



Evolution

From time to time we offer wine-tastings in our fair trade shop. During the latest one, we had to taste some new wines.



It is always nice to taste good wines together with cheerful people, but this time there was a bad news included. Some of our most requested wines like the Los Robles Cabernet Sauvignon or the Merlot from the same producer will not be deliverable any longer because the cooperative Los Robles in Chile stops working after 70 years of wine producing. Reasons for this are high losses in the last years and the enormous increase of the Chile Peso towards the US Dollar. An increase in prices for grapes on the market in Chile made the four biggest partners leave the cooperative

and sell their harvest apart from the cooperative. But without these grapes Los Robles could not produce enough wine and was therefore forced to give up the business. It is said that the smaller farmers are planning to build up a new cooperative with other wine-growers in the region. We will see.



Gepa now buys more wine from its other product partner in Chile, Lautaro Las Lomas. Last autumn, they imported new wines from this cooperative and these were the ones we tried on our wine-tasting evening.

New wines are the fruity Lautaro Sauvignon blanc, the Goue Vallei Rosé which smells like strawberries, the Chequen Cabernet Sauvignon and the Otono, a Cuvée between Cabernet Sauvignon and Carmenère, ripened in wooden barrels.

Herbert Körfer

Every year

...there is a member's assembly. Of course every member will get an official invitation. But we learned during the last years that for some members it is too short to get knowledge of the date only 3 weeks before it takes place. Moreover, the assembly is public and everybody who is interested in the work of our association is warmly welcome.

Therefore we want to give notice that the member's assembly will be on June, 3rd, 7.30 p.m. in the protestant parish house, Broichweiden, Jülicher Straße 109.

Of course there will be a first part with formalities, but it might even be interesting to see how much money has been spent what for. The nicer part, however, will be the second one. We are looking forward to hear about the developments at the pupil's job fair and about the fair travel tour at Easter, and at last we want to look back on our jubilee.

Very important: this year there will be the elections for a new board.

We are looking forward to a nice evening with hopefully many members and other interested persons. Please come numerously because that will show the board your support in its every day work.

Gertrud Kutscher



Nothing is more permanent than changes

The website is hardly "ready" and again there are new ideas, suggestions for improvement etc. For more than one year the new website is online now. But it has changed very often, sometimes remarkable, sometimes more in the background.

The newest actualization is concerning the homepage; the page which is shown at first when someone opens our website. The jubilee gave the reason for the change. During and around the jubilee many conversations were held, under those with Mr Lombe, the secretary of the Zambian ambassador at Berlin. He confirmed us that he wants to support the efforts of our association by making us and our Zambian projects more known. To ensure this, the Zambian embassy will set a link on their website to our website.

We want to find more interested people who help actively with the projects either through their donations or through their active work.

Our website then will be easily reached by all persons who are interested in Zambia. Therefore we need a new homepage which informs visitors in a short and clear way about the activities of fair handeln. This first step is now realized. The second step, which is started but not done at the moment, is to translate the most important contents in English. (Everybody who wants to help with this case is warmly welcome!)

There will be both a German and an English menu which can be chosen by clicking the German or English banner. We also plan to translate the homepage and the pages for the pupil's job fair in Turkish, by the way.

All those persons who visit our website regularly sure have noticed that the homepage can be chosen but does not open automatically. The sense is: all those persons who visit our website for the first time will see the homepage as first side. All those who already had contact to the website will see the side "Actually" so that they at first view will see actual items.



Full of information, but nevertheless still unknown are the sides regarding our fair trade shop. Information about all food products of the fair trade shop are available and sorted regarding food type. As far as we get them from the producers, there is information about ingredients, important e.g. for allergic persons.

Non-food products are not completely available. We try to list our non-food assortment step by step, too.



If you are looking for information, try the new seek function which helps you to look for names, ingredients or product characteristics. The button's name is "Eingabefenster", where any word can be put in. The program then looks for this word in all product descriptions and shows the results.



As you see, the website is in permanent change. It currently becomes more informative, actual and more clearly structured. It presents the work of fair handeln for the public in a good way.

Please draw your friends' and relatives' attention on our website.

Take a look at our website from time to time: there is always something new to discover.

Norbert Kutscher

Editorial note

Again there is something new!

You can subscribe our new newsletter "fair handeln - News" on our website. That will keep you always informed about actual activities and news from our association.

News from the pupil's job fair at Baesweiler

The pupil's job fair at Baesweiler since its foundation in summer 2007 is working to get more and more known. This happens through publicity in the "Stadtinfo" and the parish newsletters of the catholic and protestant parishes. By these manners we reach most of our clients. We are present on the council meetings of the catholic parishes, the elderly people's afternoons of the protestant parish and the new integration meetings.

We are currently engaged by the KAB for planning and running their collection of used clothes.

Since summer, 2008 we cooperate with the gardener's association at Baesweiler that on one hand trains our pupils and on the other hand helps us to find clients, who are mainly elder people.

In January, 2009 we invented a new cooperation with "Tafel e.V.". They offer courses for cooking and our youngsters look after the children of the members during the course.



Especially the looking after elder and handicapped people asks high social engagement and a lot of empathy from the pupils. The circumstances of living which they see here are strange for them, because in all-day-live these circumstances are often cut out. That requests a high need for care which we as persons in charge must direct to the pupils.

Our youngsters are trained in several workshops. In spring, 2009 there will be workshops in garden work, in looking after children and in looking after elderly people. Since the foundation of the pupil's job fair, 22 youngsters had to leave the fair, the reason is normally that they have become 18 years old. A notable point is that especially the 17 and 18 year old pupils are very much engaged by their school life and have big problems to find a fixed date to arrange a job from the job fair. (key word: all-day-school) Moreover, we see a big amount of demands of youngsters who are too old to work with the pupil's job fair but who are looking for a regular job or a trainee place. We can help them at least to find the right institutions for their needs by our highly qualified staff.

Christa Peters
Head of pupil's job fair Baesweiler