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President's Report

Hello everyone,

By the time you receive this issue we will either already have held the AGM or are about to have it!!!

This month I must make mention of all the wonderful pictures we received for the Easter competition ... you children all did a terrific job, and put a lot of effort into your drawings ... congratulations, and keep it up. I know that Silvia had a very tough job to select the winners!!! It was great to see your creative abilities, and all the pictures were so different. So, come along parents and encourage your children to take part. It gives

your editing team great pleasure when we have so many participants in our competitions.

With the winter months coming, all the Swiss Clubs have many different functions organised for their members to take part in. All of your committees would love to see more people attending these functions and events, so please do support them ... your committees take great pleasure in having 'full houses' for these functions, and it certainly makes holding them so much more memorable. Club committees do put in a terrific amount of time and energy to organise various functions, and your attendance is important to

them. Your editing team loves to print wonderful stories about these events in the Helvetia, and I am sure that people love to read that things 'are happening' in their clubs.

Will let you know what happened at the AGM in next month's issue.

*Regards
Marianne*

**The Embassy of Switzerland
in Wellington now has a
PO Box number which is:
PO Box 25004**



The answer to the Swiss Flag is:

The Swiss Flag as it looks today was introduced officially on December 12, 1889. The use of white crosses is much older though. The sign of the cross on red ground was first (since the 13th century) just periodically used along with the State or Cantonal flags (the Swiss Cantons being autonomous but joined together in the Swiss Confederation).

There are different theories about the origins of the cross, the most obvious one being that it is symbolically related to Christianity. The Cross represents the cross, Jesus was put on, the red colour represents his blood.

The red colour is an analogy to the red colour of blood.

The Swiss flag is square and each arm of the cross has to be of the same size and must be 1/6 longer than wide.

Swiss Society Annual General Meeting

The Swiss Society invites all members and friends to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on June 6, 2004 at 2pm at the Auckland Clubhouse, Rapson Ave, Kaukapakapa.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President
2. Apologies
3. Appointment of Scrutineers
4. Minutes of the previous AGM (held on June 1, 2003) and the matters arising (minutes printed in May Helvetia)
5. Obituaries
6. President's Report and matters arising
7. Editor's Report and matters arising
8. Address by the Patron of the Society, Mrs Sylvie Matteucci
9. Financial Report and matters arising
10. Delegate for Swiss Abroad's Report and matters arising
11. Riflemaster's Report and matters arising
12. Setting of Subscriptions 2004/2005
13. Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Riflemaster)
14. Election of Committee
15. General Business including club reports
16. Set date and venue for Society AGM 2005
17. Meeting closure