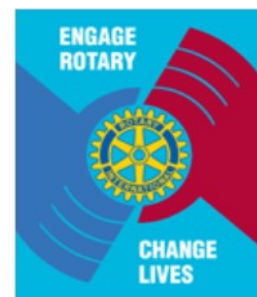




Rotary Club of Cooma Inc

Meeting - 22 January 2014

Rebecca - Presentation about Switzerland at the Cooma Bowling Club



Rebecca, our Exchange Student shared with us some information about her home and her family.

Switzerland is only 41,285 km². The maximum distance from North to South is 220km and from West to East it's 348km. The neighbours states are Germany in the North, Austria in the East, Italy in the South and France in the West. The population of Switzerland is roughly 8 million and the number of person per km is 197 but it can vary from region to region. The capital city is Berne.

In Switzerland they have four national languages, the most common language is German or Swiss German then French, Italian and Romansh. But Swiss German is only a spoken language, that means the TV or school is in German. Swiss German has a lot of different dialects, for example when she goes to the South of Switzerland she might have trouble understanding them.

In summer the average temperature in Zurich is 16 to 30 degrees and in the south it's mostly a bit warmer. The summer also brings a lot of rain. In the autumn we have the colourful leaves. It's the time with the highest rainfall but the downpours are usually short. In winter Zurich is cold and snowy, the average maximum temperatures is about 0 degrees. It snows there in that time which disappears quite rapidly. In good winters they can go ice skating on the lake. In spring all the colourful flowers come out and the temperatures range from 15 to 20 degrees. However the wind makes it feel colder. Rainfall increases during the last period of spring, though the period normally remains clear and sunny.

Zurich is the largest. It has 1,170,200 people and is a really pretty city. Especially in summer she goes there a lot. The second largest city is Geneva with the half population of Zurich.

The Swiss government is a federal state with parliamentary system and direct democracy. The Swiss Parliament is built on two houses the Council of States and the National Council. The Council of States has 46 representatives and the National Council has 200 members. The election of these representatives and members is easy to explain. In the Council of States there are two representatives from each canton and one from each half-canton. The members in the National Council get elected under a system of proportional representation. The Head of state is a collegial body of seven members. Each of them is elected for a four-year term. These seven people are called the Federal Council. The Federal Council get's elected by the Federal Assembly. The parliament house is in Berne, the capital city of Switzerland.

She lives in a small town, called Zufikon, with about 4250 people who are living on an area of 4.8 km². Zufikon is 40 minutes from Zurich. and its elevation is 405 metres. There aren't a lot of jobs and also no industry or factories. But it has some nice places and a small grocery store. There is a nice river where you can go swimming in summer.

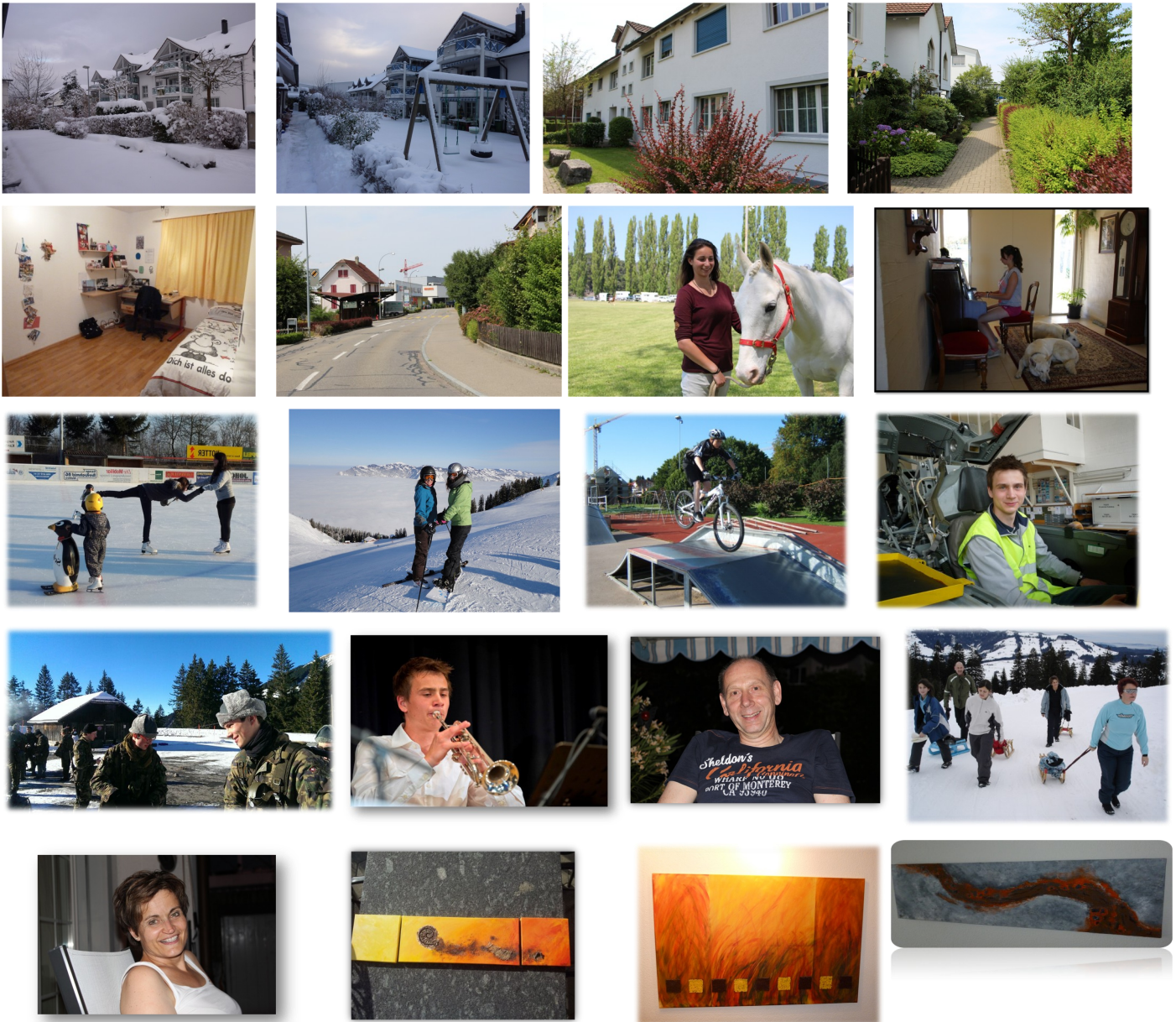
One and half years ago she finished the compulsory school. The schooling she is now doing is voluntary. They have 9 years of compulsory schooling. After those 9 years you can chose between an apprenticeship and a general education route. 60% of young people opt for the apprenticeship.



