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Happy Spring Equinox!

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SWISS SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER



Dear Members,
The SSV Board of Directors cordially invites you to attend our

2022 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 27, 2022

3:00pm to 6:00pm

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainties with regards to potential changes to public health restrictions, it was not possible to secure a venue to hold an in-person meeting. Please find below the login information to join the virtual AGM via zoom. In order to speed up the tally for the quorum and verifying voting rights, please RSVP your attendance by Saturday,

March 26, 2022, by sending an email to
susannewilsonssvmembchair@gmail.com

Zoom for Video Call

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In-Person Get-Together

We understand that it may be difficult for some members to join a virtual AGM because they may not have a phone or laptop that supports zoom. We will therefore offer in-person get-togethers at private residences of some members of the Board of Directors to make sure everybody will have an opportunity to join the AGM. Note, depending on the host vaccination status disclosure and masking may apply – thank you for your understanding.

We are looking for additional members that would be willing to host additional in-person zoom get-togethers. Members that are interested in hosting a zoom get-together for the AGM are encouraged to email Susanne Wilson. Susanne will connect the hosts with members based on geographical location, so there will be very minimal administrative effort needed from hosts.
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AGENDA - 2022 AGM of the SSV

1. Announcement of quorum (25) by the Chair
2. Reading and motion to accept the 2022 Agenda
3. Reading and motion to accept 2021 AGM minutes
4. Welcoming of Dignitaries & Thank you
5. Reading and motion to accept the Annual Report by the President
6. Reading of the Financial Report (2021)
7. Reading of the Auditor's Report
8. Motion to accept the Financial Report and Auditor's Report
9. Reading and motion to accept the 2022 Budget
10. Status of the Mt. Baker Cabin Tax Filings
11. Presentation & Discussion of the SSV Post-Covid Vision
12. Presentation of the status of the Tyrol investment
13. Reading of section reports:
 - a. Vancouver Swiss Choir - Andrea Flukiger
 - b. Seniors Club - Veronika Sans
 - c. Swiss Herald - Christina Lips
 - d. Membership - Susanne Wilson
 - e. Website & Social Media - Aio Haberli
14. Motion to accept the section reports
15. Motion about annual membership fee
16. Elections of officers to the Board of Directors by acclamation
17. Election of Auditors by acclamation
18. Honorary Memberships
19. Volunteer Pool
20. Upcoming Events
21. Motion to adjourn the meeting

MEMOIRS OF ROSA ZUMBRUNN

Rosa was born January 4th, 1918 in Wittingsburg, Baselbiet. Rosa grew up with 5 siblings, two older than her.

Her dad died at the age of 41 years due to meningitis. Her mom found out she was pregnant with her 6th child only after her husband died. Rosa's mom had to sell the farm and moved to Frenkendorf where she brought up all the kids herself. It was important to Rosa's mom that each child learned a trade. Rosa chose to become a dressmaker.

In August 1940 Rosa married Fritz Bollier senior and lived in Basel for the first 16 years until they took over the family home in Frenkendorf.

On March 5, 1942 her first child Pia was born. On April 5, 1944 she died of Diphtheria. Just 6 days later, on April 11th, her son Fritz was born.

During the difficult time of having lost her daughter, Rosa's husband was working in the military services during the second world war and spent a lot of time away at the Swiss borders. In her free time Rosa was involved in Civil Services and she actively participated in the Damenriege.

When her son Fritz was 17 years old, Rosa separated from her husband. In 1967 Fritz immigrated to Canada. Although she visited Fritz often in Canada, she missed her only son very much and decided to follow him to Canada. In 1975 at age 57, Rosa made the big move to Vancouver where she lived with Fritz and his wife Rita for the first 8 months. After that she settled in the West End at Jervis Street and later moved to Beach Ave where she lived for many years. For the first several years Rosa worked in her son's optical business and in the eighties, she managed the Swiss Club Restaurant "Wiistuebli".

For Rosa to remain independent, she bought herself a car. She drove to many places where there was as a party including Swiss gatherings like the annual Swiss National celebrations, Jass tournaments, and Metzgete at the Rifle Range in Coquitlam.

