



SWISS LADIES CHARITY GROUP International Christmas Charity Bazaar 2016

Dear Members,

The 36th International Christmas Charity Bazaar took place at the Ballroom of the Hilton Colombo Residences on the 27th of November, and we are very proud to announce that we made a profit of LKR 880'000/-.

Once again there was a wide variety of traditional Swiss items on offer, such as chocolates, cheese, wine and biscuits, among many other things, all of which sold like hot cakes!



This would not have been possible without our **generous benefactors**. We are very grateful for their donations of biscuits, brownies, cakes, chocolates, Zöpfe, coffee, jam, and tea.

Our stall was made even more special and never looked empty thanks to the beautiful handmade Christmas decorations by Mrs. Sriyani Fernando.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to the companies and individuals who sponsored a lot of wonderful goods for our table, namely:

Brigitte Badurdeen

Danny Hameed

Friends and family members of Madeleine Fernando and Arlette Palmer in Switzerland

Gérald Roux from **Fromage Gruyère Ltd.** in Bulle, Switzerland

Indrani Fernando

Judith Kabay

Katharina Kunz from Switzerland

Katharina Twerenbold

Ramany Eger

Rico Taravella

Sharika Erne Sharma

Séverine Wydler's parents from Switzerland

Shivani Hegde from **Nestlé**

Thomas Daetwyler and Lakshman Niyangoda from **Baurs**

One week before the event, we met at the Swiss Residence to bake 35 kg of traditional Swiss Christmas biscuits! They were delicious and very much appreciated. Therefore, we extend our thanks to HE Mr. Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn, Ambassador of Switzerland, and his wife, Senta, for allowing us to take over their kitchen on that day.



Both books published by the Swiss Ladies Charity Group were also sold again:

“**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, Sinhalese and Tamil.

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



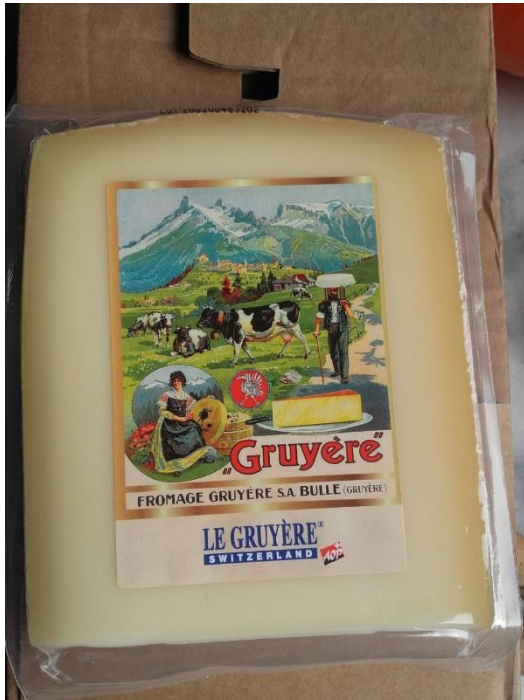
The wonderful prizes we obtained for our raffle attracted many people who bought a lot of tickets to try their luck! **We thank the following individuals and organisations ever so much for donating a prize, namely:**



Mr. Cassim Bazeer	(Mt. Lavinia Hotel)
Mr. Christopher Dabarera	(Rico Shadow Guest House)
Mr. Denesh de Silva	(Amaya Resort and Spas)
Mr. Dominique Nordmann	(Resplendent Ceylon)
Mrs. Dulashinee Karunaratne	(Jetwing Beach)
Mrs. Evangeline Ekanayake	(Villa Saffron)
Mr. Jerome Auvity	(Jetwing Sea)
Mr. Karim Schadlou	(Hilton Colombo Residences)
Mrs. Kishani Gunawardene	(Kemara Spa)
Mrs. Rohini Nordmann	(Ophir Skin Care)
Mr. Sampath Siriwardena	(Galadari Hotel)
Mr. Sandesh Sharma	(Cocoon Resort and Villas)
Mrs. Simona Abeywardena	(Secret Garden)
Sun Siam Group	(Sun Aqua Pasikudah)
Mr. Suresh Ratwatte	(Topaz Hotel)
Mr. Thusal Gunawardena	(Water Sports Centre)
Mr. Walter Hubacher	(Ayubowan Swiss Lanka Bungalow Resort)

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. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the individuals who helped us in so many different ways:

Alan and Arlette Palmer
Christine Holsinger
Christopher Dabarera
Doris Wacker from Switzerland
HE Mr. Heinz Walker-Nederkoorn and Senta Walker-Nederkoorn
Indrani Fernando
Katharina Kunz from Switzerland
Madeleine Fernando and her friends Martine and Chloé from Switzerland
Mr. and Mrs. Wydler from Switzerland
Silvia Attalla from Switzerland
Vitus Fernando



Additionally, we send a special « **MERCI BEAUCOUP** »

to **LA FROMCO DE MOUDON** for their generous offer of their excellent and beautifully packed **Gruyère cheese**,

and to **Mrs. Madeleine Fernando, Mrs Arlette Palmer and Mrs. Jocelyne Mollet** who organised and collected the cheese for us.

This cheese is very popular and we never have enough!

The profit was distributed among the following charitable organisations which we have been supporting for many years:

LKR 270'000/- 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 underprivileged areas around Negombo

LKR 30'000/- to **CHESHIRE HOME** to provide a lunch in memory of Joana Mendis

LKR 120'000/- to **SHARE** which provides hot meals for elderly and sick people in Kalutara

LKR 100'000/- to **DIYAGALA BOYS' TOWN** in Ragama which supports marginalized and underprivileged boys

LKR 100'000/- to **THE COLOMBO HOME** in Nugegoda for children in need of special care

LKR 80'000/- to **NYLANDER** in Ragama which supports people with poliomyelitis

LKR 80'000/- 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 **WECARE Worldwide Animal Charity Sri Lanka**

We make sure that our donations are being used for their original purpose by paying regular visits to the different institutions.

We are very happy to welcome the following new members in the **Swiss Ladies Charity Group**:
Andrea, Clara and Randel

If you are not a member yet and would like to join a very nice team, have lots of fun organising the event, baking the Christmas biscuits and taking part in the bazaar, just give us a call. We'll happily explain everything over a nice cup of tea or coffee.



We also request you to get in touch with us if you or 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 the necessary places.

The next International Christmas Charity Bazaar will be held on the 26th November 2017.

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.

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

Warm regards and take care,

Sabine & Marina