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Tschuggen Express, a small train that looks like a posh roller coaster, zips past the Tschuggen Grand Hotel in Arosa, Switzerland.

A Light at the End of the Tunnel



If everything goes according to the plans of BC's Health Authority everybody who wants to will be immunized by September and we will be able to start with our Swiss Society Events again!

SENIORS' REPORT

Filmnachmittage

Our popular Sunday Movie-Afternoons have been going on for almost 20 years.

The movies are usually in Swiss-German or High-German.

Two years ago we announced that not only seniors but also younger members are welcome to attend these special afternoons and would enjoy them if they are interested in Swiss Movies and understand at least some Swiss dialect.

Socializing and drinking coffee/tea and have a piece of cake is as important as watching the movies.

These events have always been held 5 times a year at the German Alpenclub on 33rd Avenue and Victoria Street in Vancouver.

Over many years they had been organized by Blanche and Werner Ruttishauser. Later on Veronika Sans and Elisabeth Schupbach joined them and eventually took over. Now they need a few **back-up volunteers** willing to become familiar with what they do and to jump in in an emergency.



What needs to be done:

- Oct./ November: Reserve dates with Alpenclub, five Sundays for the next calendar year. Publish dates in Herald.
- During the year: Decide (We still consult with Werner) which movies, old or new ones, to show.
- Occasionally buy one or two new ones.
Keep cash box and update accounting records (from earlier fundraising by Werner)

Before each event:

- Reminder phone calls to regulars, make list of registrations
- Advise Alpenclub ahead of time of number expected



At event:

- Collect money for coffee and cake, pay total to Alpenclub
- Set-up DVD player and show movie.

(not quite like that. It's a DVD/VHS player)

One or two members who are familiar with VHS/DVD systems, perhaps some younger ones, are urgently needed now. Help from restaurant staff is not guaranteed.

Please contact Veronika Sans if you are willing to volunteer. It will be very much appreciated! vsans@prontomail.com or **604-730-9781**

**Do you know
how weird it
is being the
same age as
old people?**



**Never in my whole
life would
I imagine my hands
would consume
more alcohol than
my mouth!!**



Senior's Luncheon

Edvige Weingand took the time and effort to do a survey about what people think of the past Senior's Luncheons.

19 surveys were returned (12 couples - 7 single people).

All of them liked the Executive Plaza Hotel Coquitlam, because it's quite central for most of the people.

That's why we will plan to have it there again in the future, hopefully

THIS CHRISTMAS!!!

We all wait until we know for sure that it will be safe to meet in large groups again, until we will book the room. If you are interested in joining the organizing team, please contact Christina Lips at 604-928-9097.

Thanks very much Edvige for all your work! It helps for future years to come.

Don't let aging get you down...It's too hard to get back up.



People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.

CHOIR REPORT

written by Andrea Flukiger, President

Singing in a choir is like singing a rainbow of notes in Harmony

Vivek Sahney

Choir rehearsal is just a click away and has no boundaries - if you are open-minded about the different time zones.

The famous internet makes it easy and fast for us to stay in contact with other choirs from USSSPC (United Swiss Singing Societies of the Pacific Coast) and NASSA (North American Swiss Singing Alliance).

This sharing of information brought us Kameraden from the States and Alberta who have been joining our Thursday evening zoom rehearsals. Almost all choirs have had no practices since Covid hit.

The saying : **"If You don't use it you'll lose it"** is no myth.

We are looking forward so much to a live rehearsal -- hopefully in the near future. Now that the vaccinations are on the roll there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We just do not know yet how long that tunnel is.

**Hab' oft im Kreise der Lieben
Im duftigen Grase ruhet,
Und mir ein Liedlein gesungen,
Und alles war hübsch und gut.**

**Hab' einsam auch mich gehärmet
In langem, düsteren Mut,
Und habe wieder gesungen,
Und alles war wieder gut.**

**Und manches , was ich erfahren,
Verkocht ich in stiller Wut,
Und kam ich wieder zu singen,
War alles auch wieder gut.**

**Sollst nicht uns lange klagen,
Was alles dir wehe , thut,
Nur frisch, nur frisch gesungen !
Und alles wird wieder gut.**

Adelbert von Chamisso



WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Are you stuck at home on your own and would like to talk to someone of the Swiss Society Vancouver?