At the "Gruempel Turniers" she always helped at the "Gastwirtschaft" or played her own instrument at the "Fasnacht" using the "Pfannedeckel" she brought along to play in the "Guggemusig". Many of us, including young Swiss who came to Canada, have met Rosa during these times. She got fondly nick named as: "D'Mamme or Tante Rosa".

Rosa was very much involved in Swiss activities and was a member of the "Choerli" for many years. Her position singing in the choir was always in the last row on the left side amongst the male singers because of her distinct voice. Another passion of Rosa was playing Zwickle and Jasse on a regular basis. In her "free time" she was knitting many pairs of socks for her friends. This was her preferred activity while watching her favorite TV shows in the evenings.



Rosa was always very well dressed and had a great hair style. It was very important to Rosa to dress fashionably for any occasion. Anybody who knows Rosa and spent time with her can appreciate her unique humor and shared many laughs with her. Her favorite saying “Laeng mers Gwehr” and her favorite poundings on a table indicated that she was having a great time. Rosa knew so many jokes and once she started telling one joke, many more followed: innocent and dirty ones...

Rosa’s life was not always fun and games. On April 8,2003 her son Fritz passed away at age 59. Despite this tragedy, Rosa remained positive and very active until her early nineties.



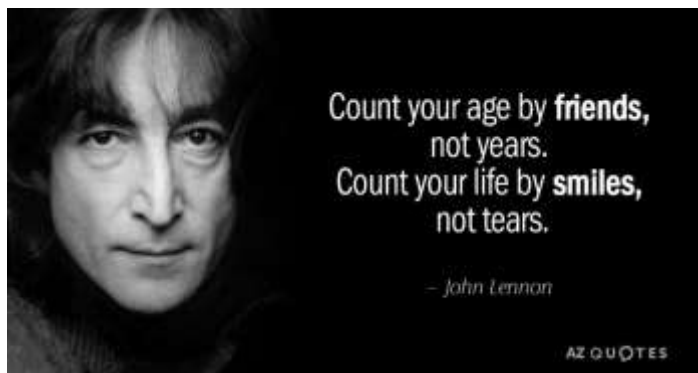
Rosa had an extensive network of friends who assisted her in various ways. Many took her shopping, others accompanied her at doctors’ appointments for translating or driving her to Sunday Services. Additional activities included going to Swiss gatherings with Rosa or driving her to the casino for a fun evening.

In 2014 she moved to the Chalmers Lodge, an Assisted Living Centre for Seniors. She remained independent until she fractured her hip that caused her to be hospitalized for several weeks. A suitable place became available at the German Canadian Care Home, and this was her new home until she was relocated to the Finnish Home in 2019. Rosa never regained mobility to walk after her hip fracture and was wheelchair bound. The once so lively with energy bursting lady slowed down considerably.

A huge thank you to the companions Elena, Mila, and Marilou for their dedication and patience caring for Rosa like their own

mother. These ladies were able to continue visiting Rosa while family and friends were not allowed to visit during the pandemic.

Rosa was the last survivor of her siblings and is survived by many loving nieces and nephews and their families in Switzerland.



A LONG LIFE WELL LIVED

Eulogy for Werner Rutishauser



Good afternoon and Welcome Everybody.

My name is Kathrin or Kathy and I am Werner's youngest daughter. It took me a while to figure out how to summarize and highlight 102 years of my dad's life into a few minutes. The task was not easy, but I will start at the very beginning:

Werner was born on August 11th, just before the third wave of the 1919 Spanish Flu Pandemic. He was born in a town called Riehen of Kanton Basel in Switzerland.

He had a younger brother, Erwin. Both brothers had a great passion for sports, especially handball. They travelled and competed in many tournaments in Switzerland and Europe during their younger years. My dad was also very involved in the boy scouts including, leading local troops, and organizing the big jamborees.

He studied to become a chemical textile technician, specializing in solvents and colorants for textile fabrics. He worked for a large company in his hometown, that also had a factory across the border in Alsace Lorraine France. This is where he met my mother, who was working in the same company as a secretary.

