



NEWSLETTER No. 1 Tangent Club International under Charter

WELCOME



Welcome to the first Tangent Club International (TCI) Newsletter. It gives us great pleasure to send to you this very first number - we plan for four Newsletters a year. The first Newsletter – December 2013 to tell you the history of the National Tangent Association working towards the charter of TCI – the second Newsletter in March 2014 to be published shortly before the charter to give you an update on the progress of TCI under charter.

Founder members of Tangent Club International

An invitation has been sent to the following National Tangent Associations in order to invite all to become founder members of Tangent Club International: Cyprus, Denmark, Great Britain, Germany, India, Hong Kong, Norway and Sweden.

The result of the invitation  Founder members are to be Tangent Denmark, Tangent Norway and Tangent Sweden and subject to the approval of the Tangent Great Britain NAGM in April 2014 Tangent Great Britain. We do hope that more National Tangent Associations will join TCI – and hope to be able to welcome Tangent India as the first Full Member Country of TCI shortly after the charter of TCI 

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On the 26th of October 2013 a "Baby" was born – the Inaugural Meeting of Tangent Club International (TCI) took place at 12.00 PM at Örenas Castle, Sweden in the most beautiful sunny and warm weather – and likewise the sun and warm feelings of friendship were present at the meeting 

The motto and logo of TCI were presented, the declaration and rules were signed – the Tangent Club International Candle of Friendship was lit for the first time for Ladies Circle International by Immediate Past LCI President Gitte Høyer, for Club 41 International by Immediate Past National President KK and for Tangent Club International by Past National President Great Britain Gill Preston - and the four National IRO's from Denmark, Great Britain, Norway and Sweden started their work toward the charter of TCI – that will take place in Korsør, Denmark on the 3rd of May 2014 



The Facebook group and homepage of TCI were launched – and do please join us at Facebook – and have a look at www.tangentclubinternational.org  Let us know if you need more information – than we provide for the moment – and we shall do our best to update the page 

We need:

-  Money to grow the Association – please order the TCI pin at you IRO, and she will bring it to you after the Charter in May 2013
-  Illustrator to draw the LOGO, that we can use it on paper, e-mail etc.
-  Members, please join us – contact you National IRO
-  Members and Club News for the next TCI Newsletter – please send a small article and photo to your National IRO

We offer:

-  International Friendship for Life
-  International and National Half Year Meetings in all member countries
-  International and National AGM's in all member countries



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- The continuation of the friendship that was founded in Ladies Circle
- A place to belong to – to be happy, and to be with friends that were coached on the same ground as you

We continue to grow as Tangent and will extend in the near future in Finland and in Zambia. Become a part of the future and take part in our International and National events

Yours in continuous friendship
Susanne Nørager
Chairman Tangent Club International 2013-2015



Extension

During the Inaugural Meeting of TCI we were introduced to the following extension to become a reality in the near future:

- Tangent Finland
- Tangent Zambia

And just last week – we were informed that Tangent Dubai will also soon be a reality. We would like to provide Tangent Zambia and Tangent Dubai with a godmother – just contact the TCI Chairman – and contact will be established

HOW IT ALL STARTED in alphabetical order

Tangent Denmark

National IRO Susanne Nørager



In November 1979 there was a half year meeting in the National Association of EX-Tablers Clubs in England and EX-Table Denmark was represented by National President Bent Tradsfeldt, who

brought with him his wife Else. Else had just fallen for the rule of age in Ladies Circle – and was looking for a way to continue the friendship established in Ladies Circle. Else made contact to the Immediate Past President of the National Association Tangent Clubs in England Jose Wilkinson who informed about the existence of Tangent Clubs.

Else went home to Denmark and invited the wives of EX-Table No. 1 Kjellerup and they agreed to form Tangent Club No. 1 Denmark, which affiliated to the British Association. Club no. 1 was founded on the 6th of February 1980 and the first executives were: Chariman Else Tradsfeldt, Secretary Birthe Flycht and Treasurer Annelise Bach.

Club no. 1 retained a minimum of laws. The National President of Ladies Circle Denmark was informed about the founding and she spread the news to all Circle members – and introduced Else Tradsfeldt to write an article in the LC Denmark magazine. From 1980 until 1982 the Tangent Club grew from 1 to 11 – and on the 30th of October 1982 the National Association of Tangent Clubs Denmark were chartered. Else Tradsfeldt became the first National President. Else are today one of Tangent Denmark's two Honorary members – and are still going strong and take part in all National events.

