



## *Annual Report on the Events of the Swiss Society of the Kansai for the Year 2018*

In this, our 39th year, we had a familiar line of events:

### *March 3rd — Annual General Meeting*

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Restaurant RValentino in Sannomiya, Kobe. Fifteen members were present. The committee was confirmed. Thereafter dinner was served. The pasta, pizza and other Italian delicacies were consumed. A good time was had by all.

### *May 19th — Spring BBQ in Okuike*

Tis the time for sausages in the spring. Forty souls gathered in the comforting haunts of Okuike, on a cool and windy afternoon. Cervelats—courtesy of Kozo Iwata, Rock Field Co.—and other grilled treats, salads, wine, beer, and deserts and coffee, lifted the spirits. Thank thee all who were there!

### *August 1st — Swiss National Day at the Kobe Club*

On the traditional day, sixty-five, or so, hardy travelers assembled, despite oppressive heat, at the Kobe Club, where our celebration was repositioned to the ballroom. Whew! What a relief! In these more agreeable confines, we witnessed the address and greetings from our Embassy, brought to us by Administrative Officer Mr. Gilbert Avondet, along with 24 bottles of wine from the homeland. Also in attendance our trusty Honorary Consul Mr. Dieter Sommerhalder. The generous tombola meant that no one left empty handed.

### *October 20th — Autumn BBQ in Okuike*

Tis the time for sausages in the autumn. Yet again, fifty intrepids gathered for yet another cool and windy afternoon around the grill. The fare was again the same—thanks again to Kozo Iwata, and the many stalwart contributors—but clearly the company is much appreciated, as so many return time and time again. Bravo!

### *December 9th — Raclette Party with a visit from Santa Claus at the Kobe Regatta & Athletic Club*

And last but not least the wrap-up event of the year. Were you good this year? Santa will let you know, and perhaps reward with a Grättibänz and some Swiss treats. And of course there is cheese for everyone—all one hundred of them. Quick! The 30 second rule is in effect, when Raclette is served. Many thanks to Andy Müller (Raclette machine), Lindt & Sprüngli (chocolates), Nestlé Japan (KitKats), and all who put in the work to make it possible.

Thanks again to everyone, and we hope to see you all again this year!