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Spring 2014 in Switzerland *Photos by Christina Lips*



Letter of the President

Dear all,

It's finally spring! This is a time to plant seeds and get dirty in the garden....take out your shorts and sandals... Thank you all for coming to the AGM.

The upcoming events for May and June are as follows:

European Festival on **May 31** and **June 01**, it's a two day event. I have 100 Tickets that we sell for \$7.00 each.

If you wish to go for two days then you will have to buy one ticket for each day.

Jacques Goldschmidt and myself will have tickets to pick up at our home, or you may pick them up at will call

at the Festival from opening time to 12 noon on both days. If you want to purchase your tickets at the Festival gate it will cost \$15.00 per ticket.

Saturday, June 07 is the Vancouver Swiss Choir's Annual Concert. This year we will have the concert at the Austrian Club which is located in Richmond. The

Concert's program is full with surprises and, of course, lots of singing and yodeling. Dinner is available at the Austrian Club house before the Concert at an extra cost.



June 14 and 15 is Annual Cabin Clean-up at the Mount Baker Cabin. Lots of clean up, splitting wood and eating a well earned dinner, meat sponsored by the President of the Outdoors Club, Jacques Goldschmidt.

Come and enjoy!

uf wiederluaga,
Karin Kapp
President Vancouver Swiss Society.

Senior's section

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Filmnachmittage fuer Senioren

For Swiss members who are 55+

Next Movie Afternoon:

May 25th, 2014: Last time before the Summer-Break!!

im Deutschen Haus

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

Kosten: Kaffee und Kuchen

Zeit: zwischen 2 und 5 Uhr am Nachmittag

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.

We Are Here To Help!

The Seniors Committee has created a network for needy, lonely or sick seniors – including members or non-members of the SSV – who would like to get a friendly telephone call and/or a visit.

At the moment we are able to visit people in the areas of Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley. Please let us know when somebody has passed away, so we can inform the members of the SSV. We also would like to know about special birthdays (80 years or older), since the SSV has not registered these dates.

The coordinator for White Rock and South Surrey is vacant. For other areas:
Trudi Schmidt, 604-988-9543



Something for seniors to do to keep those "aging" grey cells active!

1. Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. ...What was the third child's name?
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers....What does he weigh?
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, ...what was the highest mountain in the world?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole ...that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
5. What word in the English Language ...is always spelled incorrectly?
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. ...Why not?
8. What was the President 's Name...in 1975?
9. If you were running a race, ...and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say,... "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field,how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Here are the Answers

1. *Johnny of course*
2. *Meat.*
3. *Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]*
4. *There is no dirt in a hole.*
5. *Incorrectly*
6. *Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere*
7. *You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.*
8. *Same as is it now - Barack Obama [Oh, come on ...]*
9. *You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.*
10. *Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh]*
11. *One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.*

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) *You can't count your hair.*
- 2) *You can't wash your eyes with soap.*
- 3) *You can't breathe through your nose when your tongue is out.*
Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.



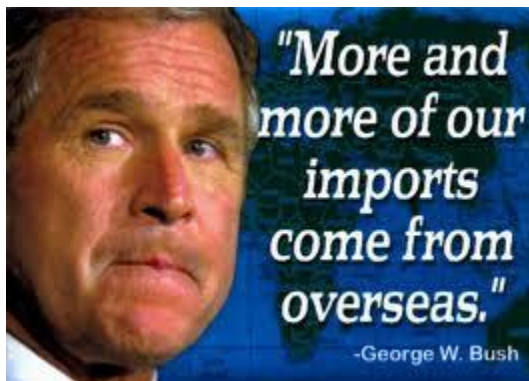
TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU:

- 1) You are reading this.
 - 2) You are human.
 - 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
 - 4) You just attempted to do it.
 - 6) You are laughing at yourself.
 - 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
 - 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
 - 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
 - 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.
- You have received this e-mail because I didn't want to be alone in the idiot category.



Da isch doch oepis z'vill? Both Photos by Christina Lips

Da faehlt doch oepis?



Swiss Choir News

A good number of Swiss Choir members attended the **recent AGM** of the Swiss Society on March 24th. There were several items that were of special interest to us all.

Firstly, in 2013, it was proposed that our **prize member Hung Kim should become an honorary member of the Swiss Society** but at that time the proposal was defeated by a considerable margin. Maybe because more members are now aware of the great contribution he makes, not only to our Choir, with his instruments, voice and yodeling, but also actually in Switzerland, and the love of all things Swiss in his homeland of Korea.