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Because she would like to become a nurse she decided to take Health. In her free time she like to do a lot of sport and spending time with animals. She does horse riding, Pilates, jogging, badminton, volleyball, ice skating, a bit of swimming and of course in winter snowboarding. When she was younger she played the guitar and has taken it up again. She also plays the piano.

She has one brother Pascal. He turned 20 in October and he wants to study Physics. He likes to do sport such as mountain bike riding, climbing, jogging, badminton. He plays the trumpet and is also part of a little band. One year ago he did a flying course and he flew with some little planes. He went for exchange to Kentucky three years ago. At the moment he is in the military service, which is compulsory for male. Her dad Eugen turns 53 in April and he works at a surveying office in a neighbouring town as a surveying technician. He likes to go motorbike riding and skiing. He is also part of a sports club in their town. Her mum Ruth works three days a week at a fiduciary office in Zurich as an accountant. She is also doing advanced training and has to go to school once a week. She likes to go to the mountains and going for nice walks. Rebecca and her mum like painting, below are some of their artworks.



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Darrell G

“Good judgement comes from experience – experience comes from bad judgement”

and

“Remember you are unique – just like everyone else”

Rotary Theme of the Month:

Rotary Awareness Month

Announcements

Elaine M announced that the visit to Birdsnest will be held on 19th February at 6pm returning to the Bowling Club for dinner at 7pm.

Claire thanked Grahame & Helen for their assistance with the judging of the Christmas Lights Competition. The winners were: 1st Prize - Mr & Mrs Marsican, 2nd Prize - Mr A Priedigkeit, 3rd Prize - Kath Wassink

Australia Day BBQ in Centennial Park on Sunday

The January market had 31 stalls and made \$1,237.00

Next weeks meeting we will be bowling instead of having a guest speaker. You will need flat soled shoes or bare feet and an extra \$5 to participate.



This Weeks Attendance: 69.4%

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Rebecca (Club), Nick & Monika, Fiona & Charlotte, Steve & Sue, Stuart, Jan, Janine

Apologies: Leave: Wolfgang, Richard L

Make-ups:

We Also Missed:

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December Rosters	
Attendance	Les S
	Peter D
Property	Joe V
	Des T
Fellowship	Margaret E
	Claire N
Market	John K - Co-ord
	Tom B
	Neil B
	David B
	Brenda CB
	John C
	Ashley C
3 Minute Talk	
29 Jan	Kevin D
Thought of the Week	
29 Jan	Katrin H
Thank you	
29 Jan	John K
Introduction	
29 Jan	Dugald M

Upcoming Speakers
29th - Keith Goodwin - Bowls with flat sole shoes or bare feet
5 Feb - Helen French - Inside Story of Felting
12 Feb - Darrell G - Rotary Friendship Exchange USA
19 Feb - Jane Cay @ Birdsnest

MEMBER HAPPENINGS January

BIRTHDAYS

1st - Dugald M

12th - Marjorie Revelant spouse of Marco

26th - Janine John-Natley spouse of Mark

JOINING DATE

2 Jan - Alyson HJ

3 Jan - Darrell G

3 Jan - Rob S

5 Jan - Marco R

6 Jan - Ashley C

6 Jan - Brian J

6 Jan - Des T

9 Jan - Kevin D

9 Jan - John M

9 Jan - Tony S

11 Jan - Wolfgang L

12 Jan - John C

22 Jan - Tom B

29 Jan - Geoff B

ANNIVERSARIES

None recorded for this month

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