Here are a few members who would love to hear from you:

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Dorli Meier, Abbotsford:	604-853-0890
Anne-Marie Spaeti, Agassiz:	604-796-0357

SSV AGM 2020/21

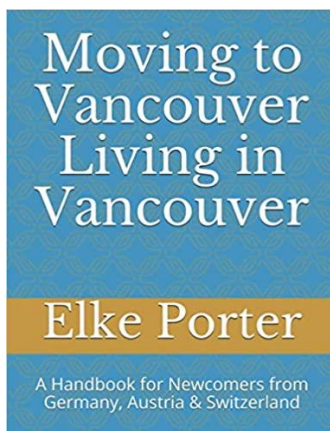
Our AGM is usually held in Spring. We'll miss it for the 2. time, however the Board of Directors is optimistic that we will be able to organize a Meeting at the end of this summer. Hopefully by then we will be able to see each other again and hug each other!

A NOTE FROM ELKE PORTER

Dear Swiss Society Vancouver,

Your society is mentioned in my new directory/handbook that is available on Amazon worldwide:

<https://www.amazon.ca/Moving-Vancouver-Living-Newcomers-Switzerland/dp/B08SFZCVQW>



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 December, February, April, June, August and October.

Fees for advertisement: (same fees since years!)

Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues	Ad Size	One Issue	Six Issues
One full page	\$ 150	\$ 825	¼ Page	\$ 40	\$ 220
½ Page	\$ 90	\$ 495	Business Card	\$ 20	\$ 110
1/3 Page	\$ 60	\$ 330	(5 Lines)		

CARAMEL-KOEPFLI



Andreas Caminada zeigt ein Dessert aus seiner Lehrzeit: Caramelköpflì mit einem wunderbaren Vanille-Caramel-Geschmack. 17. April 2020
Film: Lenz Films: www.gaultmillau.ch/atelier-caminada/caramelkopfli



Zutaten

Caramelsauce:

100 ml Weisswein

1 Lorbeerblatt

100 g Zucker

1 Sternanis

Flan:

½ l Milch

5 Eier



90 g Zucker

Mark von einer Vanilleschote

Zubereitung

1. Den Zucker karamellisieren lassen, mit Weisswein ablöschen, die Gewürze zufügen und bis zur gewünschten Konsistenz einkochen. Das Caramel in 6 feuerfeste Schälchen verteilen.
2. Zucker in der Milch lösen und die Vanille dazugeben, zum Kochen bringen. Die Eier anschlagen und die heisse Milch in die Eimasse rühren, passieren und in die mit Karamellsauce ausgegossenen Förmchen verteilen.
3. Die Förmchen im Steamer zugedeckt bei 85 °C für 25 Minuten dämpfen. Alternative: Schälchen im Wasserbad im Backofen bei 100°C für 30 Minuten garen.

Vor dem Servieren auskühlen lassen, mit einem Messer den Rand lösen und die Flan auf einen Teller stürzen.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2021

2021 SSV & Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

by Mar. 31, 2021

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2021 renewal. Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2020 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).

If you did not renew in 2020 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 & Choir with one cheque or make an e-transfer

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 membership is:

Choir \$ 80.00

A member of the choir has to be a member of the Swiss Society Vancouver.

Please mail cheque to: Swiss Society of Vancouver

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If you miss sending in the payment by the Mar. 31. 2021 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 out.

Also, if anything changes in your membership status or there is a change of address, a new form is required.

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 & Choir Membership Chair

7 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE PRESENT SWISS BANKNOTES



The **new 50-franc banknote** was issued on 12 April 2016, followed by the 20-franc **banknote** on 17 May 2017, the 10-franc **banknote** on 18 October 2017, the 200-franc **banknote** on 22 August 2018, the 1,000-franc **banknote** on 13 March 2019 and the 100-franc **banknote** on 12 September 2019.

