



Annual Report of the Committee for the Year 2014

The committee met five times this year to prepare for the various events.

We began the year with our 35th AGM, held this year again—albeit for the last time—at the Swiss Chalet in Kitano-cho on March 14. A total of 14 members, attended to the official business with Mr. Jakob Fehr, representing the Swiss Embassy in Tokyo. Afterwards we were joined by another 6 adults and 6 children for cheese fondue as well as wine, generously donated by the Swiss Embassy.

Our next event was the Spring BBQ. Saturday May 17 was a beautiful sunny day in Okuike in the Ashiya Highlands, where we enjoyed the company of 29 members, 22 guests, and 13 children, in total 64 persons. There was, as always, plenty of food; cervelats, salads, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks for everyone large and small.

The garden of the Kobe Club served as the idyllic setting for our annual National Day party, held, of course, on the 1st of August. Attending this event were 23 members, 22 non-members, 2 students and 3 children. We were also able to welcome the Consul Mr. Jürg Metz, who made the trip from the Swiss Embassy in Tokyo. We are grateful to the Embassy which kindly donated some fine Swiss wine.

Another beautiful, sunny day in Okuike was the staging ground for our Autumn BBQ, this time on a Sunday (October 19). A total of 54 adults, 2 students and 12 children showed up to enjoy the wine and other drinks, along with sausages and grilled meats, bread and cheese, and cakes for dessert.

Rounding out our event calendar was finally the Raclette dinner with a visit from Santa Claus, held on December 7 at the Kobe Regatta and Athletic Club in Sannomiya. This event was, as usual, very well attended with 19 members, 45 guests, 10 students and 39 children, for a total of 113 persons, many of whom let us know that they had a very nice time. Providing food for so many is a challenge that was considerably easier to meet thanks to the help and generosity of Andy Mueller who again allowed us the use of his unique Raclette machine, along with a generous helping of cheese. The service from the KRAC was impeccable with plenty of food. And the children were also taken care of thanks to chocolates from Nestle, the Santa bags shipped from Switzerland by Panalpina, Grittibänz baked by our committee, and of course our popular multi-lingual visitor from the North Pole.

We would like to express our most sincere thanks to all our members and guests for their active participation. We are very happy to have such good attendance at all our events, and we look forward to welcoming many of you again in 2015.

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