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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION JULY 30, 2022

This is a call for all of you, Swiss Members of the Swiss Society of Vancouver:

Please sign up as a volunteer for this special event! You don't have to have a membership.

A shift is usually 2 hours long and it can be at the gate or parking lot, behind the BBQ, the bar, coffee and pastry hand-out, the children's games and selling tickets for the food and beverage.

The more volunteers we can provide, the more our profit-share will be.

**Volunteers don't have to pay the entrance fee!**

Please call Christina Lips at 604-984-9036 (leave a message if not answered) or send an email to [clips1304@gmail.com](mailto:clips1304@gmail.com) and you can pick a time and place where you'd like to help.

**Deadline: July 17, if you want to choose**

**See page 9!**



# IN MEMORY OF PETER SCHAEERER



Peter Albrecht Schaerer passed away May 16, 2022 at the age of 95 in his home. He is survived by his children, Martin Schaerer, Gillian Kodis and Yvonne Kwok and his seven grandchildren, Joshua, Ashley, Jacob, Kelsey, Joseph, Evelyn and Paul.

Peter was born in Bern, Switzerland in 1926 to Max Samuel Schaerer and Johanna nee Rohrer. He was the oldest of the three brothers that include Roland and Markus. He completed a diploma in civil engineering in Zurich in 1950. As it is mandatory in Switzerland Peter participated in military service becoming first lieutenant and serving in Korea in 1956 with the Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission.

Between 1957-1959 Peter worked at Rogers Pass, BC to assist in developing an avalanche control system for the Trans-Canada Highway.

It was during this time he met his future wife, Jean Raleigh. They met in November 1957 when Peter had a hospital stay due to Asian influenza and she was his nurse. They eventually travelled to Switzerland where they were married February 9, 1960 at the Munster cathedral in Bern.

Jean gave birth to Martin in 1961 and Gillian in 1963 in Soloturn, Switzerland. The family immigrated to Canada in 1964 and settled in Ottawa until 1967 where Yvonne was born. In 1967 the family moved to North Vancouver, where the children attended school and grew up. Jean died in 1999 after a battle with cancer.

Peter continued his work with the National Research Council on avalanche research until the program was formally ended in 1991.

Peter continued his professional work with Chris Stethem and Associates from 1991-2002.



Peter was celebrated for his research in avalanche safety and training by receiving several awards of recognition, including the Order of Canada presented at Rideau Hall in 2000.

He was a founding member of the Canadian Avalanche Association and served as its first president. He is the co-author of Avalanche Safety book published in 1993 with Dave McClung. You can find his large contribution of archival documents and photos about avalanche research at the Revelstoke Museum.

He enjoyed kayaking, mountaineering, hiking, skiing, gardening and travel. He helped with the gardening at Highlands United Church and his strata apartments. He spent much time at his cabin at Allison Lake, exploring local hikes and cross country skiing right up until his last year.



For many years Peter was an active supporter and participant with the Swiss Outdoors Club serving as Vice-President and a leader of hikes. He enjoyed events at the group cabin at Mt. Baker, occasionally bringing his children and grandchildren there for weekend family ski trips. He was an honorary member of the Swiss Society of Vancouver.

Peter's ashes will be placed in the memorial garden at Highlands United Church that he helped to build and where his wife Jean's ashes are held. A memorial was held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the church.

## SENIORS' REPORT

On May 29<sup>th</sup> we were finally able to resume our well-loved Filmnachmittage at the Vancouver Alpenclub German House, thanks primarily to Susanne Wilson, our membership chair, who offered to help us get going again. A surprisingly high number of approximately twenty members came out of their isolation and were delighted to see each other again after more than two years. To keep it light-hearted, we chose a movie with the famous Swiss comedian Walter Roderer. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we watched the award-winning film "Die Goettliche Ordnung" which describes how the 1973 campaign for the Frauenstimmrecht affected the relationships between the citizens of a small town in Canton Appenzell.

Werner and Blanche Rutishauser and a few others started planning our now traditional Filmnachmittage about twenty years ago, and, in addition to the yearly Christmas luncheon, they continued to organize these events for many years, until they could no longer do it. They were both dedicated to the well-being of all our Swiss Seniors and the Society as a whole.

The first movie was shown on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002, in the Jaegerstube of the German House, and that is where we continued to meet all these years. Socializing during the coffee break, eating the delicious cake baked by the Swiss cook, was as important as the movie, if not more. We also appreciated the friendly and very helpful staff. Unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in this same location, as the German House management has decided not to reopen the restaurant in the Fall, after the summer break.

That announcement came as quite a shocking surprise to us, just two days before our last movie. While we had been aware that the Vancouver Alpenclub had plans to redevelop in the near future, we didn't expect this sudden closure. The 72 year old building at Victoria Drive and 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will be torn down in 2023 and replaced by a larger and higher one. A new Deutsches Haus Restaurant, and the Vancouver Alpenclub premises, will be situated on the ground floor, with five storeys of apartments above.

**Now it has become urgent for us to find a new home for our Sunday Afternoon Movies**, a room for 30 to 40 people to meet and view our DVD's, and situated in a reasonably central location. In order to show our next movies as usual in October and November, such a place should be found, with reservations confirmed, by about the end of August.

**If you have any suggestions**, such as a church basement, a seniors' residence, or any other good place you can think of, please let Susanne Wilson know as soon as possible, at

[membership@swiss-society.org](mailto:membership@swiss-society.org)

or 604-888-6949. Thank you!

