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BUUREREGLE

Im Januar, im Januar isch alles stiif und starr.
Im Februar, im Februar, isch no alles stiif und starr.
Im März, im März, da gahts mit em Jahr vorwärts.
Im April, im April, dä macht sowieso was er will.
Im Mai, im Mai, da mache alli was si wei.
Im Juni, im Juni, verchauf i glaub de Muni.
Im Juli, im Juli, da gits wider jungi Suli.
Im Auguscht, im Auguscht, da ischt das Leben voller Luscht.
Im Septämber, im Septämber, da dänkt me schon a
Novämber.
Im Oktober, im Oktober, isch alles Heu im Schober.
Im Novämber, im Novämber, da dänkt me zugg a
Septämber.
Im Dezämber, im Dezämber, da treit mä warmi Hämder.
Im Januar, im Janu.....ar..., aber das isch eu jetze allne klar!

EMIL STEINBERGER

Senior's Section

Werner Rutishauser, 604-929-6923

Membership: Susanne Wilson: 604 888-6949 or membership@swiss-society.ca

Filmnachmittage fuer Senioren

For Swiss members who are 55+

im Deutschen Haus

4875 Victoria Drive (Ecke 33rd Ave),
Vancouver, BC

Kosten: \$ 6 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen

Zeit: zwischen 2 und 5 Uhr am Nachmittag



Next Movie-Afternoon:

31. Januar 2016; 28. Februar 2016

Bitte anmelden bei

bei Veronika Sans

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Vreni Huser

604 - 731.4300, oder

Elisabeth Schupbach

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Christmas Senior's Luncheon Saturday, December 5th, 2015

at the Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 Highway 17 at Highway 99 in Delta.

The Welcoming Committee

MC: Aio Haeberli



Edvige Weingand, Barbara Wirsching and Veronika Sans



Aio Haeberli and his wife



Christina Lips and Thane Poole



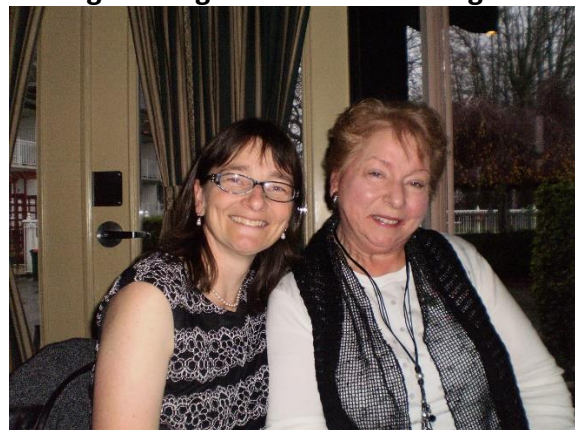
Rosa Zumbrunn and Alois Schuermann



Edvige Weingand and Silvia Kinvig



Consul Claudia Thomas with Barbara Wirsching



Irma Bieri and Marie-Louise Hanna

Photos Erna Schaefer



Elisabeth and Albert Rechsteiner



Erna Schaefer and Rolf Brulhart

A big Thank-you to all the ladies who baked the delicious cookies!

We missed having **Blanche & Werner Rutishauser** there!

They like to have visitors, because they are mostly at their place in Sunrise (Lynn Valley) now.
Here with "Nikki", one of their regular 4-legged friends.



Swiss Choir Section



Our Swiss choir had a good year of great performances.

The **Spring concert** was very well attended and the audience generously applauded.

We sang at the **German Christmas Market** in December and we organized our **first Christmas Concert** at All Saints Anglican Church in Burnaby. We didn't have a big audience, but the ones who attended liked the program well and

everybody had a good time. Thanks to our soloists, Sonja Essinger & Christina Lips (flutes), David Gsponer (Alphorn) the Gallic Choir and the churches' organ player we had a great variety of traditional and favorite Christmas music.

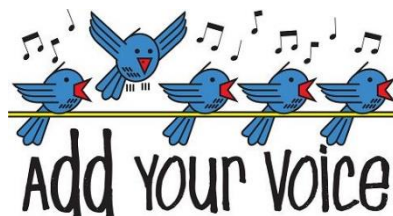
Thanks to all who made this event a success. The delicious goodies with coffee and cake afterwards was enjoyed by the singers, players and guests. Not to forget the table-decoration, which set a pleasant Christmas atmosphere in the room. This year we will prepare for the Saenger-and Yodeling-Festival in California June 22-25 2017.

We are looking forward to celebrate our 50st anniversary this year. We will do our best to present a great concert to you in spring.

Thanks to all the people who have supported us for the last 50 years.

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Years

Our choir is still looking to expand more. If you do feel you have some time on Thursday evenings and if you love to sing please get in contact with the president Silvia Kinvig at silkin56@hotmail.com or one of the choir members.



