



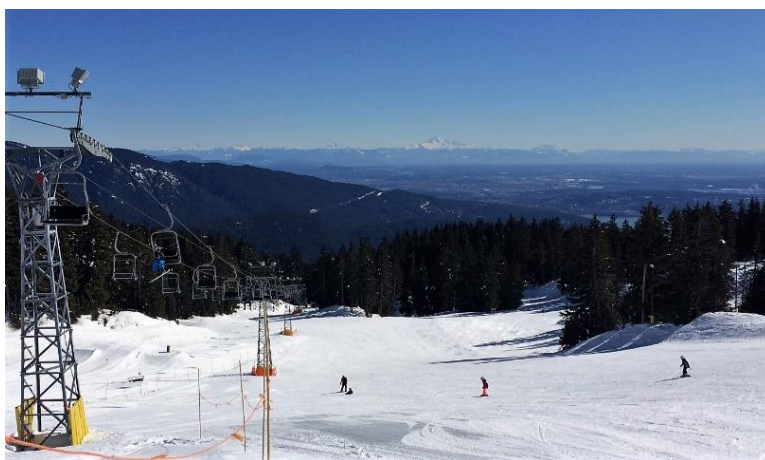
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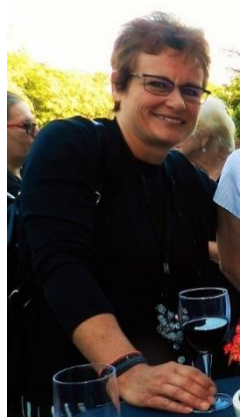
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Mount Seymour, March 4, 2019

Ch. Lips

## **SO LONG, GOOD BYE, FAREWELL, CONSUL CLAUDIA THOMAS!**



The SSV Board will miss you, Claudia! You've attended many of our meetings and we valued your interest, support and advice very much.

We wish you and your family all the best back in Switzerland and hope you will be happy with your new position.

Please let us know if you'll be back in Vancouver for a visit.  
We'd be happy to meet you for a chat!

Your Board Members of the Swiss Society.

# SWISS SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER



Dear Members, you are cordially invited to attend the

## **2019 Annual General Meeting** of the Swiss Society of Vancouver

to be held on

*Friday, March 15, 2019 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

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

Nominations for board positions (especially 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

## SENIOR'S SECTION

### Naechster Filmnachmittag fuer Senioren und andere Interessierte:

**Sunday, March 31, 2019; 2-5 pm**

**im Deutschen Haus**

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

Kosten: \$ 6 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen

Here are all the dates for the Filmnachmittage in 2019:

March 31

April 28

May 26

October 20

November 17

**Bitte anmelden bis am Montag vorher**

Elisabeth Schupbach, 604-584-3742 or

Veronika Sans 604-730-9781



## CHOIR SECTION

### Choir News March 2019

I guess quite a few of you had a hard time getting around last month. It was not better with our choir. Every time I made the decision to proceed with the practice, a few minutes later it started to snow. So what I learned from this experience was, that I'm not good at forecasting the weather.

We had to cancel three rehearsals but we are making the time up by adding half an hour to our normal time.

We do have a new exciting program in the works for our spring concert. On top of that we are busy practicing new songs for the Sanger- and Yodeling Festival in Pasadena California next year.

If there is anybody who would like to join and come with us to California next year: now is a great time to join our choir. If you send me an e-mail I can give you all the details.  
silkin56@hotmail.com

## Trachten and Chuteli

To all our members who have a Tracht or a Chutteli from the choir: we would love to have them back. Please send us an e-mail if we need to pick it up.

([silkin56@hotmail.com](mailto:silkin56@hotmail.com))

**We do have some dates for our concerts.**

Spring concert: June 15 2:00pm at all Saints in Burnaby

National Day Celebration July 27 Rifle Range Coquitlam

Christmas Concert Nov 23 2:00pm

## ODE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

**--Author Unknown**

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgment nears,  
That there's a special place in Heaven,  
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there are no committee chairmen,  
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,  
No library duty or bulletin assembly,  
There will be nothing to print or staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail,  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king.

You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged  
And work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth.





**34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCERT**

**VANCOUVER**



**DORFMUSIK**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019  
8:00 p.m.**

**Vancouver Alpen Club  
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- The world's largest hockey stick resides in Duncan, and measures 205 feet long and 61,000 pounds. The mammoth symbol of hockey was created for Expo 86 and acquired by the city of Duncan afterwards.
- There is an annual flower count in Victoria at the tail end of winter. More than one billion blooms are counted by the community every year.
- The largest tin soldier in the world is located in New Westminster.
- In North America, Vancouver is second only to Los Angeles in TV production and third in feature film production. So in case you are wondering, yes; that was a famous Vancouver landmark you saw on your favourite TV show.
- Nanaimo is the Bathtub Racing capital of the world.
- The Sam Kee building located at 8 West Pender St. in Vancouver is considered by Ripley's and the Guinness Book of Records to be the narrowest commercial building in the world.
- British Columbia is four times the size of Great Britain.
- The Kits Pool in Kitsilano is the longest pool in Canada at 137 metres (or 150 yards) long.
- There are only 30 countries larger than B.C. (and one state: Alaska).
- The "Hanging Garden Tree" on Meares Island near Tofino is one of the world's oldest known western red cedars, estimated to be anywhere between 1,500 to 2,000 years old.
- B.C. resident Jim Pattison is the third richest person in Canada (and the 177th richest person in the entire world) with a net worth of 7.5 billion dollars.
- The world record for "Longest Beard" for a living male is held by Surrey resident Sarwan Singh, whose beard measures an astonishing 2.33 metres (or 7.75 feet).
- The Weather Network named Prince Rupert the wettest city in the country, with an average of 239.7 days of rain a year, amounting to a whopping 2593.6 mm of rain a year.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019

## **2019 SSV / Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**by Mar. 31, 2019**

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2019 renewal.

Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2018 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).

If you did not renew in 2018 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](mailto:membership@swiss-society.org)

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

You can send the cheque to : **Swiss Society of Vancouver  
P.O.Box 32021 Walnut Grove;  
Langley, BC ;  
V1M 2M3**

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 is:

Outdoor Club Single	\$ .12.00
Outdoor Club Family	\$ 18.00
Choir	\$ 80.00

If you miss sending in the payment by the March 31, 2019 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 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

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

Monday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Board Meeting	SSV
Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Annual General Meeting	SSV
Sunday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Annual Concert`	Vancouver Dorfmusik
Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Sunday, May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Saturday, June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Annual Concert	Choir

## 50 YEARS AGO: INEQUALITY: THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN

This content was published on March 1, 2019 in the Swissinfo.ch



Marching to parliament in the capital, Bern.  
(Keystone)

The event was controversial. Although the two main women's associations supported the cause, they did not take part in the rally, fearing riots and revenge by men at the ballot box who



A different kind of whistle blower  
(Keystone)

**An hour of making noise in front of the Swiss parliament buildings was enough to find its way into the history books.**

On March 1, 1969, thousands of women loudly demanded the vote.

On that day exactly 50 years ago, 5,000 women and men stood in the square and at 3pm gave a concert of whistles.



might be provoked to reject women's suffrage.

Many women travelled from across the country to take part.

(Keystone)



The protestors read out a resolution in all four Swiss national languages, demanding full voting rights at the federal and cantonal level.

Emilie Lieberherr, the head of the committee behind the "March to Bern", would eventually become a politician, winning a seat in the Senate.

*(Keystone)*

It would take two years before a bill was finally presented to the (male) electorate and adopted by a two-thirds majority. However, it took another 20 years for women's suffrage to be implemented in all cantons.



Young and old took part.

*(Keystone)*

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Swiss women's 'absurd' struggle hits the big screen

Switzerland's women didn't win the right to vote until 1971, not usually considered a laughing matter. But a film puts a comedic spin on it: Die Goettliche Ordnung

By Sibilla Bondolfi



# CHALANDAMARZ TRADITION

## Driving out the winter

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*(Keystone / Gian Ehrenzeller)*

**The first of March marks the day when "Chalandamarz" processions in eastern Switzerland chase winter out of the villages.**

In the Romansh language spoken in canton Graubünden, "Chalandamarz" means "the beginning of March". In eastern Swiss valleys, March 1 means a lot of noise in the villages. Schoolchildren and adolescents walk with bells and whips through the streets and around every water fountain. They traditionally wear red pointed caps and blue peasant blouses and sing spring songs. They are sure to be as loud as possible.

In some communities, only the boys are allowed to shout out the winter, while in others a straw man is burned. In some places the custom resembles a carnival procession. In the town of Ftan, the boys dress in costumes and chase the girls with inflated pig bladders.

After the bell procession, the Chalandamarz Ball takes place in each village, traditionally prepared by the women and girls. Young and old take part and celebrate the coming spring.

## **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:**

20<sup>th</sup> of August, October, December,  
February, April and June.

### **Fees for advertisement:**

Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
One full page	\$ 150	\$ 825
½ Page	\$ 90	\$ 495
1/3 Page	\$ 60	\$ 330
¼ Page	\$ 40	\$ 220
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