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Altea, Costa Blanca, Spain in March 2018

Photo Christina Lips

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A NOTE FROM JACQUES GOLDSCHMIDT

I would like to thank all members of the Swiss Society for nominating and granting me Honorary membership.

*Your welcome, Jacques.
Without you, the cabin
in Glacier Springs would
look like that:*



PRESIDENTS' MEETING APRIL 28, 2018

The 13th Swiss Societies Presidents' Conference held this year in Vancouver/Coquitlam was a great success!!

The 13th Swiss Societies Presidents' Conference took place on April 27th & 28th in Vancouver/Coquitlam with a focus on digital communication and associated practices. The conference started with an Apéro Riche in the evening of April 27th hosted by the Consul General at the Consul General's Residence in West Vancouver.



Silvia Kinvig, president Vancouver Swiss Choir
Karin Kapp, president Vancouver Swiss Society
Sonja Gusteli, president Swiss Cultural Society Calgary
Lilly Senn, president Swiss Society Vernon

The primary conference was hosted by the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association (SCMRA) in Coquitlam. The conference was wrapped up with a wonderful fondue dinner hosted by the SCMRA, with refreshments provided by the Swiss Consulate and entertainment provided by the always excellent S-Bahn.

The focus of the conference was digital communication and associated practices.

It was very well attended with presidents and representatives of Swiss Societies attending from Western Canada, Eastern Canada and as far away as Minneapolis, Minnesota.



We had the opportunity to hear reports from all of the Swiss Society Presidents and representatives. It was very interesting to see what other Societies are doing, what their challenges/successes are and what they are doing to maintain and even grow their organizations.

We heard from The Organization for the Swiss Abroad (OSA) about their activities advocating for all Swiss citizens living abroad. The OSA recounted their recent trips to Bern and the recent success maintaining voting rights for Swiss expats. We also heard about ongoing efforts to improve basic banking in Switzerland for Swiss

expats, which as many of us know is an ongoing issue.

The primary focus was on digital communication and how Swiss Societies can use digital technology to improve communication with their membership and importantly also increase membership. We heard from keynote speakers on various strategies.

We had the opportunity to hear from the following individuals on how digital communications relates to their respective organizations:

- David Moerker, OSA Member of the Board & President of the Twin Cities Swiss American Association presented strategies for 'connecting our fellow Swiss' and 'communication strategies among Swiss clubs in the USA'.
- Peter Fuhrer, President, Federation of Swiss Societies in Eastern Canada introduced us to Fed Suisse & the umbrella website of Fede Suisse.
- Vince Sciamanna, President of the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce introduced us to the new more user friendly and interactive Chamber website.

We also had the pleasure of hearing from digital communications expert Rachel Segal, Specialty Honours BA in Communications Studies, York University and Faculty Instructor at UBC Sauder School of Business and Director of Segal Consulting. Her focus was on:

- Building a brand online;
- Targeting ability of social media;
- The importance of authentic, high quality online content.

Many of the lessons learned from Rachel can be used by societies to communicate more effectively and engage the younger generation.

One of the primary take-aways from this conference is the importance of cross communication amongst Swiss Societies across Canada and even the USA. By communicating what is and is not working, we can better engage and grow our membership. Many Societies are creating online events calendars that cover events from various local and neighbouring Swiss Clubs. The OSA Canada is also going to launching a new website soon with links to various Swiss Societies, clubs and groups Nationwide. Their aim is "to facilitate networking and to provide a point of contact for anyone who wishes to join a Swiss community group, is interested in the services of a Swiss organisation, or requires the contact details of an official Swiss representation (Embassy, Consulates)."

Based on what we saw and heard at this conference we as Swiss abroad can be excited about what the future brings. We have a lot of very active, forward thinking leaders and groups across Canada and the USA that are embracing the digital age. We are looking forward to the next Presidents conference. A very heartfelt thank you to Silvia Schoch for organizing this great event, to the Swiss Consul Pascal Bornoz and his wife Elena Bornoz for hosting the Apéro Riche, and to Frank Suter the president of the SCMRA for hosting the conference.

Pascal Vogel

Vice President, Swiss Outdoors Club - Vancouver

(seen on photo top right beside Aio Haerberli. To the left is Outdoors Club President Brian Hauser with his wife Abril, who is the Secretary of the OC.)



SENIORS SECTION

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MOVIES

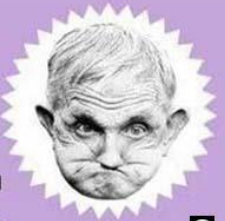
We would like to continue with these events and are therefore extending an invitation to you, **all members of the Swiss Society** – at least the ones who understand some Swiss German – to join us on a Sunday afternoon at the Vancouver Alpen Club, to get **introduced** or re-introduced to the **Swiss film culture**, famous actors, history and traditions, and to have a chance to talk to and get to know more of your local compatriots. We would also be happy to find some new volunteers to help with the projection.

