Congratulations to Rosa Zumbrunn on her 100th birthday.

Rosa is well known and respected in the Swiss Community. She has a good sense of humour and can tell the best jokes. In her younger years she was very active in the Swiss Society and the Rifle Range. (Not as a shooter but as a party hearty). She played music in the Guggenmusik, was singing in the Swiss Choir for many years, helped out with the soccer club and cooked at the Wiistübli Restaurant. She has been a passionate Jass-Player and she won quite a few Jass tournaments over the years. If you ask her what her recipe is for such a long life she says: “Muesch jede Tag guet läbe und es Gläsli Rote ghört au de zue”.
Rosa has slowed down a bit and now lives at the German Canadian Care Home in Vancouver.

We wish her well. Erika and Walter Hummel
SENIOR’S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 9, 2017

85 people attended the luncheon at the Delta Town and Country Inn. The Choir performed a few beautiful songs and it put the audience into the Christmas Spirit mood. Time went by too fast with enjoying lunch and catching up with talking to other Swiss Society members.

Edvige Weingand, Veronika Sans and Elisabeth Rechsteiner at the Registration Table

Photos Alfred Eigenmann and Christina Lips
Thanks very much to the following cookie-bakers, who pleased every attendant with a bag of delicious cookies:
Elisabeth Appenzeller, Marie-Louise Hanna, Mary Brunold, Barbara Wirsching, Heidi Batho, Helen Schaelle, Dorli Meier, Lotti Frowein, Erika Humbel, Walter Humbel, Elisabeth Rechsteiner, Ursula Hauser, Caroline Merkli, Frith Graf, Liz (Joe Mueller), Christina Lips
Thanks also to Lotti Frowein, who invited the bakers to her place for lunch and bagging all the cookies.

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im Deutschen Haus
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Vancouver, BC
Kosten: $6 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen
The next seniors’ movie afternoons are:
January 21, February 25 and March 25, 2018
Bitte anmelden bis am Montag vorher
Veronika Sans 604-730-9781 oder
Elisabeth Schuepbach 604-583-3742
We Are Here To Help!
The Swiss Society likes to network again for needy, lonely or sick seniors – including members or non-members of SSV – who would like to get a friendly telephone call and/or a visit. Margrit Ruevekamp has kindly offered to do so. Her phone number is 604-945-0546 or email: mruevekamp@hotmail.com

SWISS CHOIR VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS 2017 CONCERT

December 16th, 2017 the Swiss Choir presented their annual Christmas Concert at All Saints, Anglican Church, 7405 Royal Oak Ave. Burnaby. The Concert under the direction of Dubravko Pajalic was wonderful. Not only were they singing and yodeling fantastically, we were also entertained by the Swiss Chamber Trio of three lovely ladies, Christina Lips and Sonja Essinger on the flute and Sascha Essinger on the violin. The trio was excellent and complemented the choir perfectly. As always, we enjoyed very much the special yodeling by Andrea Flueckinger and Dorli Meier. After the concert everyone was invited for coffee, tea and delicious treats in the church basement.

Alfred Eigenmann
CHOIR SECTION

Jan 3rd 2018

Our choir had a good Christmas season. We performed in November at the Fundraiser for the SOS Village in Surrey, the Seniors Luncheon, a highlight of the festivities and then on the 16th of December we hosted our Christmas Concert with a couple of members from the Dorfmusik and a violinist as guests. The concert was a great success.

This was Dubravko Pajalic’s last concert with the Swiss Choir. He has given up our choir and enjoys his retirement now. We wish him all the best and no doubt he will be missed.

The good news about the choir is that we are in the process of hiring another conductor. We just need to find a new place to practice because the new director is conducting another choir on Thursday. We hope to get a new start very soon and we are looking forward to a new year in the choir.

Having said that we do need more members in the choir. If we go on like that we will have to dissolve the choir. That means we lose a precious part of our heritage. We do need you, the reader, or your relative or neighbour. They don’t have to be Swiss! Our practise will likely be on a Monday or Tuesday evening, so please consider joining the choir: you will not regret it.

New conductor, new members, a new start! Silvia Kinvig, president of the choir.

Special House-Concert for Blanche & Werner Ruttishauser

Since Blanche and Werner were not able to go to the Choir Christmas Concert, the Swiss Chamber Trio (Sonja & Sascha Essinger and Christina Lips) and Sonja’s sister Ilona, visiting from Switzerland, went to perform a special little Concert for our oldest Swiss Couple on January 2.

