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Editorial

Like it or not, life demands that we must account for our actions every-now-and-again.

And so it was for our Editing team and myself as editor at the recently held AGM of the Swiss Society in Kaponga, Taranaki. A memorable weekend it was with lots of friendly encounters amongst Swiss and Swiss-Kiwis from all 4 affiliated Swiss Clubs. The Taranaki Swiss club with its wonderful organisation deserves heartfelt thanks for the splendid hospitality extended to all that were present either for the sports competition or for the AGM itself. (I'm sure that you will find some appropriate words of thanks in our President's report)

Here then is the Editor's report given on behalf of editor and editing-team.

~ "Liäbi Landslüüt, fellow Swiss compatriots, fellow Swiss-Kiwis, Ladies and Gentlemen"

The first year as Editor and editing team of Hamilton's 5-year-term has passed without any great upheavals. The task we took on in June 1997 has been challenging and rewarding in itself.

As you can recall we have published 10 issues of HELVETIA - 8 monthly and 2 bi-monthly. The April issue was an extended issue of 16 pages, while the rest were of the usual 12

page size.

The February issue carried a cover photo in full colour at an extra cost of \$ 100.- in order to gauge reader's response.

We have once again been well supported by various advertisers and on behalf of everyone involved in the publication of HELVETIA I take this opportunity to thank all advertisers most sincerely for their support and trust in our publication. Without some of these "faithful" advertisers the HELVETIA magazine wouldn't be possible in its present format.

My thanks go to all members of the editing team for a wonderful co-operation, to our Embassy in Wellington for publishing materials supplied, to my computer assistant Luuk Paulussen, to Rosetown Print Ltd, Te Awamutu, and last but by no means least to all Swiss Society subscribers, especially all Swiss Club representatives for the cordial interaction we have enjoyed during the past 12 months.

Please accept my apologies on behalf of myself and the editing team for any mistakes or controversial decisions taken in regard to the composition and publication of HELVETIA and for omitting some contributions supplied by various individuals.

As editor and editing team we have to remind ourselves constantly that the aim of HELVETIA is to foster the bonds of friendship amongst the Swiss in New Zealand and to enrich the Helvetia-magazine with articles suitable to most Swiss and Swiss-Kiwi subscribers. This isn't always an easy task within the framework of a 12-page booklet and within the financial constraints of an acceptable budget.

Finally it is my pleasure to offer the services of myself as well as those of the editing team for the coming "year of duty". - Thank you ! -

RR.

This presentation was accepted with acclamation and as the report on the AGM in the presidents message on page 3 states, the Editor and his editing team have been re-elected 'en bloc'!

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