Recently someone had asked my mother what Werner was like when she met him, she said he was polite, quiet, and shy. I guess she did not realize what she was getting herself into for the next 71 years of marriage.

They got married in 1951. And shortly after, my father got a job offer abroad, in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. He had always wanted to explore the world, and this presented as a great opportunity to do so. They moved in 1952 after the birth of their oldest daughter Esther and lived there for 2 years before my father got another transfer offer to go to Mexico City. They lived there for over 30 years, had two more daughters, Doris and me, and added many dogs to the family throughout the years.



Mexico became their new home, where my dad continued working as a chemical technician. He eventually became the head of a chemical production facility that made glues and solvents for many national and international companies.

As you can imagine that line of work was not always an easy task for a person like my dad, with his inherited Swiss precision and always being on time. He always wore a watch and when he could no longer read the small dials, he found a voice activated watch. The relaxed Mexican lifestyle and attitude of "manana" / "tomorrow", was often not a good match.

By now his quiet/shy self was no more. He became an active member of the Swiss Society in Mexico, a dog obedience judge and a handball player and coach, while still working long hours managing the factory. He loved to entertain clients and have friends over where my mom's splendid cooking was always a showstopper. His love for gatherings and entertaining never stopped. The bigger the party the better, especially throughout his many years of special wedding anniversaries and birthdays, full of family, friends, amazing food, birthday cakes and whenever possible a mariachi band.

He enjoyed capturing his new life and family with pictures and movies. There were many birthdays that were captured with one of us blowing out the candles. Of course, there was never one spontaneous snapshot. We always wondered how many times we would need to relight the candles and blow them out until the perfect photo was captured. Trust me; it was not just one or two...Swiss Perfection at its best!

I have many fond memories of my dad. I was told that he had really wanted a boy before I was born. He taught me how to play soccer. He often took me to watch the handball games and dog obedience trials.

But mostly I remember him giving me my first Swiss pocketknife when I was 10 years old, letting me use the woodworking shop we had and help build the intricate electric model train set. He never showed great concern or worry when I was climbing trees or carving wood sticks with my Swiss army knife..... wait, did I mention that he really had wanted a boy?

During his handball coaching years, he had the opportunity to visit Vancouver with his team to participate in tournaments. He quickly made new friends in Canada and appreciated the beauty of this amazing city. It became a place of interest to move and retire to, while still staying within close travel distance to his two older daughters Esther and Doris, who by then were married and had their own families.

We (my dad, mom, and myself) moved to Vancouver in 1984 with my sister Doris and her family following shortly after. As some of you might imagine the idea of a quiet retirement was not quite what my dad had in mind. He and my mom continued traveling and exploring new places.



He travelled to Mexico almost every year until his 99th birthday, visiting my older sister Esther, his grandchildren and great grandchildren and enjoying the culture, old friends and all the good Mexican specialties that my sister cooked for him.

He became a key figure of the Swiss Society in Vancouver. He was the representative for the senior's group, helped organize senior Christmas luncheons, and the monthly senior German film afternoons with coffee and cake. He still participated in the general meetings until recently.

My Dad had many attributes and habits:

He had a sweet tooth. Not a day would pass without him having a piece of cake, cookie, or fruit with whipped cream in the afternoons with his coffee. Of course, he also loved his Swiss chocolate as a treat or special gift.

He had a strong mind that he kept engaged every day, all the time. His poor eyesight did not stop him from using his computer to read his beloved Basler newspaper. You could have a conversation with him about any current event in the world and he would know about it, and of course also have a strong opinion about it.



He was resilient. He made it through a second pandemic that started just after his 100th birthday. He walked everyday rain or shine. Most people in the neighbourhood knew him and made a point of stopping and chatting with him.

It feels strangely quiet without the phone calls asking for help to fix his computer, taking him to the many medical appointments or visiting him on a regular basis.

Up until his last day, he did what he liked to do best; he touched many people along his long life with many good conversations, lots of opinions and high expectations.

His presence will be greatly missed.



