



SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2013

Last December, the 33rd International Christmas Charity Bazaar took place once again at the Ballroom of the Hilton Residence. The event was an overwhelming success with the Swiss Ladies making another amazing profit of Rs. 846'000/-.

As always, the ladies showed true Swiss enterprise and organization, making our table one of the most popular in the whole bazaar. During the months preceding the event, our busy Swiss Ladies contributed a lot of their time to bake, create, present and gather a lot of traditional Swiss food such as cheese, dried meat and chocolates.



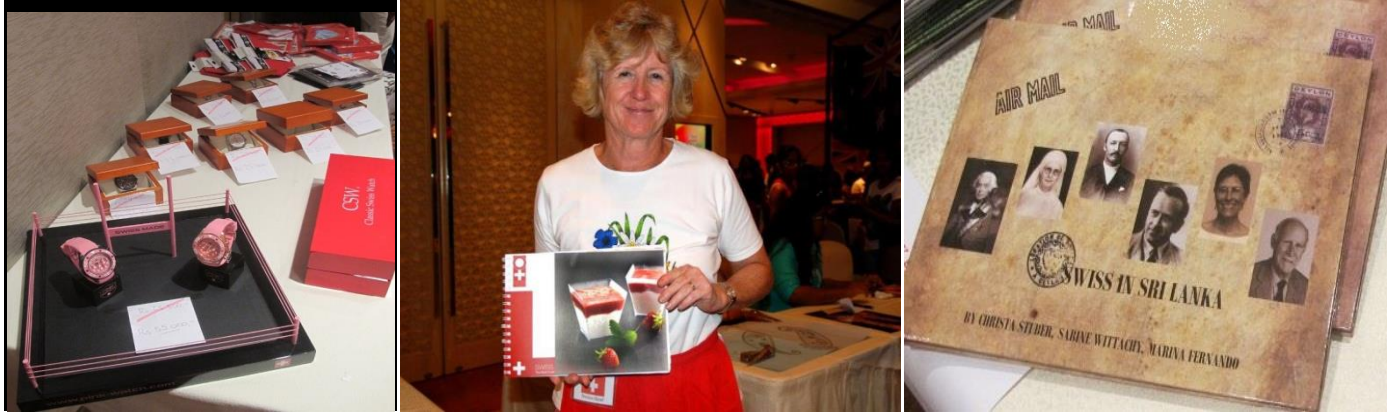
At the stall, the 35 kilos of cookies baked by the Swiss Ladies together with Dinesh, the Chef of the Swiss Residence, sold very well along with all the Zöpfe and cakes baked and donated by generous benefactors.



Apart from the usual goods, there were some special items on offer such as Swiss watches from 'The Swiss Collection' (managed by Mrs. Brigitte Clement Badurdeen) and handmade Christmas decorations (by Mrs. Sriyani Fernando).

Furthermore, we proudly presented our latest publication "**Swiss in Sri Lanka**", retracing the life and impact of Swiss people and organizations in Sri Lanka, along with our famous **Cookery Book**, the first cookery book in the world of European recipes in English, Sinhala and Tamil.

Both these books are still available. If you haven't got your copy yet, please feel free to contact us.



The raffle draw also contributed greatly towards the success of this year's event and drew a lot of interest due to the valuable prizes on offer.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the people and organizations who donated prizes for the raffle draw, namely:

Ceylon Tea Trail / Mrs. Danny Hameed / Amaya Resort and Spa / Mr. Walter Hubacher / Mr. Christopher Debarera / Mr. & Mrs. Anne Marie Lankatilake / Mrs. Simona Abeywardana / The Hilton Residence / The G.M. Galadari Hotel / The G.M. Mt. Lavinia Hotel / The G.M. Chesa Swiss Restaurant / Jetwing Hotel Management / Mrs. Dolly Fernando / Mr. Thusal Gunawardena / Kemara Spa



We would also like to express our gratitude to all of you for your contributions and support which led to the bazaar becoming an amazing success and a very enjoyable experience for all.

Last but definitely not least, we would like to thank all the people who collected money, food or other items for us in Switzerland and/or those who brought them down in their luggage. A special thank you goes to la FROMCO de Moudon who offered all the cheese, as well as Madeleine Fernando and Jocelyne Mollet who remain tireless in their quest to raise funds and organize all kinds of items for this event.

As usual, the funds raised were utilized for charitable causes that the Swiss Ladies Charity Group supports. All these projects were brought to our attention by different Swiss members over the years. The Swiss ladies pay regular visits to the different institutions to closely monitor whether the donated funds are being used for their original purpose.

This year, we decided to continue our support of

- IDE SCHOOL which caters to children with learning disabilities (Rs.275'000/-)
- ST FRANCIS BOYS HOME, ST STEFAN SCHOOL and CHESHIRE HOME to provide food, educational items and uniforms to school children from the slums in the areas around Negombo (Rs.120'000/-)
- SHARE which provides hot meals for the elderly and ill in Kalutara (Rs.108'000/-)
- DIYAGALA BOYS'TOWN, Ragama (Rs.100'000/-)
- THE COLOMBO HOME for children needing special care in Nugegoda (Rs.75'000/-)
- NYLANDER which supports people with poliomyelitis (Rs.60'000/-)
- DAYA MINA which cares for the poor and disabled (Rs.60'000/-)
- ECSAT in Galle helps teachers to include disabled children in various classrooms alongside non-disabled children (Rs.50'000/-)

How can you help us to make a difference this year?

Please bring back food items for us when you return from Switzerland, donate a prize for the raffle, join the Swiss Ladies Charity Group, or attend the bazaar and spend generously there! Whatever your contribution may be, we look forward to reaching our goal in 2014 with your help.

The International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2014 will be held on the 30th November 2014

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Please contact them if you require more information or if you would like to offer your help.

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