

THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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If the sky does not fall upon our heads in the immediate future, the likelihood that most of us will make it alive into 1990 must be estimated at a level approaching 1.

Hello everybody! Delivering on an earlier promise, here's the second Circle Newsletter.

Not too many world-shocking events about you all have reached me, so the congratulations list for births, weddings, funerals, giant career moves etc. is rather short.

This does not however mean that Circle-members turned out to be lazy bastards. At the contrary, they are kind of moving and active bastards!

The Circle data-base got several updates and extensions. Many thanks for your letters and postcards announcing address-changes and careers.

More and more people are leaving the City By The Bay, returning to their home-country to start promising careers.

Anne Sorensen returned to Bergen, Norway and is co-launching a mutual fund which is investing in environmentally concerned companies.

Lars Johnsen did get married and moved to the Marina district in San Francisco. Apparently he survived the quake. He works as a financial consultant in Palo Alto.

Wilfried Kainz and **Michael Horn** are both in the management consulting business. Wilfried in Vienna, Austria; Michael still in San Francisco.

Alexander Fick returned to the Netherlands and took a dive in a bowl of milk: he works as a management trainee for D.M.V. Campina, a big dairy company.

Harald Bukovics returned to his romantical village in the Austrian alps. He joined the army, and boy did it work! The whole of eastern Europe got so afraid they all declared bankruptcy for communism.

Nita Sunarto became a credit-analyst with Inter-Pacific Financial Corporation back in Indonesia, although she is still looking around for something else.

Bernard Gander and his wife Marlyse settled down in Lausanne, Switzerland after a long trip through Asia. Bernard is a branch manager now for Micrognosis Geneva (Control Data).

Unconfirmed sources learned that **Peter Danielsen** is working with American Cyanamid in New Jersey, that **Yvette Ikolo** moved to Belgium and that **Luis Martinez** returned to Spain.

As 'usual' a copy of the data-base has been sent, together with this newsletter to every "current address" on the list. If you would know of somebody who doesn't live there any more, please inform him or her so that the necessary adjustments can be

communicated.

In the early days the Founding Fathers conceived the Circle not just as a paper-list of addresses, but they favored the decisive efforts of breaking into world-peace through global communication, materialized by the meeting of people with the aim of supporting general welfare, more in particular the aid to several industries, amongst which they did not exclude the beverage industry(... and the poultry industry !)

Therefore: **Annual Meeting**

As proposed in the first newsletter the 1990 Annual Meeting will be held in Antwerp, Belgium during the week-end of May 1, 1990. The complete and detailed program is in the process of being compiled (i.e. it needs kind of imaginative thinking).

Accessibility: Antwerp is easily reachable. For those arriving by plane, an hourly bus connects the Brussels airport with the center of Antwerp; some European cities have direct flights to the Antwerp airport. Antwerp has also a major railway station and is served by several highways. People who prefer swimming or kayak, you can't miss the Antwerp harbor, it's one of the biggest in the world.

Timing: here's a draft program, don't shoot the pianist when it turns out to be slightly (or completely) different:

saturday, 29 april:

am: arrivals (of course, you're welcome to come on friday as well; unless you have any outstanding speeding tickets in Belgium nobody will stop you passing the border)

pm: sightseeing in Antwerp, including a guided tour (walking?)

eve: 1990 Annual Meeting

sunday, 30 april:

am: sobering up

pm: an historical day in ancient Brugge: bus-trip to the medieval city of Brugge (including guided tour?)

monday, 1 may:

a day in Antwerp: with possibilities of a visit to the harbor (by boat), the Zoo, museums (diamond-museum, Rubens, etc.), pubs, shopping,...

tuesday, 2 may:

am: organized visit to the EEC in Brussels

pm: visit to 'Mini Europe' in Brussels (a miniature replica of European landmarks)

or: visit to a chicken slaughterhouse (!)

Of course these 'activities' can be shifted between the different days.

I realize that it may be difficult for some or several people to stay until tuesday. I consider tuesday rather as an add-on: if enough people stay it may be worthwhile to organize this (visiting the EEC is not possible during week-end days and holidays; visiting a non-operational slaughterhouse is not too exciting either)

Lodging: I suggest we all stay in the same hotel to make it easier for the police to maintain law and order. A first preliminary inquiry learned that for a group of around 20 people we should count on \pm \$70 (bf2700) a night for a double room in a centrally located 4* hotel. Leaving the center of town can bring this price down by just \$5 to \$8.

Since the weekend of may 1 is touristically a busy one, we should make the group reservations well in advance. Therefore I urge you too let me know asap whether you will be attending and with how many fiance(s), wife(s), husband(s), children, etc you will be coming. Please try to reply by the end of february latest, so that at that time I can at least take an option on the desired number of double and single rooms. Also specify if you can whether you want a single or double room.(...of course you can share a double room with a roommate, please contact the other people yourself so that you can't blame me for putting you up with the roommate of your worst nightmare)

Transportation: Renting a bus for a daytrip would cost roughly \$15/pp

All this should give you some idea of the planning, timing and budget for the Annual Meeting. So, make a checkmark in your agenda's and write, call, fax your arrivals as well as any other suggestions you might dare to have.

Planning the next edition of the Newsletter is a daring adventure. Let's say that we'll distribute an updated data-base at the annual meeting; unless of course the easter bunny comes along.

...AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !