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Presidents' Letter

Dear all,

We hope you are having a great summer so far. The weather has been fantastic and we are probably not the only ones having a BBQ more regularly.

The National Day Celebration with a diverse program partly organized and sponsored by the Consulate General lies already behind us. The overall feedback was very positive and the other comments will be taken into consideration for next year. The Board has already exciting ideas for 2014. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jacques Goldschmidt, Aio Haeberli and Matt Buechler who took over main parts of the event organization and pulled off a great children's program, raised sponsorship money and organized our volunteers.

Special thanks go to the Vancouver Swiss Choir and the Vancouver Dorfmusik who entertained the visitors beside the famous Hackbrettler Nicholas Senn and young violinist Jan Bislin. We also want to thank all our sponsors and donors who made it possible to have ice cream for the children again, a bouncy castle and other fun activities. We would like to hear your feedback about this event - please email us at vice-president@swiss-society.org.



We are sad to announce that Konrad Iten is resigning from his position as our webmaster as per September. He has been serving on the Board for several years with his experience and has helped us to implement many new features such as our facebook group, a meet up group, and an events calendar on the website. Reliably, he took care of updating the website and emailing out news to our members. We are wishing him and his family all the best. Aio Haeberli agreed to take over the webmaster position and he has extensive experience with webpages. Alexandra Barzan is supporting him with the social media pages.

We also want to announce again the election at the past AGM to make Peter Schaerer an Honorary Member of the Swiss Society due to the numerous services he has been carrying out for the Society over decades. He is still an active member of the Outdoors Club and leads hikes and trips. Congratulations, Peter!!

Upon repeated request, we have rented a storage space for Society belongings and important documents. All documents have been privately stored in several households in the past which makes it hard to keep an overview over things and to find important documents in a short time. Financial records, meeting minutes and other documents will now be stored in one place together with diverse utensils for Society events. We are looking for one or more SSV members who would like to take on the sponsorship of the storage space. Please contact our Treasurer couple, Connie and Matt Buechler, with your commitment.

Another incident concerning our efforts to change the Society's constitution and bylaws has to be brought to your attention since it has caused some confusion with the membership fee and liability form. To keep it short, the changes voted on at the AGM have been rejected by the office in Victoria because they did not amend the version of the constitution currently in effect. That came as a surprise to all of us because nobody was aware that the hard copy circulated among the members was an older version. David Varty took the effort to trace back all filed amendments to the constitution since its re-introduction in 1982 and it appeared that several amendments had been made that were never compiled into a consolidated constitution. David is doing this for us right now and at the next AGM we will ask the members to vote on a simple replacement of the old constitution by the new version which has been basically accepted at the AGM. We are sorry for the confusion and inconvenience but this is the only simple way to get this issue out of our way once and for all. The old version of the constitution is therefore still in effect and non-Swiss members are still Associate Members as per definition in the constitution. Anyways, the increase in membership fees was a separate motion and has been accepted by a majority. Those changes are therefore in effect and the current membership form will be on the website shortly. We hope that clarifies the situation. Susanne Wilson will be there to answer your questions regarding the membership if there are any concerns.

Now enjoy this new issue of the Swiss Herald and the rest of this summer.

Best regards, Karin Kapp & Mirjam Mai

Tribute to Maria Logan

Trying to capture the life of Maria in a page or two is a formidable task.

She was born in Gersau, Switzerland and remained devoted to the country of her birth. She first left Gersau for England. She went to learn English and stayed to obtain her Registered Nursing degree which she achieved in 1939. She returned to Switzerland and stayed throughout the war years. During the war she was an active member of the Red Cross, both as a driver and a nurse. Her association with The Red Cross continued for the rest of her life- a total of 76 years!

