
CIRCLE NEWSLETTER

March, 2002

Circle meeting in Stockholm April 26 to April 29!

Dear Circle members, this years meeting will take place in Stockholm the weekend before May 1. So far 17 brave members and "significant others" have signed up for this meeting.

The Program:

Friday April 26, Arrival Stockholm

Evening dinner around 20:00

Saturday 10:00 to 13:00 Sightseeing by bus and walk-about the old city of Stockholm with a guide. Visit to the Vasa Museum.

13:00 Lunch

20:00 Circle Dinner at the "Mälardrottningen Hotel" restaurant

Sunday 11:00 – 12:30 Sightseeing by boat in the Stockholm harbor.

20:00 Dinner

Monday morning (time to be set later) visit to a successful e-business to learn about their experience. Arranged by Bernard.

Some people will stay longer and participate in the festivities surrounding May 1.

The people who has signed on so far:

Circle Honorary President and supreme Godfather Jos Piron and his wife Nathalie.

Future President Wilfried Kainz and his new love Maria Eugenia from Spain.

Ambassador at Large Jan Melsen

Bull runner and dare devil Luis Martinez Aoiz

High-tech guru and media persona Bernard Gander and his wife Marlyse

Finance Wiz-kid Lars Johnson and his wife Ina

Icelandic Circle freshmen Rannveig Rist and Jon Rickardson

Lifestyle experts Dirk Haro and Elena Travaglini

Newly found Greek circle member Paris Kazakias

Circle friend Holger Emlich

Circle friend Dag Oppen-Berntsen

Circle friend Angelique Hanquet

For those of us who want to stay in the "cicle hotel", we need to confirm our reservation with a credit card before March 25 in order to secure the reservation. I will follow up with the ones who has signed up.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in Stockholm in a few weeks!!!!

Sincerely,

Petter (soon to be ex. President)

Rumours and Gossip

Collected by Hans Petter Danielsen and other friendly beings.

Circle members in the news (by W. Kainz):

Our common friend and Circle member Bernard Gander got his name into "Time" magazine, reportedly without paying cash... You will find related article under: www.timeeurope.com and go to the digital CEBIT feature. There is a story about Logitech where Bernard explains the new features of the folding keyboard they developed. So good news from Circle fellows.

Bo (Thiraphong Chansiri) was featured as the "king of dead fish" in the "Economist" three weeks ago.

Wilfried Kainz, still single, but seriously in love with Maria Eugenia, a lovely lady from Seville, Spain, who has participated in some events over the years arranged by circle members. We will all have the chance to meet her at this years cicle meeting in Stockholm. Wilfried has recently switched his career path into the beauty industry in Switzerland. He enjoys life commuting between Lausanne and Madrid.

Erik Vermulen, is still enjoying life in Madrid with his wife Lourdes, and still working for RABO BANK. He sent us this:

Everything okay on this side of the Pyrenees. The most significant news is that I have changed my favorite drink from "Screaming Orgasm" to Rum with Coca-Cola. I know it doesn't sound that exotic anymore. I guess it's the age.

I have been maintaining some email contact with Luis (San Fermin) Martinez lately, who has been traveling to Madrid regularly. but we have not had the opportunity to meet yet. I am afraid it's because he has female priorities, whereas I have family priorities.

Erik Vermulen sent this to Jan:

Everything fine with me and my family.

Whenever I go to Holland, it is usually a short business trip and I always stay with my father, who is living alone since my mother died. Although I was really planning on Stockholm, it looks like it's not going to happen. My father organized a big family trip that includes all his sons, sisters in law and grand children for the week between 28 April and 8 May.

We are all spending some time together in a nice hotel in Cambrils, which is a nice place, especially in off-season.

My heart and my thoughts will be with all of you.

Erik.

Minka van Sloum and Rene, are sorry not to join us in Stockholm. Their building activities seem to have hit a few snags. They are reconstructing their house, and finished building a swimming pool last September. Due to construction defaults they had to break down a large

part of the ceiling and Minka says the entire project is on its #&..... She was very sorry to say that because of this and other setbacks they cannot attend the circle meeting this year! They were really looking forward to seeing the bunch again. Minka and Rene wish us the best for the weekend.

