

REGIONAL NEWS

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Editorial

Dear readers,

I wish all the readers of Swiss Review Southern Africa a great 2015. Let's hope that this year will not only be remembered for the ongoing load shedding and the controversial new travel regulations which affect so many international and local travellers who are crossing the South African border.

Happy reading,

Gisela Piercey



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Consular visits

The Regional Consular Centre (RCC) will be holding Consular meetings in Zambia, Mauritius and Durban this year. Lusaka, Zambia (foreseen, not confirmed) 22.04., Quatre Bornes, Mauritius 05.- 06.05., Durban, South Africa 27.- 28.05.

Swiss citizens can apply for a Swiss passport and attend to other consular business. Citizens living in Zimbabwe and Malawi and in the Eastern Cape can also join us in Lusaka or Durban. Please check if and for how long your current Swiss passport is valid. We intend to visit Quatre Bornes and Durban every two and Lusaka every three years. Should you decide to take this opportunity, you will have to present yourself in person due to the biometric data that has to be registered. You can also attend to the formalities during your visits to Switzerland at any Swiss passport office. Please take note that most of the Swiss passport offices have a waiting list. The RCC has to contact the passport office before you can call there to make an appointment.

Swiss citizens registered in Zambia, Mauritius, KwaZulu-Natal and the EC will receive a letter two weeks before the visit.

It is, therefore, important that you register your current e-mail address and/or your postal address to receive the information. Update your contacts to: southernafrica@eda.admin.ch.

Citizens living in Zimbabwe and Malawi will not receive the information automatically. Please contact the RCC if you would like to see us. RCC Pretoria: southernafrica@eda.admin.ch, T +27 (0)12 452 06 61, F +27 (0) 2 346 26 05.

Swiss Hotel School lunch

Last September the Swiss Ambassador Christian Meuwly and the management of the Swiss Hotel School South Africa hosted a lunch with the SA Tourism Minister Derek Hanekom at School's facilities.



Ambassador Meuwly (4th from the left), SA Tourism Minister Hanekom (5th from the left) and Swiss Hotel School SA director Martin (on the right). Photo: © Schalk Botes, SHS

Originally founded by a Swiss Hotelier, The Swiss Hotel School South Africa is now in the hands of a South African trained in the Swiss tradition, Nicholas S. Martin. Comparable to the Swiss system of dual education, the School strives to enrich the academic topics with opportunities for the students to gain practical experience in subjects such as eco-tourism, foreign languages and entrepreneurship. Each year the graduating students host a pop up restaurant to the public on campus. In 2014 the theme was The Artisans' Kitchen. The Minister highlighted that South Africa's tourism industry and the hospitality sector were continuously growing and have improved in quality.

Update of contact details

You live in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia or Zimbabwe and moved, changed email address or cell phone number? Then it is time to update your details with the Regional Consular Centre in Pretoria or the Consulate General in Cape Town (citizens living in the South

African Cape Provinces and Namibia).
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PostFinance postulate

Following you will find an article taken from the ASO website: "Der Ständerat hat heute das am 22. September 2014 von Roland Graber eingebrachte Postulat angenommen. Dem Text zufolge soll PostFinance angewiesen werden, die Pflicht zur Eröffnung und Führung von Zahlungsverkehrskonten auf die Auslandschweizer auszuweiten. Das Postulat betont allerdings, dass dies unter Einhaltung der in der Schweiz sowie im

jeweiligen Gaststaat der Auslandschweizer geltenden Rechtsvorschriften erfolgen muss."

From your representatives, Marcie Bischof & Hans-Georg Bosch, many best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2015.

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Our Clubs of Society: Afro Guggu, Amicale Suisse Romande, Boccia, Skittling Club. Associated Groups: Swiss Choir, Swiss Rifle Club, Swiss Golf, G.S.N.A. Senior Swiss Circle meets every 2nd Sat of the month for Lunch. Swiss Ladies meet every 4th Thu of the month for lunch. Swiss Rifle Club Johannesburg: We shoot every 4th Sat of the month, from 9am. We normally shoot two different programs. This is done with Swiss rifles, provided by the club. Visit our Facebook site or call Daniel on 082-5699146.

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“newsflash” please contact the club at catering@swissclub.co.za or on 0214348405. Active sub-sections: Rifle Club, Cycling Club & Tennis Club. The ladies meet monthly – last Wed. Please contact info@swissclub.co.za or André Häberli, Membership & Advertising, Cell 076 933 03 04. Newsletter for regular updates: www.swissclub.co.za .

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SAT 24.1. Swiss Film Evening, Westville. SUN 8.03. 61st AGM. SAT 21.3. (Human Rights Day) FRANCOFÊTE, Sutton Park. SUN 17.5. Beach Breakfast Amanzimtoti. SUN 5.7. Creighton Aloe Festival (Train Ride). SAT 18.7. Cheese Fondue Evening, Ridley Park Bowling Club, Malvern. SUN 2.8. Swiss National Day. SUN 6.9. Guided Walk in the Durban Botanical Gardens with lunch. SUN 11.10. Durban Green Corridor Guided Nature Trail / Visit to Umgeni River Bird Park and Lunch. OCTOBER: Baynesfield Estate Country Fair. SUN 1.11. Kloof-to-Inchanga Umgeni SteamTrain Ride. SUN 6.12. Year End Function at Kranzklouf Interpretative Centre. SAT 23.1.16 Film evening. SUN 6.3.16 AGM. For details we refer to: www.swissclubnatal.org.za. Dates of the Jass-Evenings: 2015: 9/1, 13/2, 13/3, 10/4, 8/5, 12/6, 10/7, 14/8, 11/9, 9/10, 13/11, 11/12/. 2016: 8/1, 12/2, 11/3/2016.

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On Oct 24, 2014 we got together for a Fondue Plausch. Over 40 members came along and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. As usual we

met at Armin and Ella's place which is always very special and we feel homely there. The fondue prepared by Verena, Anne, Ella and Anuschka was absolutely delicious. It was well attended and everybody had a great time so we will have this year.

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