

THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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I do apologize because it took such a long time for this Newsletter got published. Fortunately nobody seems to have missed it.

If you want an excuse, here are some :

- this being the first newsletter after the last Circle Meeting, it should contain the report of that meeting; the report writer however hasn't delivered yet
- still waiting for that report on the Circle Meeting '95 in Paris ? that report writer too hasn't delivered yet either
- the available gossip was, and still is, a bit one sided
- he who writes the newsletter has been a bit lazy

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Now is the time to plan your holiday break for the

1997 CIRCLE MEETING

location : London, U.K.

time : 1 - 4 May 1997

arrivals on thursday, May 1
departures on sunday, May 4

Please announce your attendance & lodging requirement to
Lars Johnsen at phone & fax : + 44 - 171 - 370.05.17

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--- Gossip ---

* **Alexander Fick** moved together with his girlfriend Annette, new address and phone number to be found in the data-base

* **Luis Martinez-Aoiz**, **Wilfried Kainz** and the ever travelling **Jan Melsen** didn't go straight home after the Circle Meeting. They continued the great life in Italy, visiting Ferrra, Brescia, Bologna and Firenze.

* In order not to loose contact with the outposts of the Circle **Jos Piron** travelled all over the U.S., contacting **Danelle McDermot** and discovering **Dirk Haro** in San Francisco. Dirk has moved with wife and children to Baghdad-by-the-Bay where he does some consulting work for Bank of America. At that time (June'96) their plans where to return by september to Germany. Whether that has happened is open to debate.

* A mid-summer break brought **Wilfried Kainz** and some colleagues of his to Berlin, where they were joined by **Jos Piron**. That's where I discovered that market-research for a catering company means hard work: eat & drink non-stop for 3 days !

* the same **Wilfried Kainz**, in a serious effort to counter Jester Jan as the circle's top-traveller, showed up all over the U.S., even in San Francisco, where he had coffee with USF International Alumni Coordinator Lorraine Snyder.

* **Jan Melsen** and **Luis Martinez-Aoiz** went looking for the fundamentals of our freedom on the beaches of Normandy. With the deepest respect they visited the memorial of the Brigade Piron. However, they failed to report on the living creatures they met on the beach ...

* and **Luis Martinez-Aoiz** reported to have written another article in a spanish financial newspaper; in the same category of literature events **Jan Melsen** is preparing a book about the famous belgian painter Marten Melsen, father of our jester.

* At SIAL'96, the international food trade fair in Paris, **Luis Martinez-Aoiz** was promoting spanish paté, **Jos Piron** kept on selling the best frozen hens, and **Wilfried Kainz** was looking for new & better catering food. The 3 of them met in a seriously businesslike matter for dinner in the heart of Paris.

* ... this page soon to be renamed as 'the Jan & Luis Report'

MOVIE NEWS

November 23 is the date, Barcelona is the place.

For the World Premiere of the movie The Laundry Bag (La Bolsa de la Lavanderia), starring **Jan Melsen**, **Mariano Colmenar**, **Luis Martinez**, **Ignacio y Anna Gonzales Santiago**, Oreol Coll, Barbara Weiss, Blanca Kalparsora, Richard Lebedeff, Jamilla Badry, and some 20 more USF people.

The project started in 1988, the shooting was on location in San Francisco and the larger Bay Area. But not wanting to compromise on quality, the editing team worked on finalizing the picture for several more years.

There will be off course a major party to celebrate the rebirth of the Art of Motion Picture.

Contact Jan and/or Mariano if you too want to be there.

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

Leadership is the ability to get people to do what they don't want to do, and like it.

...AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

and to fill the last page, here's an e-mail from Jester JAN :

20 REASONS WHY CHOCOLATE IS BETTER THAN SEX !

- 1) You can GET chocolate.
- 2) "If you love me, you'll swallow that" has real meaning with chocolate.
- 3) Chocolate satisfies even when it has gone soft.
- 4) You can safely have chocolate while you are driving.
- 5) You can make chocolate last as long as you want it to.
- 6) You can have chocolate even in front of your mother.
- 7) If you bite the nuts too hard the chocolate won't mind.
- 8) Two people of the same sex can have chocolate without being called nasty names.
- 9) The word 'commitment' doesn't scare off chocolate.
- 10) You can have chocolate on top your workbench/desk during working hours without upsetting you co-workers.
- 11) You can ask a stranger for chocolate without getting your face slapped.
- 12) you don't get hairs in your mouth with chocolate.
- 13) With chocolate there's no need to fake it.
- 14) Chocolate doesn't make you pregnant.
- 15) You can have chocolate at any time of the month.
- 16) Good chocolate is easy to find.
- 17) You can have as many kinds of chocolate as you can handle.
- 18) you are never too young or too old for chocolate.
- 19) When you have chocolate it does not keep your neighbors awake.
- 20) With chocolate size doesn't matter.