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OKTOBERFEST AT COLOMBO HILTON

Friday, 1st November, 2013, From 7.30 pm to midnight.

Special price Rs 2.500/net (buffet dinner) All drinks will have to be paid directly to the waiter.

Please make your reservation not later then 25th October with Emil on 072 430 80 03 or secretary.swisscircleSL@gmail.com



The Hilton Hotel has allocated 40 seats for us so: **first come first served.**

The Committee will collect from you the exact change and will give you the ticket at the entrance. You have to understand that we have to give firm commitment to the hotel. By registering, you accept to pay the bill to the Swiss Circle even in case you are not attending for regardless of the reason for no-show

SPECIAL EVENTS

7th December (Saturday 2013)

*Santa Claus and Christmas Dinner at the Mount Lavinia Hotel
Santa will make a big entrance (more details to follow)*

12th February (Wednesday) 2014

AGM and Dinner

SWISS NATIONAL DAY 2013

Attended by 75 members and guests, this years Swiss National Day on 28th July, was again a sparkling event. The welcome address given by Arlette, our President, was followed by a speech of our Ambassador Thomas Litscher. With the support of the audience, Johannes and our Ambassador performed Swiss songs in our 4 languages. Special thanks goes to the embassy for sponsoring the wine for the aperitif and the staff of Mount Lavinia under the leadership of Cassim. During the bonfire Madame La Presidente, Arlette lead the lampion procession through the restaurant back to the bonfire and we all watched the beautiful firework.



I hope you will enjoy the next page, which is a summary of our 80th anniversary on 14th September 2013



80th Anniversary of Swiss Circle Sri Lanka – a summary

President Arlette Palmer and the members of the Committee of the Swiss Circle Sri Lanka invited the members to a grand anniversary celebration at the Hilton Colombo Residence Ballroom on 14 September 2013.

After President Arlette Palmer's welcome address, Kurt Meier, Charge d'Affaires and Deputy Head of Mission, Swiss Embassy in Sri Lanka, thanked all who had helped and generously sponsored the evening. He highlighted the events of 1933 when fateful decisions were made in Europe which had an impact on the development of Europe and the rest of the world for decades. In the same year and thousands of kilometers away a small group of Swiss Citizens founded an association in Ceylon with the goal of helping Swiss expat compatriots in need. It was called "Schweizerischer Hilfsverein" and became later, after a few name changes, the Swiss Circle of Sri Lanka.

150 members and their guests enjoyed a pleasant evening with excellent Swiss food, accompanied by Swiss Music provided by the band "Kapelle Jungfrau", and later followed by the Sri Lankan band "Mirage". The special performance of Asitha Tennekoon, Tenor accompanied by Eshantha Peiries on the piano was a huge success.



Thanks to a large number of sponsors, we were able to offer the dinner and drinks free of charge to all members of the Swiss Circle. Valuable "entrance prizes" and an extended raffle draw with a large number of superb prizes were offered to all participants. Our vice president, Selman delivered the vote of thanks with a toast to the dedication and generosity of our past President Thomas Daetwyler.

Everyone received a souvenir brochure and a DVD with scanned records of three books from 1933-2013 added with their own photo taken in front of the Swiss backdrop when they came into the ballroom. The 2nd DVD featuring the video and the photos of the evening will be given at a later date. Photos of the event will be published on our website.



The Swiss Ladies Charity Group launched their new very interesting book "Swiss in Sri Lanka". On sale for Rp 3000 (all profits go to charity), pls call Sabine 0773 02 01 06

This evening will be remembered by all of us as one of the most memorable events of our club, not only for the year 2013, but in its entire history.



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Hope to see you all at the
Oktoberfest or/and Santa



Claus Celebration, Marilyn