



Activities for 2015

Our calendar of events for the year 2015 consisted of the following events:

Friday March 13, Annual General Meeting at the Swissôtel Nankai in Osaka

Our annual AGM was held at the Swissôtel Nankai in Nanba, Osaka. Eleven members attended for official business and were later joined by several more, along with guests for a Swiss cheese fondue dinner at the “Tavola 36” restaurant on the the 36th floor with a breathtaking view of nighttime Osaka.

Saturday May 16, Spring BBQ in Okuike (Ashiya Highlands)

Our first BBQ of the year began under the threat of rain which cleared in time for our guests. Well over 50 members, guests, and children helped make our event a success not only with their presence, but also their contributions: many dishes, desserts, and homemade cakes.

Saturday August 1, Swiss National Day Celebration at the Kobe Club

Our National Day celebration was held as usual in the garden of the Kobe Club. Attendance consisted of approximately 50 members and guests. The official representation was provided by Consul General Juerg Metz, who brought greetings, as well as a generous donation of fine Swiss wine from the Embassy. The evening was rounded out with the traditional tombola with many prizes for which we thank our many generous sponsors.

Saturday October 17, Autumn BBQ in Okuike

For our fall BBQ we were lucky yet again to have a beautiful, sunny day. We were able to welcome 55 participants, among them our new Consul General Mrs Nicoletta Regazzi-Pfeiffer who kindly made the trip from Tokyo. Again we were able to count on our members to provide a rich assortment of side dishes to go with the sausages and wine.

Sunday December 6, Raclette and Santa Claus Party at the Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club

The final event of the year was once again the visit from Santa to delight the children, each of whom received a gift bag and a “Grittibänz”. This was followed by Raclette which was generously sponsored by our long-time member Andy Mueller with his fabulous Raclette oven. This event was as usual well attended by a total of 82 persons.

All in all it can be said that our events have been successful. While our society is no longer as large as in some past years, attendance is vigorous, and our guests, whether official members or ‘just’ friends, show with their participation and contributions, that our activities are much appreciated. We thank everyone for their support and look forward to welcoming you again in the coming year.

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