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REMEMBERING

Veronica "Vreni" Huser

August 13, 2019



Veronica "Vreni" to her many friends and family, passed away surrounded by family, on August 13, 2019 in Vancouver at the age of 87. Vreni was born and raised in the picturesque Alps of Canton Graubunden in Switzerland.



In 1958 Vreni and Andy married in Switzerland, honeymooned in Paris and started on their way to a new life in Canada where they settled down in Vancouver.

Unwavering in her kindness and empathy, she always knew the right thing to do and wholeheartedly dedicated herself to raising and caring for her family.

Vreni enjoyed many years participating and volunteering with the Vancouver based Swiss Society, Swiss Outdoors Club and Swiss Choir. Known as sweet, jovial and light hearted, Vreni skied and hiked alongside Andy and her friends into her mid seventies. Swiss German was her native tongue, but with a flair for languages and remembering childhood lessons, she was able to translate Romansh language lyrics for the Swiss Choir. Vreni was also a Red Cross volunteer for the Canadian Citizenship Court.

She also loved a good brisk walk to Spanish Banks and kept this up until her later years. Even during her struggles with PD, she soldiered on and never missed an opportunity to show appreciation to her family and caregivers. We will never forget how, at this time in her life, she continued to inspire us with her insight, and delight us with her humorous wit that had us roaring with laughter.

We love you Mom, Grandma, Vreni. "Tschau Vreni, Ruhe in Frieden"

Predeceased by sister, Klara "Klarli", Vreni is survived and will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by husband Andy, daughter Monica (Bob), grandson Derry (Caroline), brother Peter (Christa) and godson, Andreas. Vreni also leaves behind extended family in Switzerland and Kamloops. B.C., including Leonie, Frank, niece Michelle and nephews Fred, Simon and James.

The family would like to thank Dr. Dakin and staff at VGH and Massi and Aurora of Safe Care Home Support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Society of B.C. or the Canadian Red Cross.

Ilse Hedwig Staubli Obituary

November 1, 1925 – Sept. 1, 2019

We are sad to announce that on September 1, 2019 we had to say goodbye to Hedwig Staubli.

Her Celebration of Life will be Sat. Oct. 5 2019 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on 72nd Ave in Langley (near 200 St).

For more information people can check on the Henderson's Langley Funeral Home site.

There will be more to honour Ilse Staubli in the next Swiss Herald.

SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION 2019

It was celebrated SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019 AT THE CHALET OF THE SWISS MOUNTAIN RANGE ASSOCIATION in Coquitlam. There were Children's activities, a BBQ, a Beer Garden, Entertainment by the S-Bahn and the Vancouver Swiss Choir. We listened to the pre-recorded message from Switzerland, a representative of the City of Coquitlam, the president of the Rifle Range and the outgoing Consul General, Mr. Pascal Bornoz. The official ceremony ended with the Children's Lampion Parade.



Volunteers from the Swiss Society Board of Vancouver managed the BBQ.



The Swiss Consulate had a great turn-out.



Photos by Alfred Eigenmann, Karin Kapp and Christina Lips



Consul General Pascal Borno and his wife's last official presence before their move to Lion.



Official Choir Photo for the 2020 Swiss Fest in Pasadena US.



CELEBRATION OF WERNER RUTISHAUSER'S 100. BIRTHDAY August 11, 2019

Werner, Blanche, their three daughters and their off-springs and Friends celebrated this special day at the "Chez Michel" Restaurant in West Vancouver.



After the Swiss Trio played a classical piece and some Swiss Folksongs, a Mariachi Band entertained the crowd with Mexican Music.

The birthday cake was made and donated by the famous patissier Thomas Haas!



Karin Kapp represented the whole Swiss Society and praised Werner's long-time involvement with the SSV Board.



SENIOR S' SECTION

Next Filmnachmittag October 20th, 2019 for Seniors' 55 + und andere Interessierte: October 20th & November 17th, 2019

im Deutschen Haus

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

Bitte anmelden bis am Montag vorher

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Please mark your Calendar:

Senior's Christmas Luncheon will take place Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at the Executive Hotels & Resorts, 405 North Road, Coquitlam BC

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PICKLES

by BRIAN COWIE



SWISS CHOIR

Choir News September 2019: written by Andrea Flukiger, President



When you read this, we already will have started with our weekly practises after our summer break. Songs for our Christmas Concert and our performance in Pasadena in June 2020 are on the "to do list ". July and August had no regular Tuesday rehearsals, but we came together for a summer choir July pick-

nick, generously hosted by Alfred and Christel Eigenmann at their home in Coquitlam. They even had a BBQ-Chef organized, their son. Thank you Marcel. Since almost the whole choir was able to attend (with spouses and friends) the members took the opportunity to have a practice before enjoying the food and company. The weather was beautiful and we had plenty of food for belly, mind and soul. The sound of Alphorn, Oergeli and singing was not just a joy for us but also for the neighbourhood.





