

THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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Good Morning !

We wish to extend our warmest welcome to the Austrian Circle members who are just a few days away from becoming European.

As well as our deepest sympathy with the Norwegian Circle Members who are convinced that their oil, gas and fish is better than being European.

Also

Thanks to the Circle Members who participated in this year's Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Guest of honor at this gathering was Murphy. For extensive and intriguing covering of this event read about it in the historical analysis by Wilfried Kainz, ph.d. in circlism & historism.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Financial Statement can be found on the following pages.

And CONGRATULATIONS continue...

Most joyful news arrived from Bangkok. Thiraphong Chansiri, the party-animal of San Franciso, who became the hard working entrepreneur from Bangkok, making frozen fish products into an art, is getting married on January 5, 1995. The honeymoon will take the new couple to mystic places on the globe.

If you want to catch up on the news about **Mariano's** wedding, see, read and believe/don't believe Jan's report.

The Circle goes HYPERSPACE !

After letter-writing, phoning and faxing, we are introducing a new item in the data-base : e-mail address.

Those Circle Members who are connected to an information network (CompuServe, Internet, ...) are asked to provide their e-mail address (Internet format) to facilitate communication even further.

So from now on you can also drop your notes, gossip, address changes etc. at 100337.3056@compuserve.com)

--- Gossip ---

Wilfried Kainz is relocating to Milan, Italy where he is setting up the Italian facilities of Do & Co catering, in cooperation with Lauda Airlines.

Feel free to contact him (in Italian) at following numbers:

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The **Danielsens**, Petter, Nina & Elizabeth should all be in China by now.

Dai Takahashi has become a frequent visitor of Tokyo Disneyland. The New Year's Eve Party will be his fourth visit this year. Apart from visiting Mickey, Dai enjoys his little daughter in between working 7 days a week.

Beatriz Glez-Coviella showed some sign of life again. She is now working as a product manager at the marketing department of a French publishing company, Hachette Filipacchi. Beatriz is in charge of four magazines: Elle, Elle Decoracion, Ragazza and Diez Minutos.

And,... Beatriz is planning on getting married to Diego next June !

Michael Horn too re-surfaced. He is now regional manager for France, Spain and Portugal, responsible for sales of Volkswagen cars and after-sales business.

As for **Jos Piron**; he attended the Sial Food Fair in Paris last October with his foot in the plaster after having twisted his ankle badly when jogging. Sports is dangerous for your health.

Wandering Frenchman **Christophe Lemaire** wandered into a Kathy, somewhere in the U.S. of A. And now, both of them are getting married (to each other).

Beatrice Leduc is quitting her job at the marketing research firm she was working for. This will allow her to organize the next annual meeting in Paris.

About The 1995 CIRCLE MEETING

The one and most important issue discussed at the Annual Meeting was of course the next Annual Meeting.

P A R I S

Saturday 29 April - Sunday 30 April

These are the dates to mark in your new agendas.

Arrivals on Friday-evening 28 April. Saturday and Sunday will show you the Paris as you never experienced before.

And on Monday 1 May, please get out ! Or stay a day or more in La Douce France.

Beatrice Leduc is in charge of the organization of this unique event.

Call Beatrice at her home number:+33-1-44.73.90.45 (or leave a message) to confirm your attendance and lodging/hotel needs.

P l e a s e , as rooms need to be reserved long in advance in Paris, book your attendance before the end of January !

It will be smashing !

Circle Membership Fee

The Annual Meeting in San Francisco has decided, in an attempt to fight inflation, to maintain the level of the membership fee at 10 ECU per year.

The fee-paid field on the data-base indicates as of now those (many) people who have failed to pay the 1994 Circle Fee.

Bad fee payments are increasingly undermining the financial stability of The Circle. Only 12 people paid their 1994 fee so far (and already 6 have paid for 1995, thanks).