Seven interesting facts you need to know about Swiss banknotes:

1. The Swiss National Bank launched a competition for the new design in 2005. The **winning designs** from Manuel Krebs featured cells and embryos.
2. After loud opposition of the public, the SNB revised their decision and went for the second place winner, Zürich graphic artist Manuela Pfunder. The theme of the ninth series is the “Many facets of Switzerland” and does not include any people’s portrait.
3. The color scheme remains identical to the past series, which helps with identifying the denomination of a bill. The bills are slightly smaller than the previous ones.
4. This is the ninth generation of banknotes in Swiss history, slated to last for 15 years. The first series was released back in 1907.
5. Swiss banknotes are less likely to be counterfeited than euros, US dollars or the British pound. Only 1 in 100’000 Swiss bills is counterfeit, whereas the ratio increases to 1 in 20’000 for euros, 1 in 10’000 for US dollars and 1 in 3333 for the British pound. The University of Lausanne based their 2011 report on information from central banks.
6. The 1000-franc bill is the denomination with the highest **circulation**, at 61.1%. At the current exchange rate, it is the second most valuable banknote in the world still being printed. Although there are USD 10’000 bills in circulation, they are no longer being printed. Singapore has a bill worth about 7500 francs, though.
7. Once you see the face on the 50-franc bill, you cannot *un-see* it!

2021 – ANNIVERSARIES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN CANADA



The 150th anniversary of the province of British Columbia joining Confederation

Source: Library and Archives Canada / 3308830

British Columbia joins Confederation as Canada's sixth province on July 20th, 1871. For the colony's settler population, union with Canada offers the promise of a transcontinental railway, responsible government, and relief from crippling public debt. Many eastern Canadians see British Columbia as a commercial gateway to the Pacific Rim, and also eye its rich natural resources. First Nations people – the vast majority of the new province's inhabitants – have no say in negotiating the Terms of Union between Canada and British Columbia.



The 125th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Yukon, sparking the Klondike Gold Rush

Source: Library and Archives Canada / 3194557

In 1896, family members George Carmack, Shaaw Tláa (Kate) Carmack, Kèsh "Skookum" (Jim) Mason, and Káa Goox (Dawson) Charlie find a creek bed thick with gold deposits near the Klondike River in present-day Yukon. News of the gold strike spread fast across Canada and the United States, and over the next 2 years, an estimated 100,000 prospectors travel to the region with the hope of finding fortune and gold.



The 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin

Source: Library and Archives Canada / 3212571

Formed in 1920, at the University of Toronto, a group of researchers led by Frederick Banting and his student Charles H. Best and including J.B. Collip and J.J.R. Macleod, succeeds in producing extracts of pancreas that contain an effective anti-diabetic agent, which they name "insulin". One of Canada's greatest contributions to modern medical history, the discovery of insulin transforms the treatment of the once fatal disease of diabetes, saves millions of lives and leads to the award of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Banting and Macleod in 1923.



The 100th anniversary of the election of Agnes Campbell Macphail, first female Member of Parliament

Source: Library and Archives Canada / 3193101

On December 6, 1921, in the first federal election in which women had the right to run as candidates, Agnes Campbell Macphail is the first woman elected to the Canadian House of Commons. She is elected as a member of the Progressive Party of Canada for the Ontario riding of Grey South East. The only woman in the House of Commons until 1935, she serves as a Member of Parliament until 1940, championing the working class and her rural constituents. She then returns to politics in the 1943 Ontario election, and becomes one of the first 2 women elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.



The 50th anniversary of the Multiculturalism Policy

Source: Library and Archives Canada / 2266188

In 1971, Canada is the first country in the world to adopt multiculturalism as an official policy, intending to preserve the cultural freedom of all individuals and provide recognition of the cultural contributions of diverse ethnic groups to Canadian society. For many years following this initial action, multicultural policies do not meet the needs of all immigrants to Canada, but the introduction of the term brings attention to the need for federal coordination to reflect the diversity of Canadian society.



The 25th anniversary of National Indigenous Peoples Day

Source: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

National Indigenous Peoples Day was declared in 1996 and is celebrated annually on June 21. It is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.



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Happy Easter



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