The dates and contact numbers can always be found in the Swiss Herald. The next Filmnachmittag will be May 27th, at 2 p.m. After the summer holidays, we will meet again on October 14th and November 18th at 2:00 p.m.

For reservations please phone (preferably by the preceding Monday), either Veronika Sans 604-730.9781, or Elisabeth Schuepbach 604-584.3742.

Werner Rutishauser Seniors Chairperson SSV

SENIOR CITIZEN TEXTING CODE...



ATD - At The Doctors
BFF - Best Friend Fell
BTW - Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
GHA - Got Heartburn Again
IMHO - Is My Hearing-aid On
LMDO - Laughing My Dentures Out
TTYL - Talk To You Louder

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Dezinz by Susy Spears for Home Sweet Home

CHOIR SECTION

Choir Report April 2018

Our choir has been busy practicing for the concert in June. It has been a big learning curve for all of us but now I'm proud to say that we are on the right track.

May 12th we will perform our repertoire at the Mother's Day Fondue. This is our first time with our new conductor Sergio Pires. We are truly thankful to the outdoors club for inviting us. It is important to bring everybody together to celebrate our traditions.

On June 23rd we like to invite you to our Spring concert. We will be back at the Vancouver Alpen Club. See the flyer on the next page for all the information.

We are a lot more singers than before and I received some inquiries from some younger people as well. We strive to do our best and sing with our hearts. When we sing it brings back memories from our childhood. It helps to still be connected with home no matter how long we have been living in Canada.

We would like to have more singers, especially younger folks who enjoy Swiss culture to keep our choir and culture alive. Please feel free to contact me if you have an interest to join us. silkin56@hotmail.com

Your choir president Silvia Kinvig



"You sound like a bunch of cats! The growl has to be deeper and the barks crisper. Okay, let's take it again from the first howl."

All In Good Time





SWIS S CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

Saturday, June 23rd, 2018
Vancouver Alpen Club
4875 Victoria Dr. Vancouver

Time: 7:30pm

This is the expanded Vancouver Swiss Choir with our
new director Sergio Pires

We have practiced very hard to entertain you with new and old favorite
songs from Switzerland, with Alphorn playing and yodeling.

There will be “Wheie” Swiss fruit pie, cake and other goodies to
purchase baked by the choir ladies.

We will raffle off our famous food-baskets again!

Tickets: \$20.00, youth 12-19 \$10.00, children under 12 free

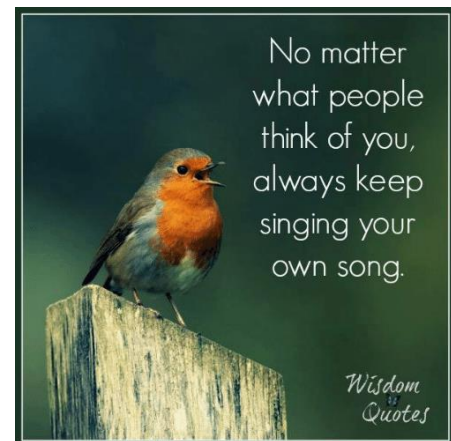




Choir Rehearsal with the new conductor Sergio Pires

Photos by Alfred Eigenmann

Music is a moral law.
It gives soul to the universe,
wings to the mind, flight to
the imagination, and charm
and gaiety to life and to everything.



OUTDOORS CLUB



The Swiss Outdoors Club appreciates the participation of all our members in the events organized for you.

Unfortunately the snowshoeing planned for March 3rd was cancelled the same day, an accident in the Hwy 1 close to Bridal Falls had the Highway closed since 8:30 in the morning and reopened after 2 pm, people couldn't make it to Manning Park. But we hope next year we can do this activity without any problems.

<p>Bird Watching at Reifel Bird Sanctuary.</p> <p>Sunday March 18th, 2018 1:00 pm</p>	<p>It was a rainy morning, but Spring was nice with us, by the time we got there it was cloudy and half way through the sun started to shine, letting us enjoy this experience. We shared the path with Mallards, Wood ducks, Geese. We fed Red-Winged Blackbirds, with our binoculars we watched Sandhill Cranes, Bald Eagles and Hawks.</p>	
<p>Easter-Egg Hunting at Glacier Springs Cabin</p> <p>Sunday April 1st, 2018 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Saturday March 31st, the few people who stayed at the cabin enjoyed a delicious Fondue dinner and had fun with board games.</p> <p>Sunday April 1st, we went Easter egg hunting, and at the end we celebrated the Swiss tradition called Eiertütschen. This is a special event where people attempt to crack each other's hard boiled eggs (without breaking their own) before eating them! And we had a winner!</p>	

Events Calendar:

The Swiss Outdoors Club invites you to join us in the events we have planned for this year. If you have more information or confirm your attendance please contact: swissoutdoorsevents@gmail.com or 778-255-0027. Please feel free to invite your friends and family. We will be sending detailed information prior to each event.