Werner’s comment: “Si sind noed uf taubi Ohre gschtosse.”
WALD-WEIHNACHT DECEMBER 2017

The weather was VERY bad; it rained out of buckets and the ground was snow-covered and slippery, but that didn’t keep families away from coming to this event.

7 members of the Dorfmusik and Sascha Essinger, violin player welcomed the arriving people.

Unfortunately the Christmas Songs could not be sung outside, because the candles on the outdoor-tree would not have cooperated with the singers. So the participants sang them inside, in the dry and warm room.

The kitchen team, who made delicious mulled wine and hot-chocolate. Once again the Outdoor’s Club members decorated the room and organized all the goodies on the table and in the Santa Bags for the children. Thanks very much!
David Gsponer, owner of “Matterhorn Music” and Dorfmusik player, with his Family.

Santa found his way too and enjoyed talking to dozens of children.

Aio Haeberli and his wife didn’t mind the walk in the slush and rain either.

The very cosy boys scouts cabin.
We invite you to our annual general meeting.

Please join us on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Edmonds Community Centre - 7433 Edmonds Street, Burnaby. Underground parking entrance is off of Fulton Ave or Humphries Ave, take the elevator to 2nd floor.

You will hear how our year has been and what we are planning for this coming year. We will introduce our NEW executive board members. They have amazing 2018 activities planned. We will have a surprise waiting for special members.

If you are not a member yet, you can join us now, know the benefits of your membership, such as special events and ski cabin rental at Mt Baker WA.

Refreshments: Coffee, tea, and sandwiches will be served.

We would appreciate if participants would bring their favorite cake or cookies for everyone to enjoy.

Note: we will have paper plates available.

Thank you for supporting your club,
Jacques Goldschmidt and Abril Hauser (abril.vitaliana@shaw.ca)

This is the link to the event on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/events/1516845755071248/
Dear Members, you are cordially invited to attend the

2018 Annual General Meeting
of the Swiss Society
of Vancouver

to be held on

Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00pm at the
Edmonds Community Centre, 7433 Edmonds St, Burnaby

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

All members are graciously invited to participate. We will need a
Quorum to pass any decisions.

Nominations for board positions (especially vice president and
secretary) can be submitted to the board. We are looking forward to
new participants to serve.

Contribution for social gathering:

SSV supplies sandwiches, coffee, tea.
Need from the membership: Desserts or Nachspeisen.

Sincerely, SSV Board
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2018

2018 SSV / Outdoors Club / Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
by Mar. 31, 2018

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2018 renewal.

Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2017 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).
If you did not renew in 2017 or would like to join the SSV for the first time please send the membership / liability form with the payment. You can download & print the form from the SSV website or send me an e-mail.
If you don’t know if your membership form is current please call 604-888-6949 or e-mail me at membership@swiss-society.org

You are able to pay for SSV; Outdoors Club and Choir with one cheque.

You can send the cheque to: Swiss Society of Vancouver
P.O.Box 32021 Walnut Grove;
Langley, BC ;
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Memberships are as follow:
SSV Individual: $ 40.00
SSV Family: $ 60.00
SSV Single Senior $ 25.00
SSV Senior with Spouse $ 40.00

All members are required to pay the SSV membership.
Optional memberships are:
Outdoors Club Single: $ 12.00
Outdoors Club Family $ 18.00
Choir $ 80.00

If you miss sending in the payment by the Mar. 31. 2018 deadline, I would need a new form filled out, because it lapsed and the liability has expired. There is an updated form available on-line at the SSV website under “membership”, or call me, then I’ll can send one.
Also, if anything changes in your membership status or there is a change of address, a new form is required. (new senior?)
If you receive the Herald by mail and you do have an e-mail account, you might want to consider making a donation of $ 20.00 to cover the printing and mailing cost of the Herald. The SSV would really appreciate this gesture.

Please get in touch with me, if there are any other questions.

Sincerely, Susanne Wilson, SSV; Outdoors Club & Choir Membership chair
NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Swiss Society can make a WRITTEN nomination, which must include details as to why someone is recommend, and why that person should be deserving of honorary membership. Any nominations must be received by Susanne Wilson by February 19th, 2018 at the latest. membership@swiss-society.org or the SSV address on the front page.

