Editorial

Dear readers,

Did you know that only a quarter of Swiss living abroad are registered to vote in Switzerland? Many do not bother voting because they think their vote would not make a difference. But it does, as results of votes are often close. Voting is becoming easier as most cantons start offering electronic voting for Swiss abroad.

Happy reading,
Gisela Piercey

'S off the grid'

The Embassy of Switzerland in Pretoria celebrated the 724th National Day on 31 July, at the Residence of the Swiss Ambassador.

The wind was chilly, the alpenhorn was blowing, red and white colours adorned the venue and the scene was set for celebrating the Swiss National Day. The sponsors on board are Oryx Energies, Glencore, Schindler, Swissport, Zurich, ABB, Endres & Hauser, Lindt & Sprüngli, Nestle as well as Novartis. About 350 people attended the reception; they were from the SA Government, Swiss companies, academia, foreign diplomatic missions and NGOs that have participated in the Embassy's activities throughout the year. The event started with the Chamber Choir of Lebone II College of the Royal Bafokeng, under direction of Mr. Bragi Þór Valsson, singing both the Swiss and the South African anthems, followed by speeches from Ms. Carine Carey, Chargée d'affaires a.i. of Switzerland, and Director General in the Dept. of Transport, Mr. Pule Selepe, as the representative of the SA Government. After the formal proceedings the guests enjoyed a Raclette, made in front of open fires, because this year's event was conducted “off the grid” as an expression of solidarity with South Africa. Besides the fires, gas and batteries, only electricity generated by the Residence’s photovoltaic installation, which produces 23kW/h, was used.

Philippe Strub and Katlego Mokoma

Consular visit in Namibia

The Consulate General in Cape Town will be hosting consular days in Windhoek from 22-24/02/2016.

Swiss Citizens will be able by appointment to apply for a passport and consular business. Should you decide to apply for a new passport, your physical presence will be necessary in order to take the biometric data. You can also attend to these formalities during your visits to Switzerland in any passport office.

As most have a waiting list, the Consulate has to contact the passport office before you can make an appointment. You will hear more about our visit soon. Therefore please make sure that the Consulate has your new address and current e-mail so that you will not miss the info.
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