May 2018

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th	Hike and camping trip	Golden Ears, Maple Ridge	TBD with participants
June 2018			
Saturday 2nd	Cabin clean-up, lunch & Executive board meeting	Glacier Springs Cabin	09:00 a.m.
Sunday 17th	Father's day brunch & Soccer World Cup (CH vs Brazil)	TBD	10:00 a.m.
Friday 22nd	FIFA World Cup CH vs Serbia	Don't miss the game!	11:00 a.m.
Saturday 23rd	Hike (moderate level)	Joffre Lakes	TBD
Sunday 24th	Jungbürgerfeier Organized by Swiss Consulate in Vancouver	Residence of the Confederation of Switzerland	11 am to 3 pm
Wednesday 27th	FIFA World Cup CH vs Costa Rica	Don't miss the game!	11:00 a.m.


T-Shirt Fundraising

If you forgot to order your t-shirt, we have some extras, the scripts available are:

- Keep Calm and say Chuchichäschtli (Adult sizes and kid sizes)
- Hike more and worry less (Adult sizes)

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VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK



Dear friends,

On Saturday, April 7th, 2018 the Vancouver Dorf musik had their 33rd Annual Concert at the Vancouver Alpen Club. I have been attending their concerts many times in the past and this year's concert was definitely very good. It was very beautiful and money well spent. Master of Ceremonies was Elisabeth Rechsteiner. The "Alpiners", Al Pichler with his accordion together Bob Mullett on drums and trumpet entertained us very nicely before the intermission.



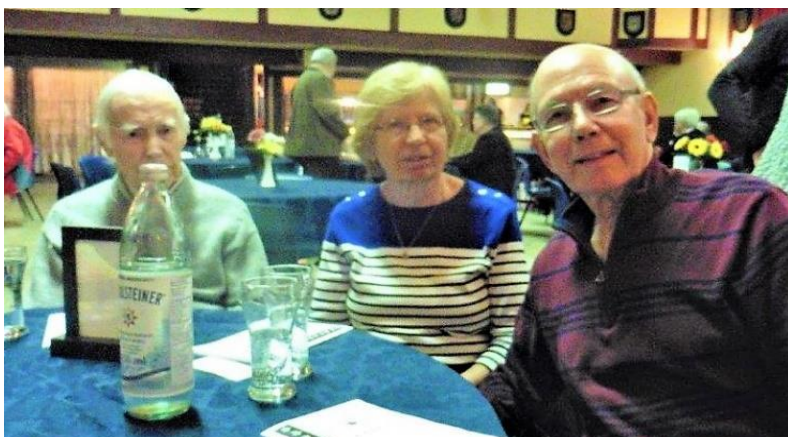
About 20 Dorfmusik musicians touched everybody with their wonderful selection of music.

Ken Gehrs and Bob Mullett played old favorites with the Alphorns. Peter Wu with his beautiful base voice presented two pieces. The President of the Dorfmusik, Urs Fricker, and his band members can be very proud of themselves and all their hard work over the last 33 years. We wish the Vancouver Dorfmusik much success in the future.



Photos: Alfred Eigenmann

*Best wishes,
Alfred and Christel Eigenmann
Coquitlam BC.
On the photo with Werner
Ruttishauser, the oldest listener
that night.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12, 2018	Mother's Day Fondue Dinner	OC
May 14, 2018	Executive Meeting	SSV
May 26/27, 2018	Hike and Camping Trip	OC
May 27, 2018	Film Nachmittag	Seniors
June 2/3, 2018	Cabin Clean-up and Exec. Meeting	OC
June 17, 2018	Fathers' Day Brunch and Soccer World Cup	OC
June 18, 2018	Executive Meeting	SSV
June 23, 2018	Annual Concert	Choir
June 24, 2018	Ladner Band Festival	Vancouver Dorfmusik
July 27, 2018	Kitsilano Showboat, evening	Vancouver Dorfmusik
July 28, 2018	Swiss National Day Celebration	MRA, SSV, Choir



Elisabeth Rechsteiner

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Didn't he just look like that?

(almost 5 years ago.....)

It's James, Karin Kapp's
(SSV president) son.



HUMOROUS QUESTIONS THAT MAKE YOU THINK TWICE

- If money doesn't grow on trees then why do banks have branches?
- Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in" . . . but it's only a penny for your thoughts?" Where's that extra penny going?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?
- How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.
- I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!!!
- Brain cells come and brain cells go, but why do fat cells live forever?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- If Fed Ex and UPS merge, would they call it Fed UP?
- If a chronic liar tells you he is a chronic liar do you believe him?
- If a mute child swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- If all those psychics know the winning lottery numbers, why are they all still working?
- If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?
- If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of congress?
- If the Energizer Bunny attacks someone, is it charged with battery?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- Why do airlines call flights nonstop? Don't they all stop eventually?
- You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane with the same substance?
- If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
- Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
- How come when you call a wrong number, someone is always home?

UNUSUAL PHOTOS

All but one found on images.google.com



Food for the eyes



High-heels for a diver.



And they will be butterflies one day??
One more pump and I'll pop!



Canada in Spain?

Christina discovered this sign on a street near Alicante



That's where my
dentures are!

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