She immigrated to Canada in 1952. In short order she became the first female to be hired by the forerunner of the B.C. Ferry Corporation. When she joined, the ferries made 2 week journeys up and down the coast to Alaska. During her interview, the captain voiced his concern about her ability to live on board for 2 week stretches with an otherwise all men crew. Maria said that she promised the captain that the crew would not bother her nor would they be bothered by her. Instead they would function as a team. It was during her time with the long haul ferries that she met her late beloved Clem Logan. Clem was employed as a cook on the opposite run, Maria would be travelling North as Clem went South, thus, sometimes the Captain would call Maria to the bridge so that she could wave to Clem as his ship passed hers. On the ship, Maria, who hated to waste time, would spend much of her off time knitting Cowichan sweaters- most of them special orders from passengers.

Maria welcomed challenges and thrived on new frontiers. Motivated by a need to follow her inner values, she did what had meaning to her and fulfilled her. She had strong opinions on the role of immigrants. They must do their best to learn the language and customs of their adopted land and they must make the host country proud. She was a volunteer for the Citizenship Court for 56 years right up to September 2012. She did not retire! She was convinced that she would return.

Earlier I mentioned "TEAM" the concept was integral to Maria. In sports, in community, in Board rooms, playing Skippo – everywhere. The concept of Team motivated her to become and remain a working volunteer until weeks before her death. Among the organizations, Maria devoted her life to are: The Red Cross, The Canadian Citizenship Court, The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, The Vancouver Academy of Music, The Arts Club, The Vancouver Swiss Society, The Swiss Consulate, The Vancouver Swiss Choir, The Assoc. of Swiss Abroad, The B.C. Ferry Corp., The Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club and the Masonic Lodge. Many of these organizations sent representatives to her funeral and each spoke of Maria's influence in their particular circumstance.

Maria worked hard and played hard. She was an avid skier but also loved to sing, dance and act. In 1967 both she and Clem were part of the SSV Theatre Troupe who performed at the old Moose Hall downtown.

There was nothing Maria liked better than to be surrounded by friends for food and drink – especially gin and tonics – fun and laughter. She used to say I'm never too tired for a party. She hated to miss anything. It was not out of the ordinary for her to rise at 5 a.m., walk 3-4 blocks to catch a bus, walk another few blocks to the Court, open up, prepare for the first of two sessions, give her speech clear up, get the bus to the hair-dresser, come home grab a bite to eat if there was time before setting out for a concert, play, choir practice etc., get home after 10:30 p.m. and do it again the next day. The lady had stamina! She proudly sang with the Vancouver Swiss Choir from the beginning. She was part of every



road trip until this spring. She never missed a practice, in fact she'd have me apologize to Dubravko for having to miss a practice. She valued her position as an Advisor on the Boards of the Choir and the VSS. When we cleaned her apartment we found files of minutes of every meeting etc. Amazing!

Every August was spent in Switzerland. Here with family and friends she'd celebrate her birthday each day ALL month come back to B.C. and celebrate again for almost as long. She did not cancel her plans and hotel reservations for August, 2013 until late April or early May-she was so sure she'd recover.

Clem and Maria had no children but Maria had a massive extended family. I am honored and proud to be a part of that family. She remains one of the most remarkable people I know and her adopted country and everyone she encountered have been enriched by how she chose to apply her talents and resources. Her apartment was filled with citations and plaques, Photos with her and various celebrated individuals or groups.

Quite simply she is an outstanding example of the difference one person can make in this world. The life of Maria Catherina Logan was indeed a "Good Life – Well Lived"

J'taime, Maria. I will miss you as will countless others. We cherish your memory and will keep your legacies alive

Lovingly submitted by Andrea Stolte

MARIA

It is a sad good-bye to Maria Logan from all of us in the choir. Not just the present members but from many who have been with us over the 35-45 years that Maria was with us. Everyone knew Maria!

Why? Because she was always present: Not just physically, but with her whole being she was involved. She hardly missed a rehearsal or any occasion where we performed. When she didn't drive anymore she was practically hitching rides to attend every event. Few of us are as dedicated as she.

In later years she felt she had some "rights" and the front row was her priority! She spoke up and knew have to "elbow", but we respected her and of course made way for her - and don't we all deserve that after 90years?

I remember joining in 1981 (when we were in the 3rd row!) and she arrived late due to her job as an officer on BC ferries. She was always smartly dressed and at the time had blue tinted lenses in her glasses, which I thought was very "continental": something that I aspired to and impressed me no end. She admitted, later however, that she preferred to speak English, due to her job and her marriage. That was OK, as I was from England and never did get a hold on Schwiizerduetsch.

After she retired she was an advisory member of the executive and of course she was out-spoken about what she thought right with the choir – she was never wishy-washy.

Whether we had 60 or 18 members she was generous with her time and her donations. Ever keen to add to our tombola, she would hound her local business owners until they produced a prize. Good for her! Maybe we would never have survived without her. The chocolates in our Christmas, senior goodie-bags was also donated by our kind friend.

Over the years, she welcomed many new members, having recruited them from the citizenship court, where she volunteered for years. She was the welcoming committee for our family. Our daughters, at then, 5&7 years old, still remember her love and enthusiasm.

Now she is reunited with her beloved Clem, His name always brought a smile to her face. May they have met also with love and enthusiasm.

We miss you Maria and thank you!

(Melanie Crook. August 14, 2013)

Report from the Swiss Choir

Here are the dates for the Fall program of the Vancouver Swiss Choir:

Thursday September 5th: Choir rehearsals start at 8:00 pm
(Potential new choir members call for info and directions)

Thursday September 12: Regular choir rehearsal 8: 00 pm at the Provincial Assessment Center,
3405 Wilingdon, across from BCIT

Thursday, September 19, CHOIR **AGM** 7:00 pm at the Assessment Center - choir rehearsal to follow
(Please note that the date has changed because of a Movie Premiere hosted by the Vancouver Consulate on September 26)

Thursday, September 26: **NO CHOIR REHEARSAL** to allow choir members to attend the special movie premiere hosted by the Swiss Consulate Please watch out for details about this event) *Saturday, December 7*: Choir performs at the Swiss Senior Lunch at the Holiday Inn in North Vancouver

Thursday, December 12: Swiss Choir performs at the Vancouver Christmas Market at 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 15: Swiss Choir leads sing-along Waldweihnacht at Mt. Seymour 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 19: VanDusen Garden Festival of Lights - Swiss Choir performs at 7:30 pm

Thank you to all who faithfully support the Vancouver Swiss Choir. We have currently 32 active singers and we are open to accept new singers. Do not hesitate to call for information (Melanie: 604- 448 -0422 or Marie-Louise: 604 536-6382.)

We are now preparing for the Festival next year: July 10 to 13, 2014. Tacoma will host the 28th Pacific Coast Singing & Yodeling Festival. Watch out for information about this important event.

Seniors Section

Werner Rutishauser: 604 929-6923 or seniors@swiss-society.org

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

For Swiss members who are 55+

Filmnachmittage fuer Senioren

im Deutschen Haus
4875 Victoria Drive (Ecke 33rd Ave),
Vancouver, BC
Kosten: Kaffee und Kuchen

Next Movie Afternoon:

October 20th, 2013, 2 – 5pm: “Der Doppelte Noetzli” mit Walter Roderer

November 17th, 2013: Titel wird im naechsten Herald bekannt gegeben

Luncheon

December 7, 2013

(more information to follow at a later date)

Anmeldungen bei:

1. Werner Rutishauser: 604-929-6923

2.Vreni Huser: 604-731-4300

Happy Birthday to Werner Waepler in Surrey!

We all wish you a wonderful celebration of your 90th Birthday on Sept. 28th!

May you still be able to work in your garden for a long time to come.



You're never too old to ride on a swing!

Turning 65?

Please let Susanne Wilson know. She will add your name to the Seniors' List. You will be entitled to a reduced membership fee in the Swiss Society.



Autumn in Niagara Falls (C.Lips)

Outdoor Club Program

President: Jacques Goldschmidt - 604 996-6253 or outdoor@swiss-society.org

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

Cabin booking: Deborah Zurbuchen Junker: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com

We believe in "friendship, fitness and fun!"

