



SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2015

Dear Members,

The 35th International Christmas Charity Bazaar took place at the Ballroom of the Hilton Colombo Residences last November and we are very happy to announce that we achieved a profit of LKR 790'000/-.

Once again there was a wide variety of traditional Swiss items on offer, such as chocolates, cheese, biscuits and watches among many other things. And once again we didn't have any difficulties in selling our products. The visitors came, saw and bought!



This would not have been possible without our **generous benefactors**. We are very grateful for their donations of biscuits, brownies, cakes, chocolates, iced and cinnamon tea, Müsli, Rösti and Zöpfe. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to:

- Mrs. Danny Hameed
- Mrs. Judith Kabay
- Mrs. Katharina Twerenbold
- Mrs. Ramany Eger
- Mr. Rico Taravella
- Mrs. Rosemary Amiet
- Mrs. Senta Walker-Nederkoorn
- Mr. Thomas Daetwyler and Mr. Lakshman Niyangoda from Baur's

We are also very thankful to our master baker, **Mrs. Michèle Meier-Stolz**, for guiding and helping us to bake 35 kg of delicious Swiss Christmas biscuits! They were very much anticipated and appreciated!

We further express our gratitude to **Mrs. Senta Walker-Nederkoorn** and her husband, the Swiss Ambassador, **Mr. Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn**, for allowing us to take over their kitchen and dining room on the baking day and making space for all our products in their fridge until the day of the bazaar! Their generosity is very much appreciated.

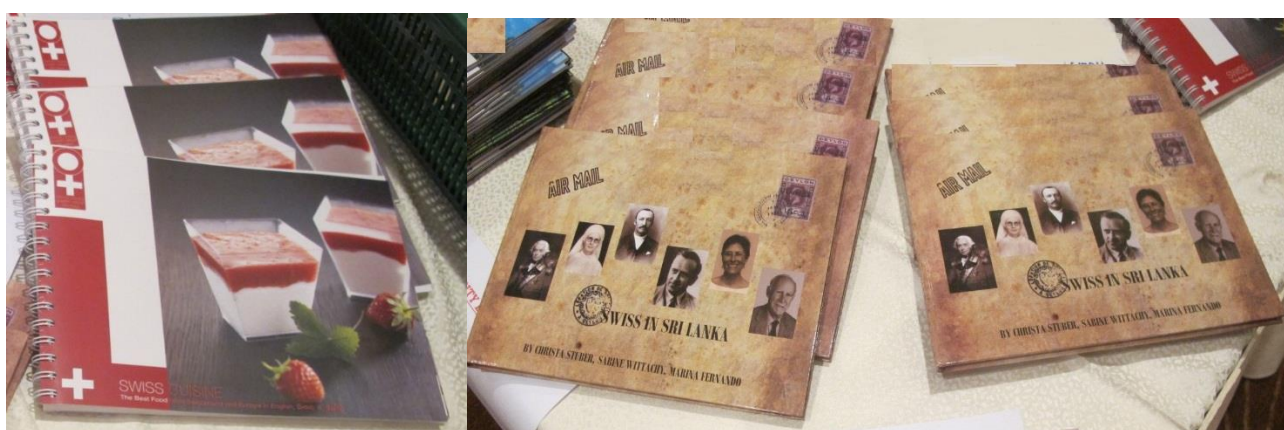


Another big THANK YOU goes out to the husband of our former member Christa, **Mr. Franz Stuber**, for his amazing donation of LKR 140'000/- A very unexpected and wonderful gift.

Our stall was made more special with Swiss watches, sold by Mrs. Brigitte Clément Badurdeen, and beautiful Christmas decorations, handmade by Mrs. Sriyani Fernando.

We also sold both books published by the Swiss Ladies Charity Group: **“Swiss in Sri Lanka”**, retracing the life and impact of Swiss people and organisations in Sri Lanka and our famous **Cookery Book**, the first cookbook in the world of European recipes in English, Sinhala and Tamil

Please feel free to contact us to obtain these books for yourselves or as gifts for family members and friends.



