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Association Executive Team 2023-2024

PRESIDENT Ezra Evans

Round Table Lilongwe 32
Induction Year: 2008



VICE PRESIDENT Michele Sabelli

Round Table Lilongwe 32
Induction Year: 2017



IPP Abel Musopole

Round Table Dwangwa 69
Induction Year: 2013



TREASURER Jason Pereira

Round Table Blantyre 20
Induction Year: 2013



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Round Table Blantyre 20
Induction Year: 2017



BT20 CHAIRMAN Sebastian Chibwana

Round Table Blantyre 20
Induction Year: 2020



LLW32 CHAIRMAN Sanil Patel

Round Table Lilongwe 32
Induction Year: 2020



DW69 CHAIRMAN Dyson Mpeketula

Round Table Dwangwa 69
Induction Year: 2020



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Round Table Lilongwe 32
Induction Year: 2022



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Round Table Lilongwe 32
Induction Year: 2021



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Presidents' Remarks

2023-2024



It is a great honour to be able to contribute to our very first Round Table magazine.

We had a successful National AGM, hosted exceptionally well by Lilongwe 32 back in May 2023. There was a good turnout from all our clubs as well as our side-by-side partner, 41 Club Malawi. We were also very honored to have a representative from Ladies Circle all the way from Germany join us during our meeting as well as our gala dinner.

We are five months into the Association year and I am happy to report that during this time, we have inducted eleven new members, we have several more in the pipeline, we have held several projects and we travelled both locally and internationally. It has been seven years from our inauguration as an independent Association, Round Table Malawi continues to go from strength to strength; we are growing, we are traveling and networking, our community service initiatives are bearing fruit and we continue to be very active and successful in mobilizing resources and distributing relief in the wake of the natural disasters that have affected Malawi over the past few years.

Growth, local and international fellowship, networking, and community service continue to be the four pillars of our Association, while visibility and continuity will take the forefront and will be our major areas of focus over the remainder of our Association year.

I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to Table and to work with the energetic and talented young men that form our diverse Association. As an executive team, we look forward to keeping up the momentum that many before us have worked hard to create and to continue growing and developing the Association.

Our three clubs have an exciting lineup of projects, social and business meetings planned for the remainder of the year; I look forward to seeing you at one of these events or at any one of our club meetings sometime soon.

Yours in Table,

E Evans

Ezra Evans
Round Table Malawi President

Round Table Blantyre 20

Amidst the relentless challenges posed by heavy winds and the torrential rains brought on by Cyclone Freddy, the indomitable spirit of Blantyre 20 stood tall, persevering despite the consequent disruption to activities, damage to infrastructure and a cholera outbreak that plagued the region.

If the battle against cholera wasn't enough, Cyclone Freddy swept through, inflicting severe damage upon the southern region. With unwavering determination, we wasted no time in raising the flag of assistance through our Cyclone Freddy Relief Appeal, orchestrated under the Roundtable Malawi Association's banner, in conjunction with support from our fellow tables, Dwangwa and Lilongwe. Our collective efforts bore fruit, enabling us to provide aid to numerous victims in regions like Chileka, Njuli, Zomba, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Mulanje, and Nsanje. Our involvement reached its pinnacle with a heartwarming contribution to Chikondi Children Care an orphanage in Blantyre-Ndirande that cares for disabled children under the care of Mai Mussa. Through our flood relief initiative, we raised and distributed assorted items

in excess of MK100,000,000.00, a huge thank you to the Roundtable Malawi association and our supporters.

Our commitment to the welfare of our community remained unwavering. Notably, we orchestrated a Winter Donation drive on Independence Day at the Mpemba Reformatory Center in Blantyre. This endeavor encompassed the provision of various consumables and blankets to comfort the children residing there.

Amidst the adversities we faced, our resolute spirit prevailed. We orchestrated a UEFA Champions League Finals game, an online football predictor, and a golf tournament, collectively generating funds to the tune of approximately MK3,000,000.00. This demonstrated our ability to rise above challenges and generate resources for noble causes.

Presently, our endeavors continue as we concentrate on enhancing sanitary facilities at the Chambo Evacuation Center in Zomba under Roundtable Malawi Association.

Our organization's strength lies in its members, and we are proud to announce the growth of our ranks.

At the outset of the year, we comprised 13 members. Today, our ranks have swelled with the addition of 4 new members, and we anticipate the induction of several more prospective members in the upcoming months.