Bo, Thiraphong Chansiri, still lives and works in Bangkok. He sends his greetings to all of us, but will not be able to make it this year due to the birth of his third child. Bo is one of the more productive circle members in more ways than one! Congratulations Bo!

Danelle McDermott sends us this update: We bought a condo in San Francisco last year, and are busy with trying to stay afloat in this job market. Chris(my guy) and I are going on eight years now. Doesn't seem like that long! But, it has been over 12 since we graduated from USF. Andersen's was just a blip on my work radar. Give a big toast to everyone this April - I hope to be able to come to the next one.

My address and stuff for the database:

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Employment: Self-Employed

Job 1: Computer Consultant/Project Manager

Job 2: Real Estate Agent (Zephyr Real Estate, SF - 415 552 0129 x133)

Job 3: Professional Organizer (Yes, it's real - see <http://www.napo-sfba.org>)

(It's about 40%-20%-40% spent on each. I like the balance. I do a lot of Quicken and financial organizing for people now too. It's fun. I like the cha-ching.)

Favorite Alcoholic Beverage: Sambuca/Baileys/MacAllan Scotch

Significant Other: Chris Legrand - known him since I was 14. Scary, eh? His birthdate is Oct 28, 1964 if we are still tracking birthdays. No, not married, no plans, my choice.

Dai Takahashi, Where are you?

Nita Wistawati, our circle member from Indonesia, is battling bone cancer and cannot join us in Stockholm. We should all remember her in our prayers, wishing her the best in her tough fight.

Marlyse Gander sends us the following report:

Finally manage to take some time to give you some news about the Ganders. Bernard is continuing to travel, and except for the 2 weeks following September 11th, he did not stop flying. He has been traveling a lot before Christmas, mainly in Europe, since business seems to be doing much better on this side of the Atlantic. I went back to work for Novartis in October. Although I was busy enough with the kids, I did not like the feeling of being totally out of the professional life. I am working as a consultant in marketing one day a week.

We spent a few days around New Year's Eve in Nice. The weather was great, the temperature very nice and the atmosphere extremely nice! We are coming to Stockholm and this years circle meeting.

Ramzi Charaf, the swiss friend who took an MBA at USF in 1990 and is now living in Dubai, is interested in attending a Circle meeting. I forwarded him you last e-mail. Maybe you could take him on your mailing list. His address is charaf@emirates.net.ae

Peter (Prabhap) Anavil, Bo's uncle and frequently his representative in social affairs, is reportedly coming to Europe this summer, but he has not yet decided if it is possible for him

to attend the meeting in Stockholm. We never quite know with Peter who is a frequent traveler, and the only one we know about who might surpass Luis, Jan and Dirk in the performing lifestyle division for professionals.

Elena Travaglini sent us this (a few months ago, and surely intended for the unpublished December newsletter):

A quick update. I am still in London working in the internet world for a company called image.net which provides marketing services to the Entertainment industry. It is a B2B site and I am responsible to open the Italian market for them so it is a business development job. I travel quite a bit mainly to Rome and Milan. The job overall is interesting although the movie industry is a bit flaky and you get to meet a lot of people who takes themselves far too seriously. But, so far so good. Dirk is a sir at leisure, after leaving First E and he is in no hurry to find a job - or so he says! I think he is getting bored and would like to start working again soon.

Circle friend Barbara Weiss is now back in Europe. Jan will be happy to forward her contact details.

Alejandro Rochas, Where are you?

Circle members **Beatrice and Henning Jensen** and their son Nils Eskil still live in Wiesbaden and spends this spring traveling the world. Between travels to Asia and America, it was difficult to attend in Stockholm. Beatrice has promised to represent the circle in the wedding of Cathy Klein's sister Danielle in California. Henning now leading big portion of the finance side of Tyco International in Frankfurt, after having spent years in GM and Delco.