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Elisabeth Rechsteiner
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ENCOUNTER WITH AN OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY SWISS MAN
Written by Christina Lips

Last summer I went on a trip to Vancouver Island and going on a walk in Port McNeill, a beautiful sailboat caught my eye. Looking closer, I noticed a Swiss Flag flapping in the wind on it.

I walked straight over there and approached a man who was working on a rope. Right away we talked in Swiss German and he, Kaj, answered all my questions very friendly.

He grew up in Zug and did an apprenticeship in Kilchberg as a boat-builder. Since 1990 he has been sailing and working all around the world. He changes and upgrades fishing boats into pleasure boats where people will live on them. Sometimes it takes him 2 seasons or more for one ship.

His trips brought him from Antarctica to the N-West Passage in the Arctic, where he got stuck in ice once. He has been returning to Canada again and again.

A few years ago when he went to back to Switzerland he met Andrea, his partner now, and they bought their sailboat “Black Witch” and since then they live on it. They will keep working on a boat in Port McNeill until the season is getting colder. Then it’s time to leave and sail to the South-West Pacific, where they love to spend their winters.

They offered me some Coho-lax that they had caught, salted and air-dried themselves. What a life!

I did join a whale-watching tour from there, together with my sister and my partner, and we were very impressed about the Mackey Whale-Watching company. Here their website: http://www.whaletime.com/

They recommended the following website to get ideas how to find out more about whales: www.orcasound.net
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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WEIRD, FUN AND INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CANADA

Inventions/Medical Advancements
- Canadian inventions include the game Trivial Pursuit (Scott Abbot and Chris Haney), the telephone (Alexander Graham Bell), basketball (James Naismeth) and the snowmobile (Joseph-Armand Bombardier).
- Thomas Ahearn invented the electric cooking range in 1882.
- Graeme Ferguson co-invented IMAX. There are over 500 IMAX theaters in 45 countries.
- Insulin, a hormone produced by the pancreas was first isolated at the University of Toronto in 1921-22 by Dr. Frederick Banting and Charles Best.
- James Till and Ernest McCulloch are credited with the discovery of the stem cell.
- Elizabeth Catherine Bagshaw was one of Canada’s first female doctors and the medical director of the first birth control clinic in Canada. She has been recognized as providing outstanding contributions to the quality of life of women in Canada.

Just Plain Weird, Unusual or Interesting
- Canada has the world’s smallest jail – in Rodney, Ontario; it’s only 24.3 square meters (270 square feet).
- Canada has 198 jails.
- Daylight savings time does not occur in Saskatchewan.
- The heaviest rainfall ever recorded was in Buffalo Gap, Saskatchewan. On May 30, 1961 25 centimeters fell in less than an hour. That’s ten inches!
- The Regina Tornado of June 30, 1912, rated as F4 (winds of 330 to 416 kilometers per hour) was the most severe tornado so far known in Canada. It killed 28 people, injured hundreds and demolished much of the downtown area.
- At the time it happened, the most expensive natural catastrophe in terms of property damage was a horrific hailstorm that struck Calgary on September 7, 1991. Insurance companies paid about $400 million to repair over 65,000 cars, 60,000 homes and businesses, and a number of aircraft.
- There are 522 airports with paved runways, 931 airports with unpaved runways.
- The West Edmonton Mall, once the largest in the world is now the fifth largest indoor shopping mall. It still claims the title as having the largest indoor amusement park.
- The CN Tower in Toronto was the world’s tallest free standing structure until 2007.
- The license plate for cars, motorbikes and snowmobiles in Nunavut is in the shape of a polar bear.
- Canada is the largest producer of uranium in the world.
- The intersection of Portage and Main Street in Winnipeg has been called the windiest place in Canada.
- Newfoundland is nicknamed “The Rock.”
- Prince Edward Island, Canada’s smallest province is only 225 kilometers long and 56 kilometers wide.
• The Northwest Territories is called *The Land of the Midnight Sun* because the sun barely sets around the summer solstice.
• There are diamond mines in the Northwest Territories.
• Some of the world’s largest wheat fields are found in Saskatchewan.
• The US, the UK and Mexico are the top countries visited by Canadians.
• Canada is the world’s largest source of the rare element Cesium. It is found at Bernic Lake, Manitoba.
• Canada is home to 15 million cattle, 9 million of which live on the Prairies.
• The US buys more oil from Canada than any other country.
• There are 459 cars for every 1000 people.
• Thirty two percent of Canadians are very happy, 55% are quite happy.

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