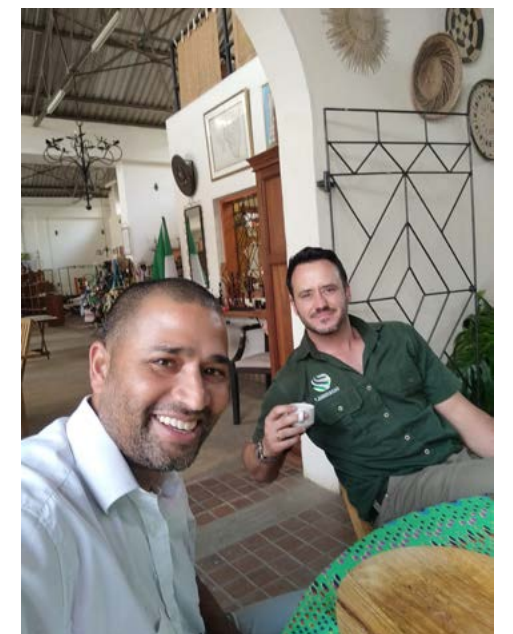
As the Chairman, I take immense pride in the accomplishments of the past few months. It has been an honor to contribute to the remarkable achievements of Roundtable Malawi. I look forward with great enthusiasm to continue being an integral part of the team that strives for even greater impact and positive change in our community.

Yours in Table,

S. Chibwana

Sebastian Chibwana

Blantyre 20 Chairman





Round Table Lilongwe 32

After the dust had settled following our local AGM, the newly appointed executives wasted no time and immediately plunged into action. Our initial focus was on crafting a comprehensive year-long calendar that encompassed Tabler birthdays, meeting dates, potential project timelines, and significant international fellowship opportunities. Alongside our annual flagship projects, the Golf Day and Beerfest, Lilongwe 32 undertook the responsibility of hosting both the Round Table Malawi AGM and the 130 International Week, which were scheduled just a week apart. Notably, the 130 Tour held special significance as it marked the return of this event to Lilongwe 32 after a gap of 9 years. This occasion provided us with a remarkable opportunity to uphold the tradition of forging international bonds, extending hospitality to fellow tablers, showcasing our nations beauty, and demonstrating the immense collective impact achievable through mutual support within our global organization. During the initial months of my tenure as Chairman, Malawi was struck by the devastating Cyclone Freddy, the repercussions of which continue to be felt to this day. Remaining true to the Tabler ethos, Lilongwe 32, Blantyre 20, and Dwangwa 69 sprung into action, launching a series of independent and collaborative charity campaigns to raise funds in aid of those affected by this catastrophic event. Lilongwe 32, notably forged a partnership with Helios Tower, resulting in a donation of relief items totaling MWK 10,000,000.00.

This endeavor was executed in conjunction with Blantyre 20. Additionally, a local opportunity that surfaced for Lilongwe 32 was brought to the attention of Round Table Malawi, resulting in a joint effort that secured and distributed a \$60,000.00 donation from the Tobacco Processors Association. This exemplified the remarkable potential that materializes when like-minded individuals unite for the greater good. An enduring legacy project inherited from our predecessors is the Streetwise School initiative. The current executive team and I consider it a privilege to carry forward this project and are committed to completing Phase 1. Through unwavering dedication, alongside our fellow tablers, we have propelled Phase 1 of the Streetwise School project to an impressive 93% completion, with finalization expected by September. The culmination of Phase 1 signifies the establishment of a government-mandated educational facility in the area, poised to commence classes on-site from September onward.

In recent times, I've had the honor of inducting six new tablers into our fold, with several guests frequently attending our meetings. We have also held our annual Golf Day and annual Beerfest at The Shack in October.

In my role as Chairman, I find myself in a unique position at the helm of an executive team that blends both fresh perspectives and seasoned experience. I am fortunate to have the counsel of past tablers who consistently extend a helping hand and provide guidance. The Chairmanship has proven to be an invaluable platform for personal growth and development. I have absorbed the wisdom of those who preceded me and, in the true spirit of Round Table, have adopted, adapted, and improved their insights to foster progress.

Yours in Table,

Sanil Patel
Lilongwe 32 Chairman
2023-2024





StreetWise Foundation

In the heart of Kanengo, Lilongwe, a beacon of hope has emerged, casting its transformative glow on the lives of countless children. Round Table Lilongwe 32, in a remarkable display of commitment and dedication, has successfully completed their legacy project, the Streetwise School. After nearly two and a half years of unwavering effort, the school now stands as a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives and the boundless potential that education holds.

