



SWISS HERALD

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Real Life Advent Calendar in Gengenbach Germany

WANTED: COOKIE-BAKERS OF ANY AGE!



Barbara, our cookie-maker master is inviting other bakers to join her team. Every person creates their favorite cookies. **ANY AMOUNT IS WELCOME!**

They will all be put in bags and every senior will receive one at the Christmas Senior's Luncheon.

The more people volunteer, the bigger the bags!

Please call Barbara Wirsching at **604-671-6792** by November 25th what kind of cookies you will contribute. There will be a "packing-the-cookies party" shortly before the Luncheon's date.

Ilse Hedwig Staubli NOVEMBER 1ST, 1925 TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2019

written by her daughters



Ilse Hedwig Engeler was born in Berne, Switzerland to her parents Hedwig and Walter Engeler on Nov 1, 1925. Ilse's sister, Irma was born 2 years later and that completed the family of four.

Ilse was a great student, she enjoyed school and received good academic marks. She grew up in the city but spent weekends and holidays on a family owned fruit Orchard with her many cousins. Here her father was a Beekeeper and that was where she learned to understand the beauty of nature at a young age.

Once Ilse completed school she apprenticed as a Milliner learning to design and craft hats in both Zurich and Geneva. She worked there in the fashion industry from the mid 1940s through to the mid 1950s.

It was during her time working in the fashion industry she met our father, Jacob Staubli. In the summer of 1955 she boarded the Cristoforo Colombo, the sister ship of the Andrea Doria, our mother would say, for a 9 day journey from Genoe, Italy to New York City, USA to join our father who had immigrated one year earlier to Vancouver, Canada. He Met her in New York City and then together they traveled through Niagara Falls onto Chicago to catch a train to Seattle since there were no passenger trains at that time that traveled across Canada.

They married September 6, 1955 and soon after they started a family. In 1957 their first daughter Barbara arrived and in 1961 their second daughter Gabrielle arrived. They settled in the Dunbar area of Vancouver for the next forty years working and raising their two daughters.

Ilse dedicated her life to raising her two daughters, being a homemaker and working in high end clothing stores on Georgia street from the 1960s to 1980s.

She was a wonderful mother who sewed our clothes, taught us cooking, baking, gardening, manners and etiquette. She instilled in us her love for traveling and even taught us how to pack a suitcase like a pro!

Traveling was important to our Mother and she saw many different places, some of them being Brazil, Alaska, Panama, Asia, Turkey, Greece, USA and Canada, taking great pleasure in learning about their customs and cultures. She encouraged her children and grandchildren to go out and see the world. Hearing the stories of their travels made her very happy.

She was a wonderful gardener and would spend hours weeding and watering and could coax anything to grow and bloom. She loved to share gardening tips, ideas and to share her cuttings. Just this summer she taught Gabrielle a trick to cutting roses. In her later years she took pleasure in watching her garden grow and blossom while the Hummingbirds would fly around her feeders.

Ilse had a great love and appreciation for the Arts. She enjoyed going to plays, symphonies, ballets, concerts and the opera. She made sure that we had plenty of cultural enrichment to fulfill our lives.

In 2004 our parents decided to move to Langley where they would live out the rest of their lives. Ilse is remembered and was loved for her large array of delicious Christmas cookies she made and boxed up with pride in beautiful ornate boxes to be given out to neighbours and friends. She also made cookies for the Seniors Christmas luncheon for many years.

Ilse loved to keep busy! She belonged to the Swiss Society, Swiss-outdoors club and volunteered at the Walnut Grove pool. She was an avid reader, talented knitter, loved watching figure skating, puzzle making and enjoyed board games. We had family dinners twice a week finished off with games, she was winning into the last month of her life.

Ilse loved being a Grandmother and spending time with her four Grandchildren Jacqueline, Geoff, Alex and Brad. She would attend their sporting events, Christmas concerts, school plays and graduations as often as possible. She was thrilled to become a Great Grandmother for the first time 4 years ago to Wilde and then Valen.

As she was often heard saying in her last year, "I've had a great and full life". She lived through WWII in her teens, saw so many changes, like all the advancements in technology, ending with her mastering the PVR in her 90's.

Those we Love don't go away they walk beside us everyday!

Alois Hermann Schurmann

MARCH 25TH, 1926 TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2019



Alois (Louis) Schurmann passed away peacefully on September 4th, 2019 at the age of 93. Louis was predeceased by Anna, his loving and supportive wife of 58 years and granddaughter Crystal.

Louis was born in 1926 in a small farming village in Lucerne, Switzerland. After agriculture college and army service, Louis worked as a farm foreman in a neighbouring village, where he met Anna Bucher. They married April 14th, 1952 and began farming together the very next day. Seeking further opportunities in 1956, Louis and Anna departed for Canada, along with their young family of three children. Fortuitously landing in the Fraser Valley that spring, the Schurmanns embraced life in Canada and worked on a farm in Cloverdale. In 1957, they moved east to Sumas Prairie, buying a dairy farm of their own.

Louis had a life-long passion for agriculture and farm life, often remarking that the farm was a great place to raise their 7 children. Off the farm, Louis pursued his passion and talent for music, as a member of the Abbotsford Concert Band and Vancouver Dorfmusik for many years. He was actively involved with the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association. Retirement for Louis meant travel with Anna, to Switzerland and across Canada and the US. Countless miles were logged towing their treasured 5th wheel trailer to a lake for fishing and camping, while visiting their kids, grandkids and friends along the way. Louis enjoyed a fun party, strong coffee and a rousing game of "Jass" (a Swiss card game). He was fond of energetic debate on a variety of topics: be it farming, politics or the economy. Even if he couldn't persuade you, he was ever the gentleman, ultimately content to agree-to-disagree.

