



## Activities for 2016

Our calendar of events for the year 2016 consisted of the following events:

### Friday March 4, AGM at RValentino's in Sannomiya

This year we returned to Kobe for our General Meeting which was held on the top floor of RValentino's. Twelve members were in attendance for the official business which was followed by an Italian dinner of pizza, pasta and more. Friends and family joined to bring the guest total to 21 plus 8 children. A nice crowd for this 'dry' event.

### Saturday May 21, Spring BBQ at Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club

A beautiful sunny afternoon in an unusual location, the patio of the KRAC in Sannomiya. Our habitual location, Okuike, being unavailable forced us to relocate. The location made this more of a 'garden party' than a BBQ, but this did nothing to dim the spirits, and a terrific crowd of 69 people joined us for sausages, meat, cold cuts salads and plenty of dessert. Andy Mueller even brought his Raclette machine! Also on hand was Alain Maniciati from the Swiss Embassy in Tokyo.

### Sunday July 31, Swiss National Day Celebration at the Kobe Club

The 'solemn' event on our calendar, held a day early (the Kobe Club is closed on Mondays), was again blessed with fantastic weather, perfect for celebrating in the garden. Attendance was 29 members, and 29 non-members. Mr. Jakob Fehr, Deputy Head of the Chancery at the Swiss Embassy made his way from Tokyo to join our event and made sure to bring 24 bottles of fine Swiss wine. We thank him for providing the official greetings and enjoyable speech. Later we had the customary tombola, with prizes generously donated by many local businesses. Our sincerest thanks for their generosity and to the Embassy for the wine.

### Saturday, October 22, Autumn BBQ in Ashiyahama

With Okuike still closed we visited yet another new location, this time the beach in Ashiyahama. The furnishings were more sparse, but we had a generous amount of space for 54 participants. The weather threatened, with a few raindrops, but otherwise held, as we enjoyed a pleasant autumn afternoon.

### Sunday, December 4, Raclette and Santa Claus Party at KRAC

Tis the season for Santa ... and Raclette. And our friends and members know their raclette. Fortunately honorary member Andy Mueller always has his machine at the ready provided with a generous donation of cheese, so feeding the crowd of 71 persons (52 adults and 19 children) was not a problem. But first a visit from Santa, who gave his customary advice, after which each child received a 'Grittibänz' and a bag full of goodies filled with delicious treats donated by Lindt & Spruengli, Nestle and committee member Herbert Bucher.

While this wrapped up our official set of events, the committee also volunteered to contribute to the Swiss atmosphere of the "Swiss Fair" in Oyamazaki in Kyoto Prefecture. This event was organized by the town as part of a bid to be a host town for Swiss athletes for the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics. Our contribution was to serve Raclette and wine to the guests. All costs were covered Oyamazaki Town.

As a whole 2016 has been a successful year for our society with good attendance at all our events. We thank everyone for their support and look forward to welcoming you again in the coming year.

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