The Streetwise School is not merely a physical structure; it symbolises the collective aspirations of Round Table Lilongwe 32 to make a lasting impact on the community they serve. From the inception of the project, the vision was clear – to provide quality education to village children in Kanengo, breaking the chains of limited opportunities and offering a pathway to a brighter future.

The completion of the building marks a significant milestone, but the commitment of Round Table Lilongwe 32 extends far beyond bricks and mortar. Currently, the finishing touches are being meticulously applied to ensure that the school is not just a structure but a conducive environment for learning. Desks are being arranged, learning materials are being curated, and solar power is being harnessed to guarantee a sustainable source of energy, enabling the children to learn and thrive in a modern educational setting.



INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND 2023



130 Tour International Weekend 2023

The 2023 International Weekend 130 Tour successfully took place in Lilongwe during the month of May. The 130 Pre Tour started with a safari trip to the Liwonde National Park. The park boasts the classic big game animals paired with the broad Shire River that connects to Lake Malawi. The main 130 Tour took place in Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi. Tabler's were welcomed at RoundTable Lilongwe 32's very own Shack for the 130 Tour registration. Tabler's from other associations had the chance to socialise and enjoy the Malawian night life.

"Streetwise" foundation which is RT Lilongwe 32's legacy project was proudly presented to the travelling Tabler's. This project involved building a new school block that extends the learning capacity of a nearby street children's orphanage in a village situated on the outskirts of the capital city. Tabler's had the opportunity to inspect the new building and the work "Streetwise" and Lilongwe 32 are doing.

A local market tour took place so they could glimpse a real African marketplace, complete from fresh produce to not so fresh fish. The Gala night displayed the full Table spirit. From Buffalo's to coining to even drinking out of shoes. Speeches from all traveling delegates were received and was a night to share experiences about the RoundTable family and tradition.

The AGM united all Tabler's far and wide, great fun was had at the meeting with lots learnt and adopted from how each Table makes an impact within their communities. Gifts and remarks on other Tabling associations were exchanged and will be carried on for years to come.

The post tour for the International Weekend happened on the shores of Lake Malawi. Lake Island visits via boats took place accompanying all Tabler's. The perfect place to relax. A tour of a crocodile farm, local wood crafters market and fish farm took place during the post tour at the lake.



Round Table Dwangwa 69

“Despite economic and environmental challenges, the past year for DW69 has been marked by successful endeavors. The Table remains committed to addressing all challenges.”

It has been another exciting year of tabling amid a difficult atmosphere of economic and environmental challenges. The major highlights in the first half of the reporting year include the 3 successful blood drives in Dwangwa and Mzuzu, the Dwambadzi mortuary cold room project and Tour de Dwangwa.

DW69 was privileged to jointly implement 3 blood drive events with MBTS and Illovo Matiki Clinic on March 25, 26th and April 29th at Matiki Market, Dwangwa trading centre and Mzuzu University respectively. It was pleasing to see tablers put ideas together towards a very successful blood donation exercise across Dwangwa and Mzuzu. This year's blood drive amassed a total of 219 pints across the 3 sites against a total of 102 pints in the previous year. More opportunities exist in the year ahead and we must aim to increase the numbers towards saving more lives.

The Dwambadzi mortuary project is up for handover in the month end of August. It is a transformative project which has resurrected a mortuary cold room with the intention of saving the community's time and money in handling dead bodies when the unexpected happens to their beloved ones.

Communities around us continue to face numerous challenges including famine, financial hardship and effects of Cyclone Freddy.

We must always see this as an important challenge and opportunity for all tablers to rise up and provide solutions to the challenges. We look towards increasing our visibility, strengthening our fundraising and sponsorship drive, enhancing our partnership portfolio and being unforgiving about growing membership. The presence of such challenges will definitely call for resilience building initiative both within table and in the communities, we serve; Of course not forgetting food relief to the communities.

Projects have been far-fetched in the first half of the year for DW69, partly due to sponsors' extra commitment to disaster response in the southern region and geographical positioning of our table.

The establishment of the Mzuzu charter is another critical project that all tablers must confront with aggression.

Potential tablers continue to avail themselves but consistency in their attendance of awareness meetings remains a challenge.

We will be taking deliberate steps in addressing this gap. Lastly, the year has seen the departure of Tablers Peter Piringu and Chawezi Nyirenda to BT20, and the graduation of Tabler Samson Zimba into 41er ranks.

The coming in of active guests Edward Nthara, Malumbo Nkhoswe and the persistence of pipeliner John Semu gives us confidence of positive replacements in numbers, age and quality. As a table, we must refuse to be confined to Dwangwa and continue to aspire towards expanding our playing field towards Nkhotakota boma and Nkhata-bay.

Sincere thanks to the local tablers and sister tables for pitching up so well in responding to the numerous challenges faced by the country. I personally see great and successful tabling years ahead of us through collective efforts.

Yours In Table

D. Mpeketula

Dyson Mpeketula
Dwangwa 69 Chairman



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DWANGWA 69**



Cyclone Freddy



The Freddy Cyclone storm captured via satellite imagery.

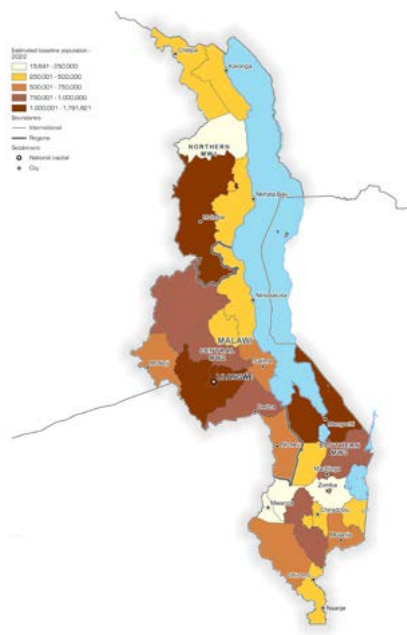
“Tropical Cyclone Freddy’s impact on southern Malawi has led to significant displacement, with over 553,614 people seeking refuge in 543 shelters” - DoDMA 2021

Round table Malawi had a busy 2023 and had to hit the ground running with our community service projects. We were able to be on the ground within a week of the initial rains dying down from Cyclone Freddy. Initial scoping was done to ensure those unable to reach the main camps were assisted and the vulnerable in the rural areas were not forgotten.

In all RTMW received close to 110 million kwacha through various forms and donors. To date we have donated 70 million straight to those affected with initial emergency relief items such as food, sanitary items, cooking utensils and other items for immediate use.

The funds used for the initial emergency donation was comprised of individual / company donations as well as two large donations, one from Tobacco Processors Association with a sum of K60 million and Helios Towers with MWK 11 million. These managed to directly reach 900 households and 1,000 people respectively. We were honored to partner with each company and be trusted to identify and carry out the donations alongside them.

The remaining MWK 40 million is going towards the Chambo evacuation center in Zomba, which we found lacked critical infrastructure to deal with such emergencies, such as ablution facilities, cooking areas and a clean water source. We hope to have the construction complete before the start of this rainy season.



Malawi esitimated baseline population map - 2022





Blood Drive



**“ Give blood!
Give now!
Give often!
”**

In March Round Table Malawi carried out our blood drive in line with Round Table International's blood donation month. Across our three tables we managed to collect 309 units of blood over two days. With 219 units from Dwangwa, 38 Units from Lilongwe, and 52 pints from Blantyre. A great initiative which we are looking to carry out every 6 months.