On July 27th , we sang at the Swiss National Day Celebration at the Rifle Range and on August 2nd we were the guest choir at the Mandolin Orchestra Friendship Concert at the Alpen Club. What an experience; I never heard a Mandolin Orchestra before.

Do you like to sing? Our choir would love to welcome you as a new member or as a returning one. It is not mandatory to be Swiss or to be able to read music. For more information please feel free to contact Dorli Meier at 604-853-0890 or Rolf Bruehlhart : rbrulhart@hotmail.com or to speak to any choir member.

We practice every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the church hall from St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton 121 E Columbia Street, New Westminster (parking in the rear of Cumberland Street or Debeck Street).

Dates to remember:

Saturday, November 23rd : Christmas Concert (All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby)

Saturday, Dec. 7th : Seniors Luncheon

May / June 2020 (TBA): Spring Concert

June 25-28, 2020: 30th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing & Yodeling Festival (Pasadena CA)

A big thank you to all of you who support us. It is greatly appreciated.

Jassen aus Freude am Spielen
Sunday, 27 October 2019



The Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association and the Swiss Society of Vancouver
invite everyone to a

Jass-Tournament

Sunday, October 27, 2019 at the SCMRA Chalet in Coquitlam.

Sign-in is at 12:00pm and the games begin at 1:00pm sharp.
Donations for prizes are welcome.

Costs are \$5 Schieber and \$5 Handjass.

Kitchen & Bar will be open at the Chalet and the dinners can be purchased for \$15.00.

Please make your reservation with Irma Bieri 604-738-8553, irmaishere@hotmail.com
or

Joe Morach 604-581-7065

Help us to purchase the right amount of Food by
making dinner reservation no later than October 20, 2019

A TRIBUTE TO THE GLACIER SPRING CABIN



An era comes to an end.

For 36 years lots of families enjoyed staying at the Glacier Spring Cabin, hiking, skiing, biking, eating Cheese Fondue or celebrating the New Year.

The cabin was built by people who put countless hours into it and used their bare hands to make it happen.

In July Karin Kapp, her son James, Silvia Kinvig and I, Christina Lips went to the cabin to meet with the Real Estate Agent to go over the property, the inside of the cabin and everything else that has to do with the sale.

We did feel quite emotional to do so, because it still is a beautiful place to be and to enjoy nature.

USA politics, hassle at the borders, extra health insurance and the higher age average of the Swiss Society Members were some reasons that less and less people took advantage to spend time in Glacier Springs.

In the guest book we found the information on this page and we like everyone to know who were all those men, women and children who put so much effort, time and money into a place where so many happy hours were spent. We like to honor all of them. No doubt lots of people have great memories from those times and will never forget them.

Acknowledgements

This Cabin would not have been built without the help of the following organizations and individuals. Their help is greatly appreciated and should always be remembered !

Financial Help (as Grants and Shares came in)

Labour (at least a full day)
(alphabetical order)

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Wagner, Rolf
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Weingand, Mark
Wilson, Robert



We celebrated Karin's Birthday when we were there. The two ladies are not just good singers, but also talented knitters.



Before the cabin will be on the market some repairs had to be done.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 16 th , 2019	Board Meeting	Swiss Society of Vancouver
Sunday, October 20 th , 2019	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Monday, October 14 th , 2019	Board Meeting	SSV
Sunday, October 20 th , 2019	Metzgete	Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association
Sunday, October 27 th , 2019	Jass Tournament	Mountain Range Ass. and SSV
Sunday, November 17 th , 2019	Filmnachmittag	Seniors
Monday, November 18 th , 2019	Board Meeting	SSV
November 23 rd , 2019	Christmas Concert	Choir
Saturday, December 7 th , 2019	Senior's Luncheon	Seniors
	Waldweihnacht	



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Quiz Results from page 14

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Bern	St. Gallen	Basel
Lausanne	Luzern	Fribourg
Wengen	Lugano	Chur
Schaffhausen	Appenzell	Schwyz

Rob Gnant, the 'van Gogh' of Swiss photography

By Helen James; from www.swisscommunity.org



Rob Gnant, a Swiss photographer with a knack for linking important social themes with a strong visual aesthetic, died in August leaving behind a legacy of over 200,000 negatives of his work.

A key photographer of the post-war period in Switzerland, his work involved both reportage and portraits. Gnant also had a keen interest in documentary film, leading him to work as a cameraman for the documentary film "In the Fall" (A fleur d'eau external), which won the short film

category at the 1963 Cannes Film Festival.

Gnant often shot in black and white and was influenced by his work in film, seen in the graininess and the quick-shot approach that gave movement to his still images. His stylistic approach to social stories earned him the nickname in the industry, the "van Gogh of Swiss photography".

He strove to capture the extraordinary and beautiful in everyday life by focussing on various working worlds, looking at society's outsiders, or miners for example. The photographer was intrigued by controversial themes from that time - the contrast between city and country, the urbanisation of Switzerland and innovation after the war.



In an interview with the newspaper Tages-Anzeiger in 2015, Gnant said: "With me, people always knew when I photographed them. I was not a sniper."

Photo from 1956