In Tangent Denmark we are at present 250 members in 22 Clubs including 1 Club in Greenland – and our daughter Tangent Lithuania.

For further information have a look at www.tangentdanmark.dk





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Tangent Great Britain Immediate Past National President and National IRO Sue Marlow



Sybil White was still in Ladies Circle in Bournemouth in 1949, when she realised that there were some members who were younger than her daughter. Thinking – rightly, as it turned out, that she was not alone in noticing this, she gathered together a nucleus for a follow-on club formed to 'Let Friendship Continue'.

The name of this new club had to connect in some way with the 'Circle' they had left, and Sybil recalling school geometry lessons hit on the name 'Tangent' (a tangent being a line touching a circle without cutting it).

Sybil White and members of Bournemouth held their first meeting of 'Tangent' on 15th February 1950. In 1960 there were 22 clubs, 10 more being added in the next year.

The first Tangent annual meeting was 28th April 1962 in Blackpool during the Ex-Tablers' Conference at which 11 clubs were represented. By 1964 there were 58 clubs and Bournemouth felt that the time had come to form an Association. All clubs were consulted and 45 were in favour. The inaugural meeting took place on 24th April 1965 in Bournemouth during the Ex Tablers' Conference and the Association was formed.

The main object of the Association should be to continue friendships made in Ladies Circle and to help Circlers when required to do so. In 1967 a Chairman was elected to serve for a whole year. A jewel was presented and the Chairman had the honour to represent Tangent at the Ladies Circle AGM in 1968 for the first time. The National Association of Tangent Clubs was formed in 1970. There was a President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and from 1982 the Sales & Regalia Officer and from

2011, the Editor and Website co-ordinator who formed the National Executive. The National Association retained the minimum of rules with Clubs making their own ruling regarding the election of their own officers and times of their meetings.

Today Bournemouth No. 1 Tangent Club is still very strong with 69 members. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2010.

Our National membership at present is just under 13,000 with 650 Clubs. New Clubs are continuing to form and develop which is exciting news for the Association.

For further information have a look at www.tangentclubs.org



Tangent Norway National IRO Gerd-Inger Kaasen



The National Board of Tangent Norway was chartered on 31st May 2013 in Oslo. One can say that the "birth" was long and hard.

It started back in 1982 when a group of ex-Ladies started a Tangent Club in Ålesund and became affiliated to National Association of Tangent Clubs and connected to Tangent Club Great Britain. Due to circumstances the Ålesund club chose to resign sometimes during the 1990's, but continued as a local club.

In 2010 Berit and Gerd-Inger, past members from LC Sandvika, visited the Swedish national AGM and was for the first time introduced to an



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organized form of Tangents – we were hooked! It took though another 2 years, but finally, during the autumn 2012 and spring 2013 Tangent Norway materialized.

After the chartering the board of Tangent Norway have been working to get in touch with x-ladies in Norway and to get them as members of the organization. This is hard work; everybody is positive, but we are so far only 13 paying members, our aim is to be at least 25 by next AGM. So, these days we are approaching Ladies Circle Norway to get their help to inform the 45'ers that nobody needs stop Circling – you just continue in the Tangent association, in an environment where you never become a past member.

Right now our focus (besides getting more members) is to plan our first National AGM, working side by side with Club 41 National. This occasion will take place in Kristiansand 6. -8. June 2014. We know this will be good fun and we hope to see as many as possible of our new Tangent friends there. More information will follow.



Tangent Sweden

National IRO Lotta Fritz

In 1996 during Ladies Circle Sweden National AGM some Past Circ-lers went on a boat trip to one of the is-lands of Gothenburg archipelago together with the Old Tablers of Sweden – that day on Styrsko the idea grew of a central network for past members of Ladies Circle



Sweden. And during the boat trip, the first Past Circlers Club was founded with the ambition to move forward and in time to organize all past members of Ladies Circle Sweden under the same association.

After a few years in 2003 Tangent Sweden was founded and for a long time we were all single members of Tangent Sweden.



The Tangent Sweden National Board have worked continuously since the charter to make Tangent Sweden grow in members and to found local Tangent Clubs. In 2013 we finally managed to charter the first Tangent Club ☺ this takes time – if you look at our country geography, you will see why.

Today we are 90 members and 3 Tangent Clubs has been chartered and more are under charter. Our ambition is to organize all Circlers, when they become past members in Tangent Sweden.

For further information have a look at www.tangentsverige.org