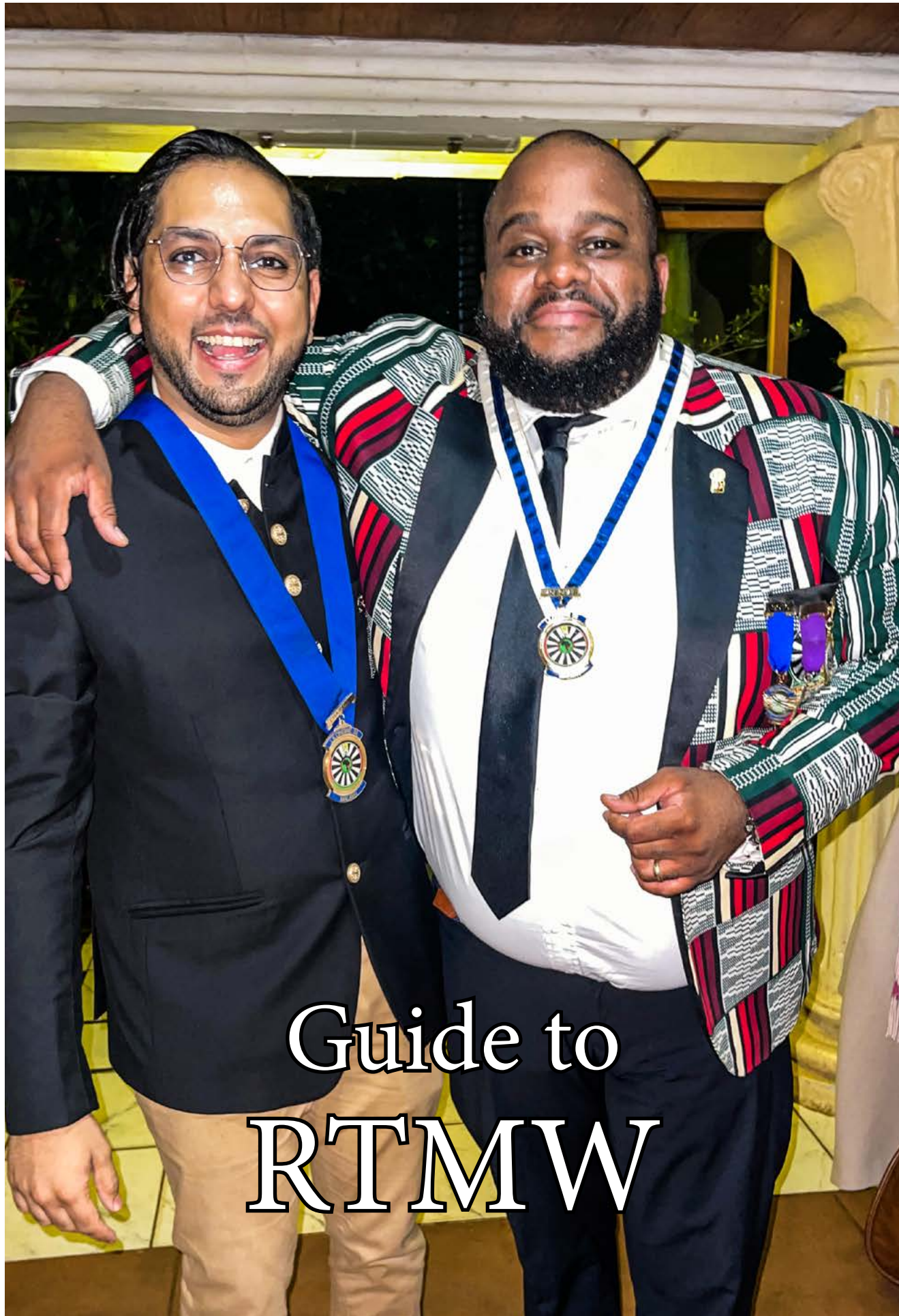
The amount of support that we received from the community at a time when Malawians needed it the most fills us with humility and gratitude. The very fact that we were entrusted to carry out these critical donations was a testament to the hard work that each Tabler puts into their service activities and the transparency of the organisation itself.

Yours in Table,

M. Sabelli

Michele Sabelli
Round Table Malawi Vice President





Guide to RTMW



Round Table Malawi Baobab tree logo. Taken at Lilongwe 32 's club house in Malawi.

Round Table is a club designed for young men between 18 and 40 (45 in some countries) years old, irrespective of their religious beliefs or political opinions. Round Table is a closed club, though anybody can join through an invitation from one of the current members who will then become the sponsor of the new member. Round Table is not a business club, it's first of all a place to meet people, to exchange ideas with them and to develop fellowship.

Table is an international organization, active on the 5 continents with 31 000 members (2019). These members meet regularly with the feeling of "meeting an old friend for the first time."

The local clubs are usually called "Tables", where their members promote first friendship, then the support of local charities and charitable causes. Round Table contributes to charity by either organizing various fundraising events, or by offering time and energy to give a hand wherever it's needed.

As with any hobby, you certainly get out of it what you put in.



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History of Round Table

The first Round Table was formed in Norwich (England) in 1927. The founder, Louis Marchesi, was a young member of Norwich Rotary Club. He pointed out the problem of change, which can only be achieved with young people and he felt a need existed for a club where the young business men of the town could gather.

