A Literary Evening

at Sprachatelier Galante

On Saturday, September 27th a literary event took place at SPRACHATELIER GALANTE dedicated to the 10-year anniversary of one of Yana’s “Short Story and Conversation” classes. Over the last ten years they have read various stories of about forty different authors, some of which were presented during this evening.

The time for the event could not have been better: a balmy nice autumn afternoon. All guests were greeted by a glass of refreshing drink. Then the advanced learners presented short biographies of their favourite authors before they shared their favourite stories.

Barbara began with the **“The Story-Teller”** written by H.H. Munro named **Saki**, 1870-1916. She literally gave life to the personages of the story and delivered “The Story-Teller” beautifully.

Then Maja gave us a taste of **Katherine Mansfield’s “The Garden Party”**. For those who are unfamiliar with the story yet, what an excellent way to get interested!

Brigitte continued with **Roald Dahl’s: “Boy, Tales of Childhood”** by reading a chapter titled “Chocolates”. Obviously the story talks about a clever stunt of chocolates manufacture Cadbury. So did Brigitte with her presentation. Each visitor received a delicious chocolate of… Mm, irresistible! Thank you, Brigitte, for your wonderful presentation!

Last but not least, Annemarie presented a part of the book from **Elizabeth Strout: “Olive Kitteridge**.” With the book, Elizabeth Strout won the Pulitzer Prize. In the chapter “Security” Elizabeth Strout talks about Olive’s visit to her son and the new daughter- in-law. Olive offers some profound insights into human condition, its conflicts, its tragedies and joys. Strout is a very sensitive and emphatic writer.

Next, we had a chance to enjoy some of the self-created poems and stories again presented by this fabulous class of Yana’s. In the poem “Breathing” written by Rosina Bendel and presented by our teacher we could almost feel “love in the air.” Yana shared with us a very nice story how the content of the poem had materialized in her real life.

All the self-written poems and short stories were beautifully compiled in a booklet by Brigitte.

This is quite a great collection of wonderfully written pieces enriched by the vocabulary acquired in 10 years of reading. We learned about an unusual way of greeting a grandmother by her loving grandson at the river Rheine, as well as about the best mother in the world. Everyone was captivated by the witty-written hilarious story of a Swiss Christmas Party perfectly delivered by Massimo. These and many other stories and poems are found in the booklet and can be purchased for 5 Fr.- directly from Brigitte.

After the literary part, we got served a delicious pumpkin and chestnut soup cooked by Sergio, which was followed by various sandwiches. Sitting outside, eating all the good bread filled with cheese and meat, indulging in mouth watering mostly homemade cakes and sweets, everyone was delighted and the conversation went on…

Students’ report