

# THE CIRCLE - NEWSLETTER

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It's cold outside, but it doesn't matter because it is outside.

The year one thousand nine hundred ninety-one is about to call it a day, so it's time to get this year's third newsletter out.

The Circle is alive and well, and living all over the world. People keep moving, changing jobs, having parties, and getting married.

Yes indeed. Wedding bells in Tokyo, Japan. Congratulations to **Dai Takahashi** who got married on november 9. **Mariko** is the lovely women who takes on the majestic task of having to turn Dai into a decent person. Honeymoon takes the newly-wed to California; L.A. and, off course, San Francisco.

## "THE MBA SHOWDOWN IN OSLO"

As already announced, the 1992 Annual Meeting will be in Oslo, Norway. Mark your agenda's: may 1 - 3.

The Norwegian Committee has released a press statement that there will be an anual meeting in Oslo. Plans and scenarios are being drafted to make this a major and unforgettable event. To set the welcome atmosphere, 90% of all outdoor advertising space in Norway is taken by a blizzard of underwear ads, featuring Cindy Crawford (WSJE 04/12/91). Anne, Lars, Nina and Peter are spending every second free minute on it. Invitations including more specifics will be mailed based on the addresses in the Newsletter.

Riot police is on stand-by, since some officials think that a gang of hooligans is wrongly heading for Norway instead of Sweden for the european 1992 football championship.

Jan Melsen, who is in the travel business (and occasionally works) will be arranging flight CIA007 from Brussels European Airport to the high north of Oslo. For flight information and bookings, please contact Jan at Circle International Airlines.

## Gossip

Get yourself a drink and make yourself comfortable, because there's a lot of gossip coming up:

**Anne Sorensen** has abandonned the activity of job seeker. She is now working for a Norwegian shipping company Fred Olsen. As a financial executive she is sitting on the money.

**Dai Takahashi** changed jobs in the beginning of this year. Dai left Nisshin Steel and joined Japan Air Lines, where he now works as a senior staff assistant reservations and sales. His wife Mariko is also in the airline industry; she works for All Nippon Airlines.

**Alexander Fick** went back to the roots of European culture on holidays. He visited Greece with its many islands, and wine and dined with **Paris Kazakias** in Athens.

**Erik Vermeulen** is reportedly still dating the beautiful Spanish girl that he was set up with during the Madrid Meeting. See how far things can go ...?!

**Jos Piron** has been on the road again. The wedding of Dai Takahashi was the excellent excuse for making that far-east trip. Starting with a visit to **Wilkin Tai** in Singapore - Wilkin is getting married to his girlfriend Angie next february - and returning with a stop in Bangkok to say hallo to **Bo Chansiri**. Giving a short speech at the wedding in Tokyo, I took the liberty of speaking in the name of all of you when wishing the bride and the groom 'Dai-San, Mariko-san, kekkon omedetou gozaimasu'. Despite my northern accent, people seemed to understand my japanese.

Sincere thanks to all Circle members who paid there membership fee: without it I never could have made this trip.

**Jan Melsen, Luis Martinez** and some other USF alumni attended the fabulous traditional Moroccan wedding of Nadia Badry, sister of current USF MBA student Jamila Badry. It was actually a double wedding since two sisters got married to two brothers. The Casablanca event turned out to be a spectacular several-day musical event, with visits to Marakech and other places.

On one of his many business trips **Luis Martinez** also visited Beatrice Leduc in France and Jos Piron and Jan Melsen in Belgium. Luis was doing some international marketing research on sausage skins (oh, my God ...!)

**Beatriz Glez-Coviella** returned to San Francisco on holiday at the beginning of september. She also moved to a new office building outside of Madrid.

**Frederick Pirard** and **Jos Piron** ran into each other in Cologne, Germany, at the Anuga World Food Fair. Frederick marketing his biscuits for Campbell Foods, and Jos promoting that there is no business like chicken business.

**Lars Johnsen** went on a three week holiday to California last september, visiting his wife's parents at Palo Alto. Knowing that there is no such a thing as a free lunch he arranged a business meeting when over there to make it a business trip. Lars is also teaching evenings at the Bankers' Academy in Norway.

**Peter and Nina Danielsen** are reportedly moving back to Norway. Having the Annual Meeting in Oslo with them being in the states is something that both of them obviously couldn't live with.

**Nina Sunarto** joined the Algemene Bank Nederland/Amro in Jakarta. She enjoys very much moving around through the various bank departments as a management trainee. But

work made her nightlife activities decrease drastically.

**Wilfried Kainz** met with indian Viney in cold and freezing London. So Wilfried is planning to spent Christmass anywhere where it's nice and sunny.

**Christophe Lemaire** is getting settled in the Boston area. He also hooks up once in a while with Peter Danielsen - to go sailing off of New York. Business takes him regularly to Chicago, Dallas, Minneapolis and Ireland. Christophe says 'hi' to everyone and really hopes to be in Oslo.

**Camilla Grieg** is working in Bergen as a financial analyst for a securities brokerage firm, Fondsmeglerforretning (Jesus! try saying that aloud five times in 10 seconds). Together with Anne Sorensen and some other Norwegian USF girls they have started a wine club in Bergen. They will miss Anne who has moved to Oslo, but won't give up on the wine club: good wine and very social!

**Bernard & Marlyse Gander** have moved and will be moving. You'll find their current new address in the database. As of april however they will settle down on the Geneva Lake shore in Montreux, at following address: Route de Glion 81, 183 Glion/Montreux, Switzerland; phone: +41-(0)21.963.62.58.

Bernard didn't only change his address, taking advantage of economies of scale he got a new job as well. Last september he joined a management consulting company named OZ in Vevey.

**Wilhelm Lerner** organized with some freinds of his 'Die Nacht der Bunten Vielfalt'. A huge party to celebrate some graduations and some birthdays. Or: any reason is good enough to party !

### **Circle Membership Fee**

Introducing the membership fee turned out to be an excellent idea (cfr. my trip to Tokyo, thanks guys !). As of today 54.29% of members have paid their dues. For the remaining 45.17% management is considering hiring the services of Nick Gerber and his pledge redemption management company.

Alternative payments are also welcome: Wilkin Tai, being isolated in the far east, was wondering what an ECU might be; and he was preparing to send 10 **Extremely Cute Undergraduates**.

### **Data-Base**

As usual a copy of the data-base comes along with the newsletter. Several updates have been processed since the last edition.

Remember: information not updated since one year will be eliminated ! Failure to update will result in eternal expulsion ! Several people are getting dangerously close to their deadline.

## **Epilogue**

The newsletter is like the flue: you never know when it comes, but all of a sudden it's all over !

Whatever is happening to your life, careers, drinking habits: let us know. Feel free to contribute your remarks and articles to this wonder of modern literature. Many sincere thanks to all of you for dropping a card, a letter or making a call about what's happening to you and your friends.

Nobody admits it, but everybody likes to read gossip.

Wishing everybody a peaceful Christmas and a happy and successful New Year 1992;

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

p.s.: don't forget about Oslo.