At the meetings of this "Round Table" they could exchange ideas, learn from the experiences of their colleagues and play a collective part in the civic life of Norwich. This idea was successful and the chartering meeting of the very first Round Table took place at Suckling House, on the 14th March 1927.

Within a year of inception the membership of this Round Table had grown and interest was being shown in establishing Round Tables elsewhere. This is how a national association was founded in England on the

25th May 1928. From a very early stage it was agreed that Round Table would be a non-religious, non-political club and this has continued to this day.

The growth was rapid and Round Table proved it had international appeal with the first overseas Table formed in Copenhagen (Denmark) in 1936. During World War II, Round Table experienced challenges with growth, however further expansion continued with Round Table being established in Sweden in 1943.

After 1945 the pattern of growth was rapidly re-established with Tables being 'chartered' overseas, starting with South Africa and thereafter the growth did not stop. Round Table now flourishes in the majority of European countries, throughout Africa, the Middle East, Asia, both North and South America, and even more.

In 1947, Round Table counted 133 Tables in Britain and Ireland, 7 Dutch, 5 Swedish and the first Table was chartered in Norway. This is how the international association was established in 1948, with the aim of uniting the various associations, under the name of "Round Table International", known as RTI.

Today RTI has 31 000 members in 54 countries (2019). Some countries only have 1 or 2 Tables, yet some have hundreds. The main purpose of RTI is to ensure coordination between national associations and to retain the values of the Round Table in each association.

Look out for more information on Round Table in our next edition...

- Frabrice Stevens, "The Young Man's Guide to Round Table"



Round Table Knights - A possible inspiration



Louis Marchesi - Founder of Round Table



41 Club Malawi



Thank you, Round Table Malawi, for inviting 41 Club Malawi to make a contribution to this Magazine. There's only one place to start and that is the 41 Club International world meeting held in Stratford upon Avon held in May 2023, where Malawi attained full membership.

I, as the current Malawi President, attended to receive our Membership Certificate. I arrived in Stratford feeling very apprehensive because I didn't know anyone and thought this was going to be a lonely weekend, how wrong I was. Soon after registering for the meeting I was greeted by a gentleman with a vaguely familiar face who then turned and said to the person sitting next to him - meet Abdul from Malawi, he stayed with me in 2010 during the World Cup in Bloemfontein. Then it all came together.

Wow, Bruce Mackay, from there it was all hugs and high fives. Not long after this I met our fellow 41 Club members from Zambia it just snowballed from there.

The Nations night was held at the spectacular British Motor Museum in nearby Gaydon. Thanks to the 41 Club of Denmark for adopting me for the night. I'm so glad that I was able to make the trip and contribute towards putting Round Table Malawi and our 41 Club on the international map. Transitioning into 41 Club, nothing changes, and just like we say in Table, another 41er is a friend you just haven't met yet. The camaraderie and atmosphere is exactly the same, the only differences are that the guys are greyer, the average age is 55 not 35 and the music is Abba the Bee Gees and not Post Malone or Chris Brown.

It's definitely time to pass the baton on, whilst I am fully committed to serving 41 Club Malawi, it's time for the next person to take 41 Club Malawi to the next level. With these few words, I bow out and look forward to being part of the 41 Club journey in the coming years.

Yours in Friendship,

A. Mukadam

Abdul Mukadam

41 Club Malawi Past President



41 Club Malawi AGM

41 Club Malawi has since held its National AGM on the 14th of October in a warm and very sunny Mangochi with RT Malawi in attendance. Mussa Lambat was elected as the incoming President for the 2023/2024 year, under the theme "journey together". Mussa Lambat pledged 41 Club Malawi's support to growing both 41 Club Malawi and Round Table Malawi in unison, starting by forming a 41 Club in the central region and a 41 Club in the southern region to cover all areas where Round Table has a presence.

Another milestone was achieved during the AGM with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Round Table Malawi and 41 Club Malawi, further strengthening the bonds between the two Clubs and the Round Table family in Malawi as a whole.

We look forward to forging ahead on this journey together.



Summary of Events



26 January 2024

RT Blantyre 20 Annual General Meeting

27 January 2024

RTMW Half Yearly Meeting

10 February 2024

RT Lilongwe 32 Annual General Meeting

24 February 2024

RT Dwangwa 69 Annual General Meeting

16 March 2024

RTMW Blood Drive

29 June 2024

RTMW Annual General Meeting

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