SWISS OUTDOORS CLUB

Invites all members of the Swiss Society and the Outdoors Club as well as the Swiss Community at Large to celebrate the

30th Anniversary

The 25th of September 1983 the cabin in Glacier Springs, WA opened its doors to its members and guests and for 30 years did serve well.

When: *September 28-29, 2013* we will have a party as many people have said to me: we had a lots of fun at the cabin!!! So let's have it again this year.

September 28th, 2013: BBQ and game day at the cabin.

September 29th, 2013: Hikes for all

We will give more information as we get closer to the date.

Mark your calendar and come and joint us.

Invitation to all

A raffle with : 1st prize: 2 summer nights stay at the cabin

And additional prizes: A Wenger Swiss army knife c/w 100 mm blade ,scissors ,saw and belt pouch made in Porrentruy Jura

Cap and tee shirt with Switzerland written on it

A Krug c/w mugs, baked goods and more will be added

Entertainment: Roesli Menzi will be playing

Food: BBQ Bratwurst and Swiss potatoes salad.

The Swiss Outdoors Club

SWISS OUTDOORS CLUB

Saturday, 14 September 2013

HIKE TO MOUNT STRACHAN

Mount Strachan is the peak north of Hollyburn Mountain behind the Cypress Ski Area. Because the old trails in forests are not maintained, rough, overgrown and washed out we take the easy route on the ski trails and service roads to the top of the Skyline Chairlift. From the Skyline viewpoint (South Peak of Strachan) we descend 70 m into a col then climb on a steep slope to the Strachan Main Peak (elevation 1459 m). The open peak allows a great view.

Elevation gain: 620 m; total time: approximately 3 hours.

The hike is on broken coarse gravel or bedrock. Good hiking boots are recommended.

The trip would be cancelled when dense clouds should cover the North Shore mountains.

We meet at 10:00 hours at the First Aid Cabin at the right side behind the entry gate of the Cypress Ski Area.

Trip leader: Peter Schaerer; telephone: 604-987-3716; e-mail: pschar@shaw.ca.

Some dates for you to mark your calendar:

- *September 14:* Hike: Mount Strachan
- *September 28- 29: 30th anniversary of the Cabin:* Cabin opened the 25 September 1983 It is fitting to mark this milestone with BBQ and a Sunday hike .We will invite all SSV members to come and enjoy their cabin and see what the Outdoors Club has done with this prime location for 30 years.
- *October 27:* Metzgete and Minnehada hike
- *November 2:* Pacific Spirit Park and UBC.
- *November 17:* Jass tournament at SCMRA
- *December 15:* Waldweihnacht at Mount Seymour
- *December 29- Jan 1:* Year- end party at Glacier cabin