Besides the open 1994 fees (to be recognized in the data-base) the following fees are at this moment still outstanding:

- 1991 : Alejandro Rocha
- 1992 : Michael Horn, Wilkin Tai
- 1993 : Michael Horn, Wilkin Tai, Rannveig Rist, Jon Rikhardson, Camilla Grieg, Jim Hoffmann, Christophe Lemaire, Jeff Pochepean

As a change in policy, the Circle administration will no longer be asking and begging to pay fees past-due; but just delete the membership as soon as a fee payment is one year past due.

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.

We have eliminated the information regarding the so-called backup-address in the Data-base, since it was hardly used.

As mentioned before, a new item: e-mail address has been added. If you are reachable through e-mail, please pass on your e-mail address.

Therefore also the lay-out has been adapted.

URGENT * IMPORTANT REMINDER *** URGENT**

AS A POSSIBLE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ONLY APPEAR SOMEWHERE IN

APRIL, DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THEN TO ENLIST FOR THE
1995 CIRCLE ANNUAL MEETING IN PARIS.

IT IS INDEED A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO SLEEP UNDER THE SEINE BRIDGES;

BUT IT IS DEFINITELY SOMEWHAT MORE COMFORTABLE TO ...

Call Beatrice now.

Epilogue

The Lord gave us two ends.

One to sit on

and the other to think with.

Success depends on which one we use the most.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

... AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Wedding of MARIANO & LOURDES, as seen by Jan Melsen

Mariano's wedding did indeed take place in the beautiful old San Jeronimo church off the great Prado Museum, across from the grand old Ritz where reception and dinner took place (and which - by the way - is owned by Forte Hotelgroup, managed by USF alumnus Randolph Guthrie in London).

As we would expect from Mariano, it was grand old-world style, sumptuous food as illustrated on the menu in a fabulous setting, a great dance party, lots of lawyers, finance whizzes and great Sevillana dancers. There were also some USF graduates (what were they doing there ?) among which we recognized:

- surprisingly, Mariano Colmenar himself, and Lourdes, a wonderful bride so nervous she was crying in church and choking when she had to utter THE words ...
- Wilfried Kainz, who may move to Milano for DO
- Erik Vermeulen and Cristina, still married after their Thai honeymoon during which they met Bo Chansiri ! Currently, they are checking out Madrid apartments and Rabobank mortgage rates (not that their current apartment is too small...). Cristina was also witness to the bride, and brought along a series of salsa-dancing single female law students.
- Ignacio Gonzales, and Anna, who continues to insist that a meeting should be held at the world-famous Canary Islands Carnival
- Luis Martinez who is now a famous economics author as proven by a recent publication in Spain's prestigious financial daily Cinco Dias; and emphasizing that high product quality isn't sufficient to compete if not accompanied by good customer service. That should get Spain on the right track, thanks Luis!

By the way, Luis is thriving: not only did he buy a piece of land in Pamplona for his future villa, but he also showed up in his nice new Mercedes with inside a very pretty blonde who turned out to be one of his many girlfriends... This turned out to be the Madrid one, called Helena, a sweet non-smoking (!?) agricultural engineering student, asking us constantly if we thought that Luis was indeed in love with her... On top of that, finding some excuse that she didn't have her parents' housekeys, he asked Erik & Cristina if he could bring her home to Erik's apartment to stay the night...

- Jan Melsen with a charming but unspecified friend
- undergrad Blanca Kalparsoro from San Sebastian, now blond, with her longtime boyfriend Carlos Gual from Bagur, Barcelona, now fat.

The continuing weekend in Madrid, as usual, turned out to be another great circle reunion. After a visit to the Prado, some tapas at our usual bar El Espejo, Via Recoletos, and on the Plaza Mayor, the bunch with female company continued the feasty weekend in Los Molinos where they joined the numerous, crazy, salsa-dancing crowds for the annual village feasts.. dancing all through the night till 5 a.m., drinking beer and freezing their ears off (daytime 28°, nighttime 5°), reminding circle participants the snowy La Grancha visit in May, 3 years earlier...