Swiss Outdoor Club

Waldweihnacht December 20th, 2015

Jacques noted that our Waldweihnacht 2015 was a success! Lots of snow, fair weather conditions, a full house, lots of children and even some teenagers and a friendly Santa..... !



Members of the Vancouver Dorfmusik and one guest from Switzerland played popular Christmas songs.

Busy servers: hot chocolate, juice, tea and delicious mulled wine!



Happy guests





Waiting in line to talk with Santa and receive a goodie bag.

Photos by Joe Mueller



Thank you Jacques for organizing this wonderful event, and thanks to all the other volunteers.



Now what's the truth? Does Santa come with reindeer or with a donkey???

Swiss Outdoors Club

Ski Week in Sun Peaks

Sunday, March 6th – Thursday, March 10th, 2016

By visiting Sun Peaks earlier than in previous years we're hoping to find perfect snow conditions and avoiding the notorious school break.

Cahilty Lodge offers special rates for rooms and 4-day ski passes.

They have set up the **group code as SWISS** so people can call and book using that group code.

Typical room rates are:

- \$ 128.00 per night plus tax for a **Studio room** with a queen murphy bed and double sofa bed.

- \$ 152.00 per night plus tax for **Studio Kitchenettes** with a queen bed or a queen murphy bed.

Other room options are also available.

The **skilift ticket** pricing for 4 days of skiing for one adult is \$246.00 + GST and for one Senior \$198.00 + GST.

This is the price for 3 days of skiing and the 4th day of skiing is free of charge.

Contact and reserve directly with Cahilty Lodge:

Calvin Doyle

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Swiss Outdoors Club of Vancouver

Annual General Meeting

January 27, 2016 at 7 pm

Location: Edmonds Community Center
7433, Edmonds Street
BURNABY, BC.

7433 Edmonds: Underground parking entrance is off of Fulton Ave or
Humphries Ave, take elevator to 2nd floor.

We will review the year 2015 and propose activities for 2016/17.

Refreshments: Coffee, tea and sandwiches will be served.

We would appreciate if participants would bring your favorite cake or
cookies for all to enjoy.

Note: we will have paper plates available.

Urs and Juliette Fricker will present a visual show from their recent trips
to the East.

Thank you for supporting your club,

Jacques Goldschmidt
Swiss Outdoors Club

Swiss Outdoors Club

2016/17: Activity calendar

<u>Jan 27:</u> AGM at Edmonds Community Center 7 pm	Jacques
Feb: 6-7: Ski Weekend at cabin	Jacques
<u>Mar: 6:</u> Snow Shoeing local Mountain	Jacques
<u>Mar 6-10:</u> Sun Peaks	Joe Mueller
Apr: 16: Hike Whyte Lake	Joe Mueller
<u>May 14:</u> Squamish Hike by new Gondola: Sea to Summit trail	Peter
Jun: 4-5: Cabin clean up weekend	
<u>Jun 4:</u> Executive meeting	
July 6-7: Pender Island weekend: Urs Boxler will guide us around	Jacques
<u>Aug 6:</u> Blue Gentian Lake, Cypress	Peter
Sept 17-18: Cabin Weekend Hike Baker area	Andy
<u>October 8:</u> Buntzen Lake	Joe
Oct 30: Metzgete and hike	Jacques
<u>Nov 5:</u> Reifel Bird Sanctuary Delta	Joe
Nov?: Jass Tournament	Irma Bieri
<u>Nov 26:</u> Executive Meeting	
Dec 18: Waldweihnacht	
<u>Dec 30-Jan 1:</u> New Years Eve Weekend	
Jan 7-8: Ski Weekend	
<u>Jan 25:</u> AGM	





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Upcoming Events

January 18, 2016	Board Meeting	SSV
January 27	AGM	Outdoors Club
January 31	Film Nachmittag	Seniors
February 6/7	Ski Weekend at the Cabin	Outdoors Club
February 22	Board Meeting	SSV
February 28	Film Nachmittag	Seniors
March 6	Snow Shoeing local mountain	Outdoors Club
March 6 – 10	Ski Week at Sun Peak	Outdoors Club
March	AGM	SSV
April 9, 2016	Annual Concert	Vancouver Dorfmusik
April 16	Hike Whyte Lake	Outdoors Club
May 14	Hike Squamish/Gondola	Outdoors Club
June 4/5	Cabin Clean-up Weekend	Outdoors Club
June 4	Executive Meeting	Outdoors Club
July 6/7	Pender Island Weekend	Outdoors Club
July 30	National Day Celebration	Mountain Range, SSV, Dorfmusik
August 6	Hike Blue Gentian Lake	Outdoors Club
September 17/18	Cabin Weekend with Hike	Outdoors Club
October 8	Buntzen Lake	Outdoors Club
October 30	Metzgete and Hike	Mountain Range, Outdoors Club
November 5	Reifel Bird Sanctuary Delta	Outdoors Club
November 26	Executive Meeting	Outdoors Club
December 18	Waldweihnacht	Outdoors Club, SSV
December 31/Jan. 1	New Years' Eve Weekend	Outdoors Club