CHOIR REPORT

written by the President Andrea Flukiger

Der Fruehling

*Beschwingt und voller Übermut
versprüht er seinen Charme.
Tritt lachend vor den Winter hin,
zupft keck an dessen Arm.*

*Und dieser will dem Schelmenblick
nicht länger widerstehen.
So schnürt er denn sein Bündel zu
und schickt sich an zu gehen.*

*Schon streut vergnügt das Frühlingskind
die Blütenknospen aus.
Lässt die Natur auf's Neu entstehen
und lockt uns aus dem Haus.*

*Frischt auf das träge Winterblut,
erleichtert das Gemüt.
So sind wir jung an Herz und Sinn
wenn ringsum alles blüht.*

Anita Menger



Photos Ch. Lips

Sunny days, windy days, some mornings are still quite chilly, rainy days for sure, quite often there is a new layer of snow on the mountain top and still all around us we see signs of spring coming.

On top of all the new sprouting, growing and blooming, our long standing covid restrictions are being lifted more and more. Cross your fingers and we hope to see you all at our Spring Concert in June.

Our choir is still looking for new singers. Do not hesitate to contact us via email: vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com or phone Rolf for more information : 604-224-6718

We are once again able to practice live.

Thursday nights at 7:30 pm we meet at the All Saints Anglican Church
7405 Royal Oak Ave. in Burnaby.



SAVE THE DATE!

Vancouver Swiss Choir

Spring Concert 2022

June 18th at 2 PM

7405 Royal Oak Ave, Burnaby B.C.

All Saints Anglican Church

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022

2022 SSV & Choir MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

by Mar. 31, 2022

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2022 renewal. Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2021 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary).

If you did not renew in 2021 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
P.O.Box 32021 Walnut Grove
Langley, BC V1M 2M3

If you miss sending in the payment by the Mar. 31, 2022 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

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WHISTLER TYROL LODGE SURVEY

Background:

The Swiss Society owned a cabin on Mt. Baker and in 2012 the Swiss Society entered into an agreement with the Whistler Tyrol Lodge and signed an agreement to purchase 20 units in Tyrol Investments Limited Partnership.

The purpose of the limited partnership was for the Tyrol Club to raise funds for the purchase of the portion of the Whistler property which was jointly owned by the Sons of Norway and the Tyrol Ski and Mountain Club.

1) A return of the \$100,000 invested plus any profits from the sale of the Sons of Norway portion of the 5 acre land after subdivision.

2) Accommodation in Whistler at modest rates for all Swiss Society members without the need for each visitor to pay an initial membership fee of thousands of dollars.

The annual cost was \$1000 paid by the Swiss Society. The club membership agreement was to stand until the subdivision issue was resolved.

3) Members from the Tyrol Ski club had access to the Mt. Baker cabin.

For the members of the Swiss Society this was a great benefit to have access to a lodge in Whistler at a very modest rate:

- No more wait time and issues with the border crossing to get to the Mt. Baker cabin.
- No longer the necessity of a travel insurance
- Access to an excellent all year round recreation location. Glacier WA, where the Mt. Baker cabin was located in a very small place compared to Whistler with marginal infrastructure.
- The Tyrol lodge is the only affordable option for families and individuals to stay in Whistler during the winter time. There's a campground for the summer, but often it's fully booked.
- If an accident happens or if you get sick, it's better to be in Canada where you have quick access to health care.

In addition to all those benefits of having access to the Tyrol lodge the Swiss Society members decided to buy the units in the Tyrol Investments Limited Partnership as

- It was the goal to subdivide the 5 acres and sell 2 acres,
- After raising the funds, the Tyrol Investment Limited Partnership was able to pay off the Sons of Norway's portion of the 2-acre parcel.

The City Council changed shortly after we signed the agreement and members of the Tyrol Club and the Investment Limited Partnership tried hard for the Rezoning of the property so we could sell the 2-acre parcel but it was not possible. Therefore, the payback to the investors in the Investment Limited Partnership never happened.

The Current Situation:

The Swiss Society sold the Mt. Baker cabin and the subdivision in Whistler did not occur. The land was not sold. The return on the 20 units owned by the Swiss Society is unresolved. Members of the Swiss Society have been using the lodge for the past 10 years winter and summer.

There is an offer by the Tyrol Club to purchase the outstanding units of the Tyrol Investments Limited Partnership. The Swiss Society has to decide by the latest in June 2022.