Fortunately, this time around, common sense prevailed and he has now been bestowed this honor. However, like me, he is now dreaming of the unlikely honor of becoming a Swiss citizen! Oh well, maybe in the next life!

Another point of contention was the discussion **regarding some contribution of funds to support the Choir's trip to Tacoma for the 28th triennial Pacific Coast Swiss Singing and Yodeling Festival, July 10th-13th in Tacoma, Wash.** Although, of course, this is an enjoyable exercise for the Choir, it is also the flagship event that connects Swiss abroad and kindles community culture and tradition. This year it is exceptionally expensive, being held in an up-market hotel with meal prices to match. It has always been a sacrifice for some of us to attend and remains so today.

After some quibbling from some who did not want to approve of any contribution, it was settled at a sum less than that, that was being requested by the Choir committee, however, a very **generous patron Mr. Rolf Eipper** stepped forward with an offer to donate funds to make up the difference. We give Mr. Rolf Eiffle our heartfelt thanks for his support.

Unfortunately, the agenda point regarding the **written report by Delegate Silvia Schoch** about the Council of Swiss Abroad in Bern to be read by retired delegate Rolf Brulhart **was denied by the Chair by limiting the time allocated.** May it be suggested, that next year, less time be spent on every tiny expense incurred and individual new members names, when a broad overview would suffice. I know Swiss love accounting details but we are not running the International Monetary Fund!

We are practicing diligently for our upcoming events:

Sunday, May 18th at 9:30am: Performance at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vancouver with St. Mark's Choir;

Saturday, May 31st at 5:30pm: Performance on Center Stage at the 17th European Festival, Swangard Stadium, Burnaby;

Saturday, June 7th at 8pm: Annual Concert & Fundraiser of the Vancouver Swiss Choir at the Vancouver Austrian Club, Richmond;

July 10th – 13th: Participation on the 28th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing & Yodeling Festival in Tacoma, Wash.

Please support the Choir concerts whenever you can and naturally enjoy the singing it while it is available. For questions please e-mail Rolf Brulhart at rbrulhart@hotmail.com

Melanie Crook

Swiss Outdoors' Club

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We believe in "friendship, fitness and fun!"



22 persons participated in **our walk through the UBC Spirit Forest**, in perfect sunny weather.

The route took us from Jericho Park, westwards along the ocean to Spanish Banks, then on a forest trails up to the UBC Golf Club and onward south-east to the Camosun Bog .

Our return trip led through pleasant residential areas down to Jericho Beach. Total distance: 12 km in 4 hours; a good job by all.

We couldn't have had a better day.

Mister President

Photos and writing: Joe Mueller





Upcoming Events:

WALK IN THE LIGHTHOUSE PARK

Saturday, 10 May 2014

We make a circuit walk in the Lighthouse Park in West Vancouver. The intended trail in the old forest is rugged, requires stepping over rocks, tree roots, wet spots, and has ups and downs. An easier and short route is also available for less ambitious walkers. Several view points at the shore allow rest stops with views across Burrard Inlet, the entrance of Howe Sound and the Lighthouse.

The time for walking is approximately 75 minutes plus time for stops of rest and view.

We meet at 10:00 hours at the information panel at the top of the parking area in Lighthouse Park.

To reach Lighthouse Park by car, drive on Marine Drive to approximately 10 km west from Park Royal in West Vancouver. Watch for the sign to Lighthouse Park on the left side (at the top of a hill) and turn left into the winding narrow Beacon Lane to the park entrance.

If coming by public transport, board Bus No. 250 (Horseshoe Bay) on Georgia Street (for example at Seymour or Burrard) at 08:50 h, or at Park Royal at 09:07 h. The bus stops at Marine Drive and Beacon Lane, then it is a 500 m long walk on Beacon Lane to the meeting place.

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

July 12: Hike Manning Park

Hans Peter Hauser

August 02-04: Cabin Long week end: Hike Church Mountain

Matt Jonker

September 06: Skyline trail: Quarry lookout to Capilano Lake

Peter Schaerer

To all members:

ANNUAL CABIN CLEAN UP

June 14-15, 2014

We meet at around 09:00 on June 14 at our cabin in Glacier Springs WA.

At 17:00 there will be an **Executive Meeting**.

Please come, rain or shine. We will clean the grounds and process some fire wood for drying and as usual the interior will be sanitized.

As in the past the president will supply the meat for the BBQ



Please do register so we have plenty of meat;

Email me: Goldschmidt.jaques@gmail.com or
call 604-596-6253

Email Deborah: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com

We need you all to make it easy and fun for all.