Weird News of 2015

A shortage of bees makes it necessary to haul bees to agricultural areas for pollination purposes, so it had to happen sooner or later. A truck carrying bees through Coeur d'Alene, Idaho overturned on I-90 in June and spilled up to a million bees. Traffic was backed up for a couple of hours, and drivers were warned to keep their windows rolled up. To make matters worse, Coeur d'Alene was hosting an Iron Man Triathlon event at the same time. That couldn't have been pleasant.



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A driver on the M69 in Leicester, UK lost control of her vehicle on May 17 and ended up in a tree. It is estimated that the car was going at about 100 mph. Both the driver and passenger walked away from the accident or, in this case, climbed out of the tree. The woman who was driving was cited for "driving without due care and attention." The car was later recovered from the tree by a crane.

In May, Henry McGauley of County Louth, Ireland, found a stray cat in a tree. That's not unusual, but the cat was curled up in a bird's nest where she had birthed four kittens! The white cat is familiar to the neighborhood, and McGauley's wife Fiona had fed her before. The nest is **about eight feet above the ground**.

The couple think the nest may have belonged to a pair of wood pigeons who left it a few days ago and now it has furry, not feathered, squatters. Fiona said she will be moving the happy family onto terra firma as the kittens do not have the required wings to ensure a safe landing if they fall.

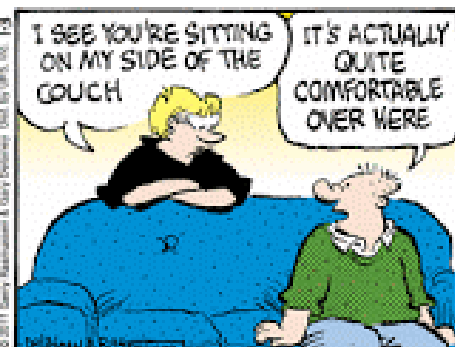
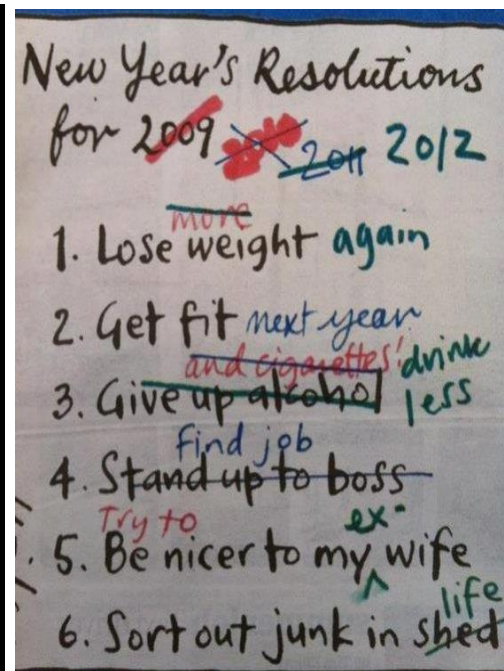
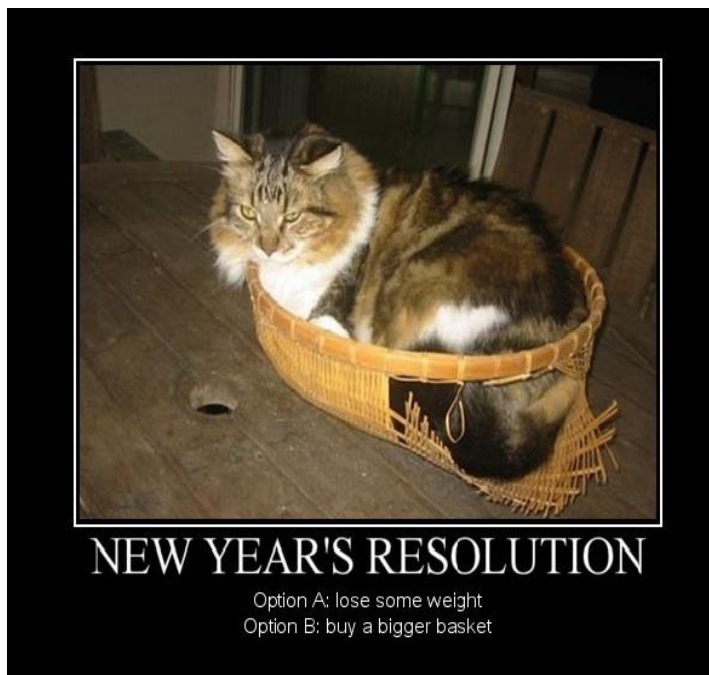
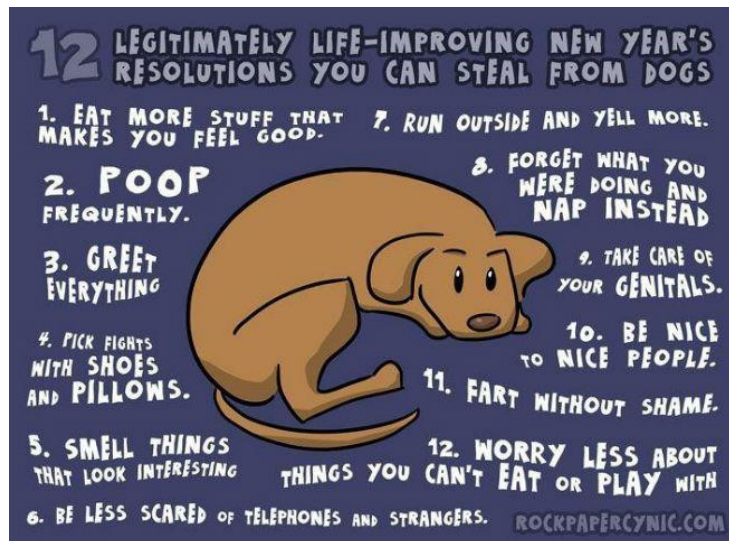
A man in Zion, Illinois, was observed putting electronics into a shopping cart at Walmart and leaving without paying for them. When confronted by store employees, he fled without the merchandise. Police later arrested 25-year-old Che Hearn **as he was walking down the road**.

