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Items of interest

Swiss news

Federer wins Wimbledon ...again

When we recently gathered to pack the Helvetia, Myrtha requested a recipe for lasagne ... so here it is, Myrtha and I hope that you enjoy trying it out!!!

There are many variations of the "lasagne" so if any of you have another recipe, please forward it to the editing team for inclusion in a future edition of the Helvetia. Thank you.

Lasagne

This will make three to four dishes depending on the size of your family and/or their appetite!

Boil two packets of lasagne and rinse under cold water to avoid sticking.

White Sauce (is easy to make in the microwave). Mix 3/4 cup of flour with 40-50 mls of milk and one cup of grated cheese. Stir a few times while cooking. Cook until thick and creamy.

Fry 1 kg of mince in oil until brown, and add one big onion and five cloves of garlic. Continue frying until the onions are golden. Add spices and three cans of chopped tomatoes.

In a dish place layers of pasta, followed by mince meat and then white sauce. Finish with mince meat and white sauce, and then sprinkle grated cheese on top.

Reheat for 1/2 hour in oven. Serve with a lettuce salad.

For farming people, this dish is very hand during the busy spring as you can freeze the lasagne. Remember it takes a long time to defrost the lasagne (24 hours). Just put in the oven for an easy and quick meal.

Thoughts to ponder over

A happy marriage has in it all the pleasures of a friendship, all the enjoyments of sense and reason, and indeed, all the sweets of life.

- Joseph Addison 1672-1719.

Two things do prolong thy life. A quiet heart and a loving wife.

- Anonymous.

Your time may be limited, But your imagination is not.

- Anonymous.

Ozeania Wins Tourism New Zealand Award

At this year's Tourism Trade Fair ITB in Berlin Ozeania was the winner of the Tourism New Zealand Awards 2005 for the best New Zealand brochure in Switzerland.

The Swiss specialist for Australia, New Zealand, and the islands of the South Pacific is a major pioneer for individual travel to New Zealand and calls this destination its "second home", since the owners Bruno and Ursula Boeckli lived there for several years.

The relevant criteria for the award was comprehensibility, up-to-datedness, accuracy of the product, and country information, and of course also the creativity in layout.

Ozeania's brochure convinced the jury with its emphasis on the destination, its detailed and accurate information, touristic highlights for individual travellers such as customised touring in small groups, trekking off the beaten track, outstanding accommodation recommendations on farms and lodges throughout New Zealand's unspoilt nature.

Entrepreneurial spirit, innovation, touristic know-how, enthusiasm for the destination New Zealand, commitment, and an impressive layout all helped Ozeania to gain this important award. The award is a sign to the public that the winning company is an ideal partner for anyone choosing to travel to New Zealand.

Bruno Boeckli said, "It is a great honour indeed to be recognised in such a prestigious competition. I would like to acknowledge the enormous support of the Ozeania team and Ozeania's partners that have given me the opportunity to manage such a successful company as Ozeania."

Congratulations Bruno and Ursula from the Helvetia Editing Team.

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