Dad will be lovingly remembered by his children Louis (Liz), Elisabeth (Albert), Anna (Chris), Peter, Andy (Sue), Roy (Tracy) and Kathrin (Kim). Grandpa will be missed dearly by his 20 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

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SENIORS SECTION



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

im Deutschen Haus

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

Bitte anmelden bis am Montag vorher

Elisabeth Schubach, 604-584-3742

Kosten: \$8 fuer Kaffee und Kuchen

Please note: Everyone can come, even the whole family! If you'd like to see a good movie in Swiss German/German and enjoy seeing other people with a Swiss background, you should try it out!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



The Swiss Society Vancouver Board kindly asks you to wait with paying your membership for 2020 until the beginning of February.

Susanne Wilson, our membership chair is away until then and the board has to discuss the new membership structure and make a decision by then.



Saturday, December 7, 2018

SWISS SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

In honour of our Senior Members 55+
at the

Executive Hotels & Resorts, 405 North Road, Coquitlam BC,
Parking \$ 4.00 in the Underground Parking. Please leave your Number Plate # at the Reception Desk.

You will enjoy a good meal, some entertainment,
have the opportunity to chat with old friends
and make new acquaintances.

Doors open: 10:00 a.m.

Program starts: 11:00 a.m.

Cost of the Luncheon is: \$25.00 for 2019 Swiss Society
Senior Members 65+

\$40.00 for all others wishing to attend.

Reservations required by November 28th

Contact: Edvige Weingand at 604-953-1963 or
email: edvigeweingand@telus.net



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday
November 23rd,
2019
2:00 p.m.

featuring
**the Vancouver Swiss Choir and
Members of the Vancouver Dorfmusik**
Music Director Sergio Pires

Tickets \$20.00
Children 12 & under are free

All Saints Anglican Church
7405 Royal Oak Avenue, Burnaby



Come join us for Baked Goods and Coffee after the concert

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CHOIR SECTION

Choir News November/December 2019

written by Andrea Flukiger, President

Weekly on the agenda.....practice and planning for our upcoming events

Practice is Tuesdays in St. Mary the Virgin Church, 121 E Columbia St, New Westminster
from 7:30 pm for 2 hours followed by socializing with coffee & goodies.

For more information please contact Dorli Meier at 604-853-0890 or Rolf Bruehlhart at
rbrulhart@hotmail.com

Dates to remember :

Saturday, November 23rd, 2 pm: Christmas Concert (All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby)

Saturday, Dec. 7th : Seniors Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 10th : Singing at the Sunrise Seniors Home in Lynn Valley, North Vancouver

Saturday, May 30th ,2020: Spring Concert (All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby)

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

Surprising Health Benefits of singing

- Singing is a workout
- Singing improves your posture
- Singing helps with sleep
- Singing is a natural anti-depressant
- Singing lowers stress levels
- Singing can widen your circle of friends
- Singing boosts your confidence
- Singing improves mental alertness
- Singing increases your ability to appreciate other singers
- Singen haelt uns im Kopf fit , baut Aengste ab und macht uns optimistischer

All together: Singing is good for your body and soul.

Song is a form of regular, controlled breathing, since breathing out occurs on the song phrases and inhaling takes place between these. Singing in a choir makes you feel good. Researcher found that choristers' heartbeats synchronise when they sing together, bringing about a calming effect that is as beneficial to our health as Yoga. Not sweaty or painful..... With that said:

Singers wanted of any age and looks!



The Sopranos



The Swiss Society Vancouver
Invites you to a
Waldweihnacht
Sunday, December 15th, 2019 at 6 pm



Location: Mount Seymour Road at the last sharp left turn before the ski hill parking lot (Swiss Flags will be at road side); turn right into parking lot of Seymour group camp site.

Program: At 6 pm we will proceed to a forest clearing and have a good old fashioned Christmas sing along near a Christmas tree with real candles. We will continue along the trail to a cabin in the woods and warm up by a roaring wood fireplace and sit around tables covered with goodies. Gluehwein and hot chocolate milk will be served.

If all the children are good Santa will make an appearance.

Important: Please come well dressed for cold winter conditions: snow boots, warm clothes and walking sticks, as well as rain gear may be needed. **Bring flashlights or head lights to find your way.**

For more information please contact
email: ssvoutdoorsclub@gmail.com or call or text Abril Hauser: 778-681-0856

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Sunday, December 15 th , 2019	Waldweihnacht	
Saturday, April 25, 2020	Annual Concert	Vancouver Dorfmusik
Saturday, May 30, 2020	Spring Concert (All Saints Anglican Church, Burnaby)	Choir



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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.

Fees for advertisement:

Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
One full page	\$ 150	\$ 825
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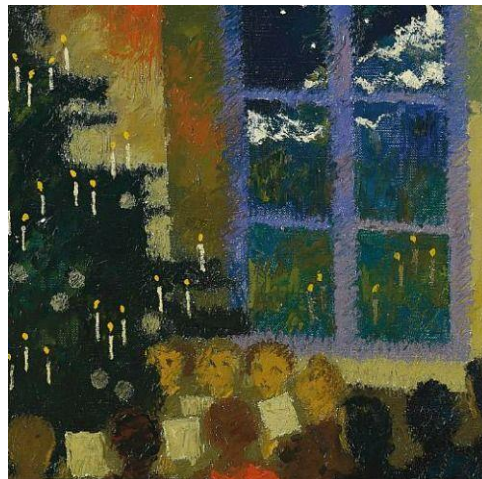


Viggo Johansen

Andy Warhol



Charlie Brown's Christmas Tree



Augusto Giacometti

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Wilhelm Zemp, Vice Consul

They look forward to meeting you soon!