

THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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Traditionally, some people need to be congratulated :

* **John de Klerk** and Marianne welcomed their first born, a healthy son Jan-Willem on December 19.

* And Alexander Christian is the name of the son of **Christophe Lemaire** and Katie; born on January 29.

Oh yes, about the report on the last Circle Meeting in Paris ? Well, who knows, it still might come ...

But nevertheless, we'll meet again, and pretty soon !

Check page 3 for detailed information on the 1996 Circle Meeting in Geneva.

Hint:

We've had Circle Meetings in various countries: Belgium (Antwerp), Spain (Madrid), Norway (Oslo), Austria (Vienna), U.S.A. (San Francisco), France (Paris), Switzerland (Glion), ...

To conclude our tour of european continental member-countries the next meeting(s) should be in Holland, Germany, Greece...?!

--- Gossip ---

* On January 6 an 'official' USF Alumni reception took place in Paris. Among the about 15 people showing up were **Wilfried Kainz, Serge Stolitza & Jos Piron**. Although we definitively had some fun, a general conclusion was that 'they' still have to learn a lot ...

* **Lars Johnsen** and Ina are whispered to be moving to London, so sources say.

* **Thirapong BO Chansiri** is reporting some changes and updates. Check the database for complete address and phone numbers.

* The world-wide travelers, **Jan Melsen & Luis Martinez**, went on a new-years trip to China, including a visit to **Petter & Nina Danielsen** in Shanghai. Although the traveling two very much enjoyed China, they were very happy to find an oasis of western calm &

peace with the Danielsen family.

* **Nina Danielsen** returned (on the same flight as Jan & Luis) back to Norway to resume her 'normal' work. **Petter Danielsen** stays in Shanghai, but moved from the house they occupied to an apartment (address so far unknown). So, check data-base for new locations.

* To show off his business instinct, even on holiday trips, Jan reports having read the Wall Street Journal on the plane. Jan was especially interested in an article on investment opportunities on the Madrid Stock Exchange just before the Spanish elections. The said article was written by Barclays investment analyst director **Mariano Colmenar**.

* **Danelle McDermott** has settled for a new job as Director of Sales for Lindquist, von Husen and Joyce, a growing CPA and Consulting firm in San Francisco. They are in the top 25 for the bay area, specializing in accounting software implementations and tax and audit work with non-profits, forensic accounting, and estate planning, etc.

* From the U.S. of A. **Christophe Lemaire** regrets not being able to attend the Circle Meeting in Switzerland. Furthermore Christophe announce a change in business address. Check data-base for updates.

* Sincere apologies to **Beatriz Gonzalez-Coviella** for misspelling her name as Glez-Coviella. Somebody informed me that non-spanish people do not understand that Glez is just an abbreviation of Gonzales; and indeed, this foreigner didn't know. Sorry Beatriz !

CIRCLE ANNUAL MEETING 1996

Der Kreis in der Schweiz

GENEVA, 2 - 4 May 1996

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The provisional program is most appealing :

- Day One : Wednesday May 1
arrival and get together for dinner
- Day Two : Thursday May 2
visit of the Chillon castle - boat trip to Vevey -
visit of Nestlé (?) - Circle Meeting & Dinner at an
undisclosed location in Vevey

- Day Three : Friday May 3
trip to Lausanne - Olympic museum
happy hour in Beau-Rivage - Dinner in Lausanne
- Day Four : Saturday May 4
trip to Rocher de Naye - whale watching (seriously)
wine tasting in Bavaux - dinner -
jackpot night in the casino
- Day Five : Sunday May 5
you are kindly invited to leave the country asap

Lodging : can be arranged for you by Bernard & Marlyse (if you book quick enough) at the Hotel Righi Vaudois ***

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(prices at a: 75-105 SF & b: 165-180 SF)

Practical Arrival Information :

Highjack a plane to Geneva-Cointrin Airport, from where you take a train (every hour, at 38 minutes past the hour) to Montreux. Travel time is 1 hr 13 mins.

Please inform Bernard & Marlyse about your travel plans and timing.

Circle Membership Fee

Current situation on fee-collection remains 'low profile':
19 people have paid the '95 fee, and 5 have paid the '96-fee.
The '94 outstandings still number 10 units. The data-base list keeps getting shorter.

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.

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 ...

Epilogue

to take part in a severe contest

between intelligence, which presses forward

and an unworthy, timid ignorance obstructing our progress

...AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT