and Chair of today's TCI Charter Celebration. Gill welcomed us all to the occasion and made special mention of our guests:

- 🌐 Cindy Kempeneers, LCI President
- 🌐 Gitte Hoyer, LCI Immediate Past President
- 🌐 Carsten Flink, 41 Club International President
- 🌐 Jason Thompson, RTI Vice President

Gill said it was an honour to welcome us to the Charter of Tangent Club International. Our international friendships have developed and strengthened over the years. Today is a day we have been looking forward to for a long time and we are happy and excited to have you all present. Tangent, Circlers, 41ers, Tablers and guests – from near and far, all part of the Round Table family. We are a small number representing our Associations and she asked us today to keep all our members in mind worldwide.

Gill then announced that the minute secretary of the TCI Charter Celebration would be Jan Dowling – Tangent GB President 2011-2012.

2. Presentation of Founder Members of TCI

Gill introduced the National Presidents and representatives from the founding countries of TCI who were asked to stand and be recognised:

- 🌐 Tangent Cyprus, Elena Charalambidou, IRO
- 🌐 Tangent Denmark, Helle Midtgaard, President
- 🌐 Tangent Great Britain, Karen Durie, IRO
- 🌐 Tangent Norway, Berit Richardson, President
- 🌐 Tangent Sweden, Margarethe Smeds, President

These representatives were then called forward individually to light a candle of friendship on behalf of their country.

3. Presentation of the TCI Charter Letter, signing by TCI Board and TCI Founder Members

Sue Marlow, President of Tangent GB 2012-2013 was asked to read out the Aims and Objectives of TCI.

Gill then asked that the National Representatives from the founder member countries to vote, by a show of hands, on the proposed rules of TCI. All were in favour so the rules were unanimously accepted. These Representatives were then asked to step up on to the platform to sign the Declaration and the approved TCI rules. Elena kindly presented all signatories with a Cyprus tee shirt.

Then with great pleasure and pride Gill announced that Tangent Club International was Chartered which was greeted by a standing ovation.

4. Presentation TCI Board

The meeting continued with Gill presenting the TCI Board 2014 -2015:

- Elena Charalambidou, National IRO Tangent Cyprus
- Karen Durie, National IRO Tangent GB
- Gerd-Inger Kaasen, National IRO Tangent Norway
- Lotta Fritz, National IRO Tangent Sweden (absent)
- Susanne Nørager, National IRO Tangent Denmark, International Tangent Contact 2013 -2015 and from today President and Chairman of Tangent Club International 2014 -2015

Gill then called upon TCI Chairman Susanne to address the meeting:

“Thank you, thank you all - for taking part in this historical event: The Charter Celebration of Tangent Club International – a day that will stay in the minds of Tangent forever.

How wonderful – the day is here, what a relief for Tangents all over the world – to become member in an official International Association based on the learning from Ladies Circle – extending a hand in friendship all over the world – showing the world that friendships can cross borders, religion and politics – and that friendship make life worth living not only when you are young – but also when you are mature.

Today is not the day for long speeches of the TCI world of tomorrow – or the commitment done today by Tangents to the Round Table Family – the day today is for celebrating Friendship.

Thank you to the International and National associations of 41, Ladies Circle and Round Table for your support – your inspirations and good will.

Thank you to every Tangent Past National Officer and every Tangent member, who participated in making this day and our common dream come true – it matters that you helped – if it were bringing ideas to the table, financial support or just the support to keep the spirit high on working towards the goal – the TCI Charter.

Thank you all, thank you for being trusted friends – and now must be the time to celebrate.

Yes – something is missing, I know a motto for the year – the motto for the TCI year 2014-2015: ‘Celebrate friendship, extend your hand in friendship!’”

Susanne concluded by presenting the founder members with the TCI Charter Banner.





Helle Midtgaard – President of Tangent Denmark then stepped forward at Gill’s request to say a few words regarding the charter of TCI

“Dear Susanne, dear TCI members, dear guests

This is a very special day for all of us. Susanne we are very proud of what you have achieved. We all look forward to welcoming new members into our TCI family but what is a Chairman without regalia? It is a great honour for me to present you with your chain of office which has been kindly sponsored by the Korch Foundation. Hopefully it will be passed on from TCI Chairman to Chairman for many years to come. Susanne – you will be the first Chairman to wear this jewel, congratulations and SKAL O “

5. Greetings for TCI

Cindy Kempeneers, LCI President:

“Good morning to you all,

I am so lucky to bring warm greetings from Ladies Circle International at the occasion of your international charter. We are so happy to have you joining us in the international network and we welcome you today with open hearts in friendship and service!

My motto for this year is “Put Your Heart Up” where each of us can impact the world from the smallest to huge things. Give a little love, care, sympathy, friendship, warmth and comfort. Spend the time and give a little happiness. This is what our organisations are all about and what we wish for your future.

During your travels, You will meet amazing people with the same goals and dreams as we love to have fun, laughter and friendship. Take advantage of what all The Clubs have to offer, you will be surprised in what you learn and gain from this amazing adventure you are about to take on. Put Your Heart Up and you will shine with the difference you make, not only in someone’s life but in your own too. We will be there any time you need and our first goal could be to keep contact, share news, attend each others AGMs. We are very much looking forward to work out closer relationships in the future.

Now, I am looking forward welcoming a Tangent delegation at the LCI Conference in Vilnius, Lithuania which takes place the last weekend of August

For now, enjoy every minute of this weekend, it will be a memory of a lifetime. ”
Congratulations !!!

Carsten Fink 41 International President:

Carsten greeted the meeting with his customary dry sense of humour, saying that he brought apologies from both KK (IPP of 41 Int.) and Christophe (President of 41 Int) who were very busy running their own meeting so thought that the VP needed a job! He was very pleased to be amongst so many ladies! On a more serious note Carsten said that 41 Club International were looking forward to working side by side with us. We took our time but we have got there – congratulations and best wishes from 41 International

Jason Thompson, RTI Vice President:

Jason gave apologies from RTI President Moffat Nyirenda and said that it was both an honour and a privilege for him to be present today at the start of history. Jason said that he hoped that TCI had a long future ahead. Today is just the start of a legacy and he was sure that we would all leave a legacy of fun and



friendship to be enjoyed by many more members over the years. He looked forward to meeting our TCI “Boss Lady” somewhere around the world

Tangent India:

Greetings were brought from Tangent India President Mamta Bhargava by Puja Khullar (wife of National President of 41 Club and a member of New Delhi TC) and Monica Parikh (wife of the National Secretary of 41 Club India and a member of TC number 3. These ladies also gave us an interesting update on Tangent India. They currently have 210 members across fourteen clubs but are growing with several new clubs in the pipeline. A warm welcome to their National AGM was extended to us all. This will be held in Jaipur in Rajasthan from 19-21. September 2014.

Tangent Cyprus:

Elena brought greeting from the President of Tangent Club Cyprus – Varvara Anastasiou

“ Dear friends

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of Tangent Club Cyprus, I welcome the charter of Tangent Club International.

Your invitation to become a founder member was an honour for us and we are proud that we finally achieved it. We expect to continue the friendship we had in Ladies Circle and make new ones. First of all, I want to congratulate the members of the Board who prepared the charter and TCI and organised this splendid international conference. They have made an invaluable contribution towards making a dream come true and have made it possible for all to be here today. We are grateful to them for their collaboration and hard work in putting on this event. We especially thank Tangent Denmark who is the host of the Conference. Many thanks for the formation of our international community.

The strong interest through years of friendship developed into a long time commitment, support, solidarity and cooperation between the Tangent Club members from many countries. I strongly believe we are ready to step into a phase of better and stronger relationships between the National Associations. Cyprus, just like the other members, would like to share its own experience accumulated through many years of friendship through Ladies Circle.

As you know the last two years have been very difficult for the people of Cyprus due to the financial crisis. In such condition the role of our club becomes even more significant since we must contribute to the support and restoration of our society. Tangent Club Cyprus counts 50 members and we organise a charity event each year to help our fellow people that need help. Under these circumstances there is nothing better than being a member of an intercultural family that brings together friends from all over the world!

I remind you that the 41 Club International AGM next year will be held in Cyprus (since the next International President will be a Cypriot). During this meeting we planned to have also our National AGM but now a better idea has arisen – to take this opportunity to organise the 2015 TCI AGM in Cyprus! I am therefore glad to invite you to join us next year in Cyprus – we look forward to seeing you again there! I wish to the first TCI Board a productive year that will create a basis for an approach to all Tangent members to become a big International family. I am sure that you will continue to work towards the achievement of our common aims and objectives and also towards TCI development with the support of all national members.



I would like to wish to all of you an enjoyable and successful conference and to each one personally, all the very best!"

Elena, on behalf of Varvara, then asked Susanne to accept a small gift of a pomegranate which symbolizes good luck, prosperity and abundance and also their banner and pin

Chair of the meeting Gill then said that we must now move to close the meeting. She reminded us all that the TCI pin was for sale in the Tangent "shop" and that sales were to support TCI. She thanked everyone present and asked that if there were any more greetings they may be given at the banner exchange during lunch or if in writing may be given to Jan Dowling, the minute secretary, for inclusion with the minutes of the meeting.

Greetings had also been sent from Jan Mulqueen President of Tangent GB 2009-2010 with her customary "big hug" and from Pat Paulson President of Tangent GB 2008-2009. Both ladies had previously visited Denmark for meetings but sadly on this occasion had left it too late to book into the functions. However they sent their best wishes to us all on this landmark day and for the long and healthy future of TCI.

7. Closure of the TCI Charter Celebration

Gill thanked everyone for taking part in this historical meeting and for making this a wonderful event for us all. May our friendships continue.

The meeting was closed at 10.31 with the reminder that there would be a short break before Tangent Denmark's AGM so that those wishing to leave may do so now.