The wonderful prizes we obtained for our raffle attracted many people who bought a lot of tickets to try their luck! We thank the following individuals and organisations ever so much for donating a prize:

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| Mr. Alex Glauser | (OZO Kandy and OZO Colombo) |
| Mr. Cassim Bazeer | (Mt. Lavinia Hotel) |
| Mrs. Catherine Obrenovic | (Cafe Francais) |
| Mr. Christopher Dabarera | (Rico Shadow Guest House) |
| Mrs. Dolly Fernando | (Le Bijou) |
| Mr. Dominique Nordmann | (Resplendent Ceylon) |

Mr. Denesh de Silva	(Amaya Resort and Spas)
Mrs. Evangeline Ekanayake	(Ginger Cafe)
Mrs. Heidi Rampinelli	(Park Street Trattoria)
Mr. Jerome Auvity	(Jetwing Hotels)
Mr. Karim Schadlou	(Hilton Colombo Residences)
Mrs. Kishani Gunawardene	(Kemara Spa)
Mr. Nilan Wickramasinghe	(Lion Royal Resorts)
Mr. Riza Badurdeen	(Elephant Watch Hut)
Mr. Sampath Siriwardena	(Galadari Hotel)
Mr. Sandesh Sharma	(Cocoon Resort and Villas)
Mrs. Simona Abeywardena	(Secret Garden)
Mr. Thusal Gunawardena	(Water Sports Centre)

We would not have been able to offer so many delicious goods without the help of the people who collected money, food and other items and/or carried them in their luggage from Switzerland to Sri Lanka. Another big THANK YOU goes out to:

Mrs. Arlette Palmer
 Mr. Alan Palmer
 Mr. Christopher Dabarera
 Mrs. Madeleine Fernando



Once again, we're sending a special «MERCİ BEAUCOUP» to **La Fromco de Moudon** for their generous offer of their excellent Gruyère cheese. This cheese is very popular and we never have enough of it!

As usual, we distributed the profit among the charitable organisations we have been supporting for many years. We make sure that our donations are being used for their original purpose by paying regular visits to the different institutions.

The profit was divided as follows:

- LKR 265'000/- to **IDE SCHOOL** in Colombo which caters to children with learning disabilities
- LKR 50'000/- to **ST FRANCIS BOYS HOME** to provide educational items and uniforms for school children from the slums in the areas around Negombo
- LKR 25'000/- to **CHESHIRE HOME** to provide a lunch in memory of Mrs. Joana Mendis
- LKR 100'000/- to **SHARE** which provides hot meals for elderly and sick people in Kalutara
- LKR 100'000/- to **DIYAGALA BOYS' TOWN** in Ragama which supports marginalised and underprivileged boys
- LKR 100'000/- to **THE COLOMBO HOME** in Nugegoda for children who need special care
- LKR 50'000/- to **NYLANDER** in Ragama which supports people with poliomyelitis
- LKR 50'000/- to **DAYA MINA** in Nugegoda which is dedicated to the care, education and life training of differently abled children and young adults
- LKR 50'000/- to **ECSAT** which helps teachers in Galle to include disabled children in various classrooms alongside non-disabled children

THIS YEAR WE NEED *YOUR HELP AND YOUR SUPPORT!*

Since three of our very active members are leaving the country, we invite all the new ladies to join the Swiss Ladies Charity Group. We are a very nice team and always have lots of fun organising the event, baking the Christmas biscuits and taking part in the bazaar. Just give us a call and we'll organise a meeting to discuss and explain everything over a cup of tea or coffee.

We also request you to get in touch with us if you or any other people you know have extra weight or luggage allowances and are willing to transport food items for us from Switzerland to Sri Lanka. We can arrange for the items to be bought and delivered to you and/or your friends.



The Swiss Ladies Charity Group 2015

The next International Christmas Charity Bazaar will be held on the 27th November 2016

Sabine Wittachy (0773020106, sabinecarrard@yahoo.fr) and Marina Fernando
(0772516784, nmfernando65@gmail.com) are in charge of the Swiss Stall.

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

Please send your postal enquiries to: 319/2, High Level Road, Colombo 5

We look forward to seeing all of you at the next bazaar!

Warm regards and take care,

Sabine & Marina