



Ladies' Circle International 2005 - 2006

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To: Presidents, Vice Presidents and IPPs

Dear Friends

SUBJECT: RTI/LCI 'SIDE BY SIDE' COOPERATION

On behalf of the LCI Board, I wish to inform you that LCI and Round Table International (RTI) have embarked on close cooperation on 'side by Side' basis. This cooperation will take the form of support for one another's activities at Club, National and International levels. You may well remember that at the last LCI AGM in Iceland this Side by Side cooperation was mentioned between LCI and RTI. The latter took a positive decision on this subject at the RTI AGM in Costa Rica where they even changed their Aims and Objectives to include cooperation with Ladies Circle. The recent first ever IRO's meeting held in Athens, Greece to which IPP Elena and myself were invited, endorsed this cooperation.

Consequently you are encouraged to follow up this cooperation in your associations and clubs along the following lines:

1. The need to strengthen ties where Ladies Circle and Round Table already exist in a country. It is common knowledge that there are some countries who already work very well together and we encourage them to continue and improve on it. There are also countries which are lacking this cooperation and this is where our two international organisations want to put it to our members and encourage them to cooperate and work 'side by side' and help towards achieving our goal in
 - Club to club cooperation
 - National cooperation
 - Joint National Project cooperation
 - Membership growth due to club to club cooperation. (Those Tablers with wives of non Circlers can sponsor a wife or partner and vice versa
 - Team effort in new countries wanting to form LC/RT. Our eyes are fixed on Singapore, LCI is hopeful of this success
2. Ladies Circle International has always invited Round Table to speak at our AGMs and we are always proud to have a representative. We wish to encourage all National Associations and their circle clubs to extend similar invitations to Round Table at these levels. Participation should go beyond mere speeches, and should include a summary of activities of the association or club to which the invited guest belongs. The letter of invitation should state this point. This will help LC and RT get to know one another and identify areas of cooperation.
3. As much as possible the National associations and clubs should try to harmonise AGM dates and venues in order to promote maximum cooperation and support for one another. This is already happening in a number of associations so we can build up from that success story of RT and LC having joint AGMs and still maintaining their individual identities with positive results.

In order to formalise this cooperation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will include 'Side by Side' goals will be signed by our two organisations after consideration and adoption of the draft. The LCI Board has been given the task of drafting the MOU. It is our hope that we shall all be part of this cooperation in order for it to bear fruit so that at the end of the year we can say, Nkani Yawama!

For and on behalf of LCI Board 2005-06

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