Fritz Graf

Leader Joe Mueller

Irma Bieri

Jacques Goldschmidt

Deborah and Susanne

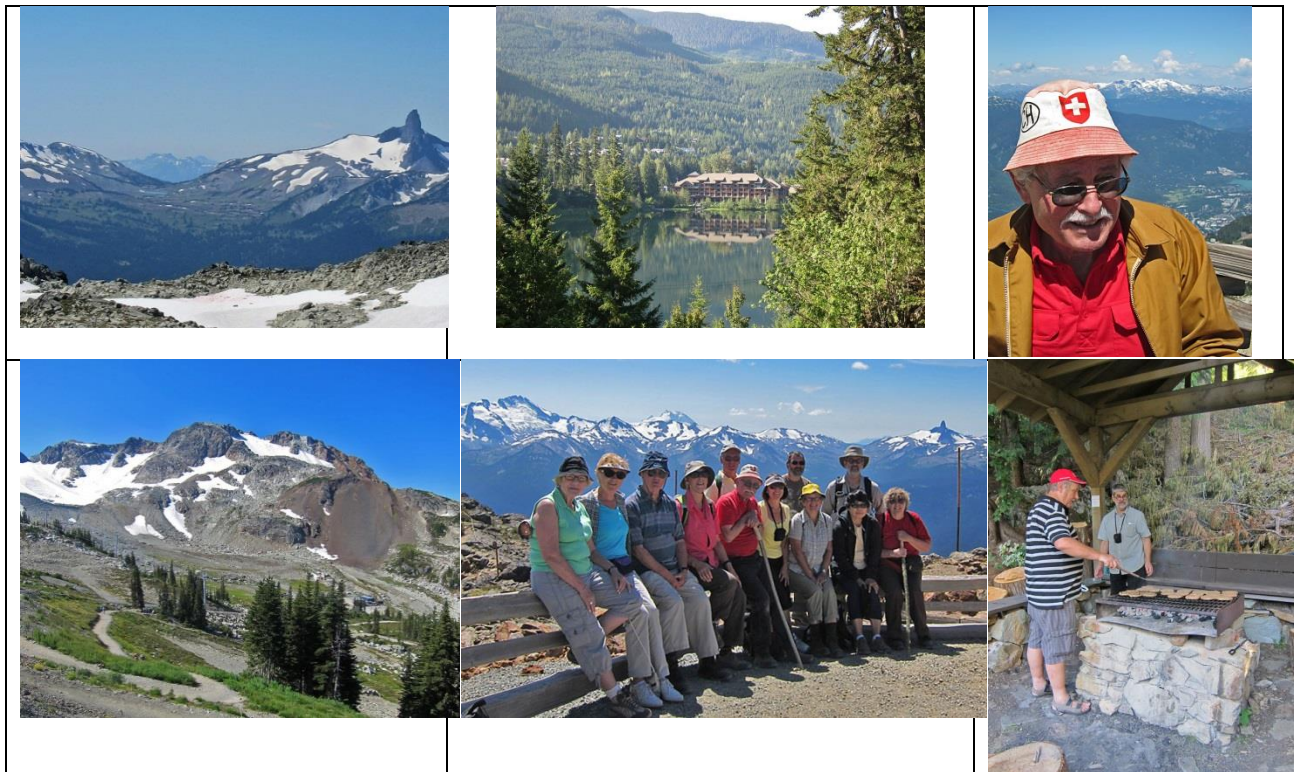
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- [Jan 11-12](#): Ski week end at Glacier Cabin
- [Jan 29](#): AGM

Deborah and Susanne

Swiss Outdoors Club's trip to Whistler and Whistler Peak/ Blackcomb August 4/5, 2013

The Swiss Outdoors Club organized a two day event for [Sunday](#) and [Monday](#), August 4/5 , 2013. On [Sunday](#), 13 Club members and three guests arrived at the Tyrol Lodge above Nita Lake, Whistler, for a rich B/Q hosted by the President, Jacques Goldschmidt. They took advantage of this opportunity to inspect the Tyrol Lodge, take in the view of the 5 star Nita Lake Lodge (see photo) at the far shore of the lake and of the Whistler Peak shining in evening [sun](#). Half a year ago, the Swiss Society of Vancouver had negotiated preferred room rates for its members for use of the Tyrol Lodge. Ten of us took advantage of this arrangement and spent a cosy night at the Tyrol Lodge. On [Monday](#) a spectacular sunny and warm day, Beat Joehl lead 14 participants on the annual Mt. Whistler hike. Taking the Whistler Gondola, we reached the upper Gondola Station with ease; but then the hard work started! Over the next 2 hours, puffing like old steam engines , we worked our way up to the Whistler Peak (2100 m) and were rewarded with an absolutely spectacular and unimpeded view of the sparkling glaciers around us . Black Tusk stood out as an impressive monument . Lunch and photo sessions followed.





