

# THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

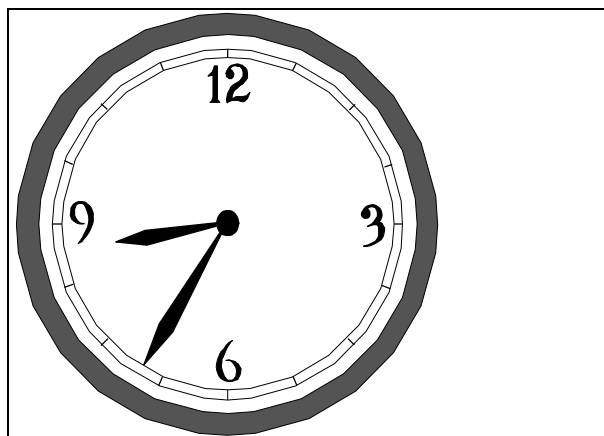
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As the Clock ticks slowly but certainly toward the new year, it is appropriate to wish you all a

**Merry Christmas**

**& a very**

**Happy New Year**



*I Know it's not really poetical, but somehow I had to get these wishes in here*

\* **At the end of 1995, let's congratulate some people :**

Alejandro, is the name of the first son, born last September, to **Eric Vermeulen & Christina**

Earlier this year, somewhere in the spring, **Beatriz Glez-Coviella** got married; according to some unverified sources

\* If you are looking in this Newsletter for the historical report, by Magister Wilfried J. Kainz, about the Circle Meeting in Paris; don't bother searching: it is not. When will it be ? Only God and W.J.K. know.

\* Check page 3 for all the info on the **1996 Circle Meeting**.

\* Short Term Notice : The U.S.F. Office of Alumni Relations (these are the official ones) invites everybody to a Reception in Paris at 19.00hr on Saturday, January 6 1996 at the Brasserie Restaurant, 125 Rue du Faubourg, Paris. Be There.

--- Gossip ---

\* On september 23 the 'official' USF European reunion took place in Florence, Italy. Among the about 35 participants was the outstanding Circle delegation with Magister **Wilfried Kainz** and Large Ambassador **Jan Melsen**. Both persons claim to have behaved themselves during an excellent dinner at the Villa dell'Ombrellino in the hills around Florence.

What actually happened afterwards in the disco and karaoke, including laughter and tequila shots, has been reported in a less detailed manner.

\* **Nita Sunarto** is alive and well in Indonesia. Nita moved last August . So, please note the new address in the data-base.

\* Another change of address, coming from Spain, where **Erik Vermeulen** and wife **Christina** moved to their own house, just outside Madrid.

\* **Frédéric Pirard** has eaten so many cookies at Delacre Biscuits that he decided to do something about his bad breath. So he quit and joined Frisk International as export manager for their breath fresheners. See data-base for new business address.

\* During the first week of October, the world of food gathered in Cologne, Germany for the Anuga World Food Fair. **Jos Piron** was there, presenting some marvelous hen products; and **Luis Martinez** briefly left the wine & corks to promote spanish duck liver. Both of them off course met for dinner and lunch, together with USF alum Vesa Jaatinen, Finland, and Luis's harem of blond spanish & dutch women ...

\* The aforementioned **Luis Martinez** has again gained spanish wide recognition for two more publications in a spanish business magazine.

\* **Lars Johnson** woke up and gave a full update on his data base info, including his new address. This momentarily upsurge came after he spent a weekend in Vienna, with **Wilfried Kainz**. After seeing Rigoletto they had some coffee on Sunday ... Lars had been working on the privatization of the Fokus Bank (the largest transaction in Norway in 1995) which makes him think he deserved the Austrian weekend.

\* The **Danielsen Family** is celebrating Christmas and New-Year in China; and are getting this year the company of **Jan Melsen** and **Luis Martinez**.

CIRCLE ANNUAL MEETING 1996

## WE'RE BACK TO PLANNING

The Swiss Circle Meeting Organization Committee

starring : Bernard, as Chairman of the Board Marlyse, as Chief Executive Officer guest  
appearance: Jos, as Chief Consulting Officer

presents : **Der Kreis in der Schweiz**

Following provisional program is currently already in the stage of detailed planning:

- Day One : Wednesday May 1  
arrival and get together for dinner
- Day Two : Thursday May 2  
a boat trip to the medieval castles, countered by a visit to the next century's spearhead of industrial technology  
the one and only: Circle Meeting and Dinner at an undisclosed location in Vevey
- Day Three : Friday May 3  
the beauty of Lausanne, it's Olympic Spirit, it's happy hours, it's Beau-Rivage, it's dining experience
- Day Four : Saturday May 4  
Mountain climbing and whale watching : watch the Ganders  
Wine tasting, gambling, dinner and jackpot
- Day Five : Sunday May 5  
you are kindly invited to leave the country asap

Lodging : thorough market research came up with the excellent proposal of the Hôtel Rigi Vaudois \*\*\* where the skilful

Chairman of the Board was able to negotiate up the following rates for the Circle for two classes :

a: 75-105 SF                      b: 165-180 SF

The S.C.M.O.C. will take care of these reservations for you upon receipt of the Circle Meeting Registration Form you will find on a separate sheet enclosed with this Newsletter.

**Be sure to fill this out and mail/fax/e-mail it immediately to**

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e-mail : [bernard\\_gander@logitec.com](mailto:bernard_gander@logitec.com)

### Circle Membership Fee

At the Paris Summit we started the collection of the 1995 fees. This was so 'successful' that 'only' 18 people have not paid their '95-fee yet. Please check your status in the data base and do the necessary.

FYI: already 5 people have paid the '96-fee.

However, following 10 members still haven't settled the '94 fee and are therefore probably looking at their last Newsletter: Ignacio Gonzales, Wilhelm Lerner, Danelle McDermott, Elaine Keratzides, Jim Hoffmann, Luis Martinez, Harald Bukovics, Bo Chansiri, Mariano Colmenar & Wilkin Tai.

There are still some outstanding from '92 & '93; which explains the shortened data-base-list ...

### **Data-Base**

As usual an updated copy of the data-base comes along with the newsletter. Several changes have been processed since the last edition. Some addresses (read people) are disappearing, due to the in previous paragraph mentioned reasons.

### **E-mail**

If you have an e-mail address, please pass it on. It is so much more polite to download your mail instead of being called in the middle of the night ...

There are now already 6 Circle member with an e-mail. Pretty soon we will be starting to broadcast Circle-Flash-News over the Internet; and trials are planned for 1996 to distribute the Circle Newsletter through the wire ...

### **Epilogue**

*Do you know who, in 1923, was :*

1. president of the largest U.S. steel company ?
2. president of the largest U.S. gas company ?
3. president of the New York Stock Exchange ?
4. the greatest wheat speculator ?
5. president of the Bank of International Settlement ?
6. the Great Bear of Wall Street ?

*These men should be considered some of the world's most successful men, at least they found the secret of making money. Now, do you know what became of these men ?*

1. Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. Howard Hopson, is insane.
3. Richard Whitney was released from prison to die at home
4. Arthur Cooger, died abroad insolvent
5. shot himself
6. Cosabee Rivermore, died by suicide.

*The same year, 1923, Gene Sarason won the US Open & PGA Golf Tournaments.  
Today he is still playing golf and is solvent.*

Conclusion: STOP WORRYING ABOUT BUSINESS AND PLAY GOLF

**...AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**