The offer is to pay for the units in either of two ways.

Option A

Provide a membership in exchange for each \$5000 unit. The current cost of a membership is \$3000 plus GST. Total \$3150.

This means that the Swiss Society could receive 31.75 memberships. That is a value of \$60,000. The .75 of a membership could be reimbursed in the form of cash. The membership would have no expiry and could be used by adult Swiss Society members on an annual basis. There is a \$400 annual fee per membership that would have to be covered by the Swiss Society member using the membership. In case not all memberships are used in a year, the Swiss Society will have to cover the \$400 annual fee for those memberships to keep them current. Allocation of Tyrol memberships to Swiss Society members would be on a first come first served basis. The Tyrol membership will include 1 day of volunteering per year at the lodge per adult member.

Option B

Pay cash in the amount of \$3500 for each unit. For the Swiss Society that would mean a cash payment of \$70,000.

Option A+B

There is also the possibility of a split between Option A and B: If fewer than 20 memberships were desired, a split of some memberships and some cash could be negotiated.

Beside Options A and B there's also an

Option C

The partnership agreement expires December 31, 2030. So for a bit less than 8 years the members of the Swiss Society could continue using the lodge as for the past 10 years. After the expiry date, the Swiss Society members would no longer have access to the Tyrol Lodge. The Swiss society would continue to pay \$1000 per year to Tyrol. Note: the \$100k investment can only be recovered in case of a sale of the property.

NOW

So in order to resolve this situation, you, as a member of the Swiss Society will have to decide.

The deadline for handing in the survey was March 20.

We will share your responses on March 27, 2022 at the AGM and make the final decision.

Please join us for our Zoom AGM meeting to hear about the results.



A WOMAN AHEAD OF HER TIME

Emily Carr (1871–1945)

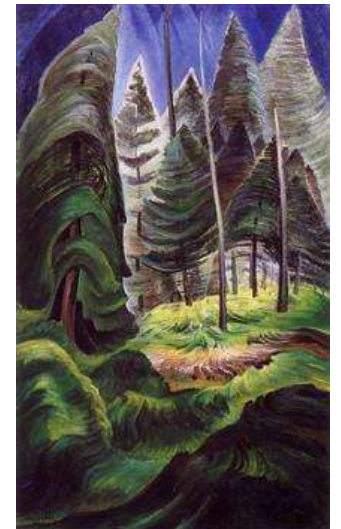


A West Coast artist who has been described as “Canada’s Van Gogh.” Born in Victoria, Emily Carr began with few advantages. She studied art in San Francisco, London, and Paris while struggling to fund her education. Embracing the new modernist style, she came home in 1911 and applied her new skills to her favourite subjects — West Coast rainforests and the villages and artifacts of indigenous peoples. However, Canadian critics and buyers were not ready for her work and she abandoned painting for fifteen years. It wasn’t until the National Gallery mounted an exhibition of West Coast art in 1927 that she received the attention she deserved. By the time of her death she enjoyed international renown that has outlasted that of her contemporaries.

Carr is remembered primarily for her painting. She was one of the first artists to attempt to capture the spirit of Canada in a modern style. Carr's main themes in her mature work were natives and nature: "native totem poles set in deep forest locations or sites of abandoned native villages" and, later, "the large rhythms of Western forests, driftwood-tossed beaches and expansive skies". She blended these two themes in ways uniquely her own.

Carr did not receive widespread recognition for her work until late in her life.

Over the following decades, she gained recognition from her peers such as the Group of Seven painter Lawren Harris as well as curators, leading to several exhibitions in Canada and abroad.



Notably in the 1980s, the Vancouver School of Art honored the late artist by renaming itself the Emily Carr University of Art and Design.

Carr is also remembered for her writing, largely about her native friends. In addition to *Klee Wyck*, Carr wrote *The Book of Small* (1942), *The House of All Sorts* (1944), and, published posthumously, *Growing Pains* (1946), *Pause* (1953), *The Heart of a Peacock* (1953), and *Hundreds and Thousands* (1966). Some of these books are autobiographical and reveal Carr as an accomplished writer.

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