Cheakamus Lake near Whistler

Swiss Outdoors Club

Cabin fees as of 2013

Whole cabin

<u>Winter rate:</u>	\$ 480.00	for 2 nights
	\$ 200.00	extra night or
	\$ 280.00	1 st night and extra night rate applies after

<u>Summer rate:</u>	\$380.00	for 2 nights
	\$ 130.00	extra night or
	\$250.00	1 st night and extra night rate applies after

Individual rates:

Swiss Outdoors & Swiss society members	\$15.00 per night
Swiss Society members only	\$20.00 per night
Non members	\$25.00 per night
Children rates : 0-3 year n/c	
6-16 year 50% of adult rate	

Youth Club News

Please keep your eyes open for future adventures! If you are interested in joining the Youth Club, please send an email (youth-group@swiss-society.org) to the coordinators Mirjam Weiss and Aio Haberli.

Upcoming Events

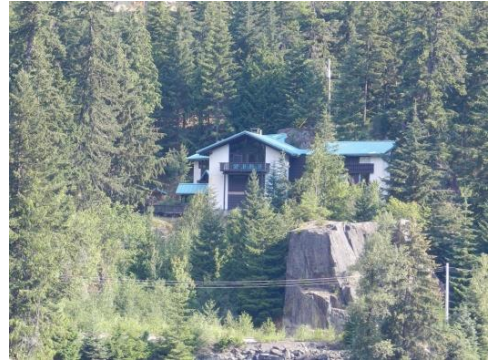
September September 3 rd : Board Meeting September 14 th : Hike to Mount Strachan September 19 th : Choir AGM September 28/29 th : Celebration of the 30. Anniversary at the cabin in Glacier Springs	October October 7 th : Board Meeting October 20 th : Mikkehada and Metzgete October 20 th : Filmnachmittag 2-5pm	November November 2 nd : Local Discovery Walk November 4 th : Board Meeting November 17 th : Filmnachmittag November 17 th : Jass tournament at SCMRA (Outdoor Club Activity)
December December 2 nd : Board Meeting December 7 th : Seniors Luncheon December 12 th : Choir Performance at the Christmas market 7pm December 15 th : Waldweihnacht 6pm December 19 th : Choir Performance at VanDusen Garden 7:30pm December 29 th to January 1 st : Year End Cabin Party at Glacier Springs	January 2014 January 6 th : Board Meeting January 11/12 th : Skiweekend at glacier cabin January 29 th : Outdoor Club AGM	February 2014

Tyrol Club Program

- **September 11, Wednesday - Poco Trail bike ride** (D. & F. Claus)
- **September 19, Thursday - Ladner bike ride** (T. & J. Golsteyn)
- **September 26, Thursday - Elfin Lakes hike** (U. Haussmann)
- **October 9, Wednesday - bike ride**(Heinz Schlingloff)
- **October 19/20, weekend - Yoga retreat at Tyrol Lodge.** (J. Hollick)
- **Booking of the Tyrol Lodge, Whistler**

We would like to pass on the following information to persons who book the Tyrol Lodge in Whistler in order to ensure an enjoyable stay.

1. The preferred Tyrol Lodge Booking/Reservations is by email if possible tyrolbookings@shaw.ca. The managers will reply within 24 hours but usually quicker than that. They will always reply by email to confirm a booking.
2. The managers are happy to deal with phone inquiries during **normal business hours** (8.00am – 6.00pm)
3. Normal **check-in time** is after 2.00pm. Your bedroom may not be available before that time, especially if the Lodge has been fully booked the previous day. You are free to use the public areas inside and outside the Lodge before that time.
4. Normal **check-out time** is 12.00pm. You should have cleared your bedroom by then. You are free to use the public areas inside and outside the Lodge after this time.
5. The Tyrol Lodge does not take debit or credit cards. They **only accept cash**. It costs \$20 per person per night for members and \$30 per person per night for non-members to stay at the Lodge. Prices include all taxes.
6. There is a lot of information and a map to help find the Lodge on the website www.tyrolldgewhistler.com.
7. During busy times (like long weekends), members or member families can only book one additional room for non-member guests.
8. You need to bring your own bedding and towels! Please also bring indoor shoes to wear inside the Lodge.



Thank you for your understanding.