When asked why he was walking, he responded that his car had been repossessed while he was at the Wal-Mart, police said.

Investigators determined that the repossession company had followed Hearn to Wal-Mart, police said. The car was towed away when he entered the store, giving Hearn the only option of fleeing the scene on foot, police said.

A banana farmer in China bought a couple of "good looking pups" from a Vietnamese man. He played with them, petted them, and groomed them every day. The puppies grew fast and they grew big, and they had voracious appetites, leading them to chase and eat his chickens. Two years later, the farmer had the opportunity to visit a wildlife protection exhibition, and when he saw the bear exhibit, he realized what kind of animals his "dogs" really were. He **reported the bears to wildlife authorities**, who identified his pets as Asian black bears, a protected species. The bears were taken to a wildlife rehabilitation center in Yunnan.

2016 New Years' Solutions



A Message from Willi Rieder about his daughter Christina

We've always been a part of the Swiss community in Vancouver. Lisa, my youngest daughter is now living in Adelboden near Bern working over the winter. My other daughter Christina (her band name is **Rykka**) is one of the **top contenders** in Switzerland for the Eurovision music competition. She mentions the Swiss choir in her new Blog she just did on January 5th: "I'm very excited about the finals coming up on February 13th and I would like to pass this on how proud I am to be a part of the Vancouver Swiss Society. " Christina has been living near Zurich for the past 6 years and got married at the Rifle Club last summer. Her website is www.rykka.com



If you go to Rykka on "youtube" you can see her songs and her latest Blog.

Greetings from Willi Rieder. Please call me with any questions: 604-612-1600

Go, Rykka, go!

*The Swiss Society Vancouver
wishes you lots of success!*

Fees for Advertisement in the Swiss Herald

Fees for design:

To make minor adjustments: Free

To make major changes to an ad: \$ 25

To create a new ad: \$ 50 – 100

Deadlines for sending in ads or articles:

20th of August, October, December,
February, April and June.

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Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
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Swiss Winter Traditions

Many winter customs revolve around the banishment of spirits, demons and the winter, or they are connected with religious festivals or the New Year, but there are some traditions which do not quite fit into any of these categories.

These include:

- the Peitschenknallen whip-cracking competition in Schwyz
- the sleigh ride for young singles called the Schlittéda in the Engadin valley
- the burning of a straw dummy at the L'Hom Strom festival in Scuol
- the romantic Lichterschwemmen festival of floating lights in Ermensee lake.
- In Untervaz boys and single men stand on a hill and throw red-hot wooden discs into the valley at the *Schiibaschlaha* (or '*Trer Schibettas*' in the Rhaeto-Romance dialect) ritual. Each fiery disc is dedicated to a girl or a single woman as it is thrown with a loud cry of, "*Höüt un dära sei si, dia Schiiba, dia Schiiba ghört dr Anna,*" while the band accompanies the people who have gathered in the village square as they sing the disc thrower song. This tradition exists in a similar form in some other cantons, such as Basel-Land ('*Reedlischigge*' or '*Schyblischiesse*'), Glarus (*Schybefleuge*) and Solothurn (*Scheibensprengen*).





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