The executive really appreciates a strong participation.

See you there.

Jacques Goldschmidt; Swiss Outdoors Club

News Flash, News Flash, News Flash, News Flash, News Flash, News Flash, News

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We wish Aio Haeberli and his future wife a
wonderful wedding and many happy years
together.

Vancouver Dorfmusik

Comment Vancouver Dorfmusik Concert:

The 29th Annual Concert of the Vancouver Dorfmusik took place at the Alpen Club on April 5th. Judging by the warm response of the several hundred patrons in attendance it was clearly a resounding musical success. The program was well balanced with a diversified array of engaging melodies. Adding to the success of the evening was the fine performance of the Taiwanese-Canadian, Vancouver based, Egret Choir. The singing was nuanced and superb and it reinforced the sense of how deeply multiculturalism enriched our society. A wonderful evening it was. Ann and Richard Reiner, Richmond





Deputy Consul Hanspeter Willi with wife Riccarda
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Urs Fricker and his wife Juliet thank William
 Heng-sheng Chuang from Taipei Economic and
 Cultural Office (Director-General) and his wife
 for their attendance.

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Upcoming Events

May 2014

May 10th: Lighthouse Park, West Vancouver

May 15th: Vancouver Prohibition Walking tour (Vancouver Downtown)

May 25th: Filmnachmittag

May 26th: Board Meeting

May 31/June 1st: European Festival

June 2014

June 7th, 7pm: Choir Annual Concert at the Austrian Club

June 14th, 2pm – BBQ and Badminton (Jericho Beach, Vancouver)

June 14/15th: Cabin Spring Clean-up & Exec. Meeting

June 16th: Board Meeting

July 2014

July 10-13: Pacific Singing and Yodeling Festival in Tacoma

July 12th: Hike Manning Park

July 26-27: 10am – Overnight Kayaking Trip to Granite Falls (Deep Cove, North Vancouver)

July 26th: Swiss National Day Celebration on the Mountain Range

August 2014

Aug. 1st: Dorfmusik at the Showboat in Kitsilano

Aug. 2-4th: Cabin Long weekend; Hike Church Mountain

September 2014

Sept. 6th: Skyline trail: Quarry Lookout to Capilano Lake

Sept. 15th: Executive Meeting

Sept. 27/28: Fall cabin picnic and hike

October 2014

Oct. 11th: Eagle Ridge Hike

Oct. 12th: Filmnachmittag

Oct. 20th: Executive Meeting

Oct. 26th: Mennekahda Hike and Metzgete

November 2014

Nov. 9th: Filmnachmittag

Nov. 16th: Jass tournament

Nov. 17th: Executive Meeting

December 2014

January 2015

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Little Truths about Chocolate

- ✓ Anything is good and useful if it's made of chocolate.
- ✓ What is the meaning of life? All evidence to date suggests it's chocolate.
- ✓ Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.
- ✓ Nuts just take up space where chocolate ought to be.
- ✓ Momma always said life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get. – Forrest Gump
- ✓ Life is like a box of chocolates – full of nuts!
- ✓ There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate. – Linda Grayson, The Pickwick Papers
- ✓ After a bar of chocolate one can forgive anybody, even one's relatives.
- ✓ The bank of friendship cannot exist for long without deposits of chocolate.
- ✓ There are only three things in life that matter – good friends, good chocolate and, oh dear, what was that other one?
- ✓ Research tells us fourteen out of any ten individuals like chocolate. – Sandra Boynton
- ✓ Other things are just food. But chocolate's chocolate. – Patrick Skene Catling
- ✓ Once you consume chocolate, chocolate will consume you.
- ✓ Too much of a good thing is simply wonderful! – Deborah Fox-Rothschild
- ✓ A little too much chocolate is just about right.
- ✓ The three best pleasures in life are scratching, sneezing and eating chocolate.
- ✓ Any sane person loves chocolate. – Bob Greene
- ✓ Anything tastes better dipped in chocolate.
- ✓ Chocolate doesn't make the world go 'round, but it sure does make the trip worthwhile!
- ✓ The best things in life are chocolate.
- ✓ Money talks. Chocolate sings!
- ✓ Chocolate is nature's way of making up for Mondays.
- ✓ Coffee makes it possible to get out of bed, but chocolate makes it worthwhile.
- ✓ Chocolate is not a matter of life and death – it's more important than that!
- ✓ If chocolate is the answer, the question is irrelevant.
- ✓ If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.
- ✓ If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?
- ✓



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