Vancouver Dorfmusik

We had the opportunity to go to Leavenworth June 20 – 22 and perform 4 concerts, each of them two hours long.

Not all the members were able to come, but we were lucky to find substitutes. Most of us stayed in the Ritterhof Hotel and tried to cool off in the swimming pool or air-conditioned room. Saturday the temperature raised to 38 C during the day! The audience were hiding in the shade of trees.

Big Thank you to **Mirjam Mai**, who drove all the way there just for 1 ½ performances, because she had to leave to Quebec the next day.

We all enjoyed a great weekend, especially the camaraderie of the players and their families.



Like at every Swiss National Day Celebration we played at the mountain range and didn't miss to eat Bratwurst with potato salad and a Cremeschnitte.

Wednesday, August 7 we performed at the Kitsilano Showboat. You can view some of it on youtube under "Vancouver Dorfmusik Kitsilano Showboat".

Euro Fest 2014

Do you need volunteer hours? Are you interested in organizing a festival?



Then you might consider volunteering for the **EuroFest BC Society**. The EuroFest BC Society organizes the annual European Festival on the last weekend of May and several adjoined events. The festival recently moved from the Scandinavian Centre to **Swangard Stadium** which means more space for vendors, food and entertainment. It also means more work for the involved European Societies that are part of EuroFest BC Society. The Swiss Society has been part of the festival for the past 16 years providing several managers and Peter Schaele being their president for 14 years.

Currently, there are several **manager positions vacant** which require different levels of commitment. Some positions only require little work once in a while, while other positions mean a constant amount of work throughout the year. A certain experience is required, however, several managers also need a back-up and this is where especially **high school students** can help out with their skills and ideas.

Below is a list of the vacant positions (does not claim completeness). Please contact Mirjam Mai for more information about each position and to apply. Every interested person is also invited to the upcoming planning meeting on **September 9th at 7pm at the Scandinavian Centre**, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, to get more information about the Society and the organization of the 17th annual European Festival in May 2014.

Vacancies:

- **Executive Board:** Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Business Plan, Logistics
- **Directors:** "Promotion & Marketing", "Culture", "Food", "Volunteers", "Entertainment", "Design", "Youth Relations",
- **Managers:** Food Vendors, Beer Garden, Advertising, Media (TV, print, radio), Editor, Liaison to Societies

Contact:

- Codrutsa Rotaru, President: codrutsa@hotmail.com
- Sonja Busch, Volunteers: sonjabusch@hotmail.com
- Rolf Brulhart, VIP-coordinator, Europe Day Coordinator: rbrulhart@hotmail.com
- Adnan Kapidzic, Entertainment: akapidzic@hotmail.com

www.europeanfestival.ca

Portrait of the Month: Markus Bill, Owner of Prime Travel Agency in West Vancouver

Markus Bill was born, raised and educated in Berne, Switzerland. After finishing his apprenticeship, he was sponsored by his cousin Max Meier (founder and chairman of PI Financial), to come to Vancouver, learn English and work for CIBC in the field of finance and auditing. Instead of one year he stayed 6 years. He returned to Switzerland where he was hired as an Internal Auditor for Chase Manhattan Bank International in Geneva. He became a founder and Part owner/Managing Director of his own sporting goods business " Ryffel Running" in Berne. Soon it became Switzerland's leading running & triathlon sports equipment company. He organized major international sporting events in Switzerland and he was very successfully involved in establishing one of the strongest and largest running and triathlon communities in Europe. He became Tour Organizer to major sporting events around the world (Marathons, Olympic Games, Track & Field & Cross Country Championships & Events)

After moving back to Vancouver in 1993, he was appointed Director of Event Management of The Landmark Group, Canada's leading sports event & marketing company. He was responsible for the overall implementation of The Landmark Group Pacific events, including The Vancouver Sun Run, The Vancouver Sun Jerome Track Classic, The Vancouver In-Line Skating Festival and the Vancouver Canucks Fan Appreciation Day Celebrations. He formed "International Sports Tours Ltd" in 1995, a tour operating company and specialized in active sports vacation tours for recreational athletes out of Europe.

In 1996 he purchased Prime Travel in West Vancouver. He did not have much experience in that field, but he took over a very qualified staff. In 1998 he hired Fraenzi Rieder, who had extensive experience in organizing trips for Swiss people.

Jeff Balabanov joined Prime Travel in 1999 as 50% business partner.

Markus gained profound knowledge of the Tourism Industry, and every two years he attends the Swiss Travel Mart (Switzerland Tourism Exhibition for Swiss Specialists abroad).

In April 2008 Fraenzi Rieder returned to Switzerland and was replaced by **Yvonne Camenzind Kabata**. Yvonne was born and educated in Switzerland, and prior to her job at Prime Travel she worked for the Swiss Foreign Ministry for 17 years. She is the main contact person for trips to Switzerland. Yvonne participated in a “Groups Academy Training” earlier this year and was inspired to focus more on group travel to Switzerland and all over the world in the future.

Prime Travel has just recently started to represent www.swissmoments.com in Western Canada, which provides several Switzerland packages for summer and winter vacation.

Prime Travel will announce its new 2014 schedule for “Edelweiss Air” in the next issue of the Swiss Herald.

Markus is a proud father of three children: Simon will start his 4th year at UBC, studying History and English; Alexandra just moved back to Victoria for her second year to study Sports Management, and Lucas, who will do his 11th school year at Carson Graham. Like their father, they are all very successful in sports and their names have been published a number of times in the newspapers.



Jeff Balabanov, Yvonne Camenzind Kabata and Marcus Bill



Note from the Editor

I was excited to start the warm summer in **Leavenworth** together with Vancouver Dorfmusik. (Read under “Vancouver Dorfmusik”).

A few days later my partner Thane and I took advantage to stay at the **Tyrol Lodge** for a few days. We enjoyed our stay a lot. It’s amazing that a place like that still exists in Whistler. The cabin is located at a quiet place away from the big commotion of the town.

We met very interesting and joyful people at the lodge and we were pleasantly surprised about the clean and homey rooms and kitchen. The four kitchenettes have all the equipment one needs for cooking a nice meal. There are fridges and cubbies to store the food.

The two washrooms provide warm water and a shower. The big living/dining room is very inviting to stay, read a book there, talk with other people or just enjoy the view of the lake.

Only a few rooms were occupied and it was very tranquil and idyllic. It might be different during high season in winter. It will be a busy place when there will be 50 or more guests staying there.

The price of \$ 20 a night per person is an absolute bargain and I’d like to encourage the Swiss Society members to take advantage of that chance!

Who is willing to sleep on the top bed? Someone who is not afraid of heights, doesn’t drink too much and who will not need to go to the bathroom during the night!



Two days later I drove to the Cariboo and spent a relaxing week at Fawn Lake Resort, Lone Butte near Hwy 24. For the past 11 years Heidi and Freddy Hess have been running that peaceful and idyllic place. On Oct. 15 they will pass it on to the next generation: Irene & Ralph Meili with their two children. They will be open from Dec-Mar & May-Oct. and they will offer different activities in the coming winter season. More info at www.fawnlakeresort.com



Early morning at Fawn Lake



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Swinglish 101: The Swiss say the Darnest Things (by Dimitri)

Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose.

(in a Zurich hotel room)

"I *became* a gift from my girlfriend today!" (have received)

"The *cooker* at this restaurant is famous!" (chef)

"The rabbits were all *action* at Migros today!" (on sale)

"You can say you to me!" (offering "du" informality)

"I spent the *holy* day on the phone just to try and get a hold of this guy!" (whole)

"I did quite some *snow shuffling* this weekend!" (shoveling)

Special today - no ice cream.
(in a Swiss mountain inn)

"Attracting and retaining the best international talent to fill skills shortages in key occupations is critical to Canada's economic success."

- Hon. Jason Kenney, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Employment and Social Development

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