### Some hilarious names of Swiss Town Names (from Newlyswiss.com)

Rain, LU



# REVIEW CHOIR SPRING CONCERT 2022

Written by Veronika Sans



What a joy to attend a real, live concert and to greet old friends again after well over two years! There would have been room for more, but a good number of members with family and friends came to the All Saints Anglican Church in Burnaby on June 18<sup>th</sup> for our choir's Spring Concert. I like this old church, it feels warm and intimate with its wooden arches and wooden ceiling.

We were all wondering what the choir's performance would be like, after such a long time of lockdowns, restrictions and cancelled practices at a time when singing as a group was deemed one of the most risky activities. They exceeded all our expectations! They performed with great enthusiasm, rhythm and cohesion, and their voices filled the church. You would have thought there were many more than just eight singers. The perseverance of these eight people and of their conductor, Dubravko Pajalic, has really paid off. Together they had found novel ways of practising, such as getting together outdoors, in each others' yards, connecting through their computers, and finally coming back to the church again. I think they also learned many new songs. Perhaps all these difficulties have not only made them into a more close-knit group but also into an even better choir.

Before the choir members came in, and before the program started, we were treated to a surprise: a faint sound of cow bells came from the gallery behind us, and then appeared the pure and clear soprano voice of Andrea Flukiger, singing a "Naturjodel", a yodel without words or written notes. That was really very special. I imagined her standing on a knoll, somewhere high up on a Swiss alp, and the sounds being heard in the valley below.

Then the choir came in and began with their first three Swiss songs, one of them in the Romansh language. They were followed by the great yodeling duo of Andrea Flukiger and Dorli Meier, the “Valley Girls”, who treated us to a medley of popular yodeling songs.

Now it was time for the special guests, the Melodious Mandolins, to come forward and join the choir. Dubravko had arranged a mandolin accompaniment to some songs from the Grisons and the Ticino, so that the two groups could perform together. That was quite an unusual combination, but it sounded very nice.

The president of the Melodious Mandolins demonstrated and explained the different types and shapes of mandolins. Each player owns more than one instrument and changes from one to the other depending on the piece to be played. The group has a melody section and a rhythm section, which are quite distinct. They performed for us a varied and international selection from their repertoire, melodies from Poland, from Bavaria, from Italian Opera, etc., and for the occasion also a Schweizer Marsch.

To round out the program, the Swiss choir performed a few popular songs, ending their concert in French with “Le Vieux Chalet”.

Andrea Stolte was her usual skillful M/C who entertained the audience with jokes and funny stories.

In the hall downstairs, the ladies of the choir, despite being such a small number, had decorated the tables with flowers and prepared lovely home-made treats, sandwiches, cakes, cookies, fruit, and after the concert everyone was happy to stay for a while and re-connect with old friends.



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# CHOIR REPORT

written by the President Andrea Flukiger

Finally, after many setbacks we were able to welcome guests to our live Spring Concert. It was overwhelming. Silently hoping but never expecting to see so many familiar faces and also new ones.

What a joy to sing for such a crowd.

A special treat were the “ Melodious Mandolins “ our guest performers. Not only to sing with them but also to sit back and enjoy their performance.

Afterwards at the Coffee & Cake, it was nice to sit and visit. Two years to catch up was a lot .

A big thank you for all your ongoing support.

Also a big thank you to all my Kameraden, our families, our helpers ( MC, kitchen fairies ,ticket seller) and not to forget our director Dubravko Pajalic.

We are officially in vacation mood till the fall, but you might hear us sing at some events.

There is some talk going on about changing rehearsal times after our summer break. Starting at 7pm could attract new singers (or we have an excuse to stay a bit longer socialising after practice).

As always new singers are very welcome. Please spread the word. No need to be Swiss.

By mail : [vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com](mailto:vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com)

By phone : Rolf 604-224-6718

Also, if you know of Senior homes who might love to have us sing , pass it on .

A note: If you have unused baskets collecting dust on your shelves....., we would love to take them off your hands.

A Christmas Concert is in planning. No date yet.

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Andrea

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## VANCOUVER DORFMUSIK'S FIRST PERFORMANCE AFTER THREE YEARS



After a long hibernation the Dorf musik played at the Scandinavian Festival June 25, 2022.

The majority of the pieces were compositions from the seven different Countries from Scandinavia and quite a few members of the audience seem to have recognized them.

It was one of the first beautiful days of the season and the temperature underneath the tent rose rapidly, causing the instruments to change their tunes and the players to sweat.

But latter ones were enjoying performing together after just two rehearsals.

Amazingly all the members but one joined the Dorf musik again, even our oldest euphonium player Earl, who is 91 years old. Our newest player is Maximillian, the son of our tuba player Matthias Schueller. Maximillian is thirteen and plays the saxophone. Unfortunately they couldn't attend this event.





# SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

## SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022



AT THE CHALET OF THE SWISS MOUNTAIN RANGE ASSOCIATION 4141 Quarry Rd,  
Coquitlam, BC V3E 3H5

The Swiss Mountain Range Association with the help of the Swiss Society Vancouver invites everyone to their celebration of the Swiss National Day.



The gates will open at 1 pm. Entrance is \$10, everybody under 18 is free. At 4 pm the bar and the Grill will open.

There will be activities for the kids, live performances and of course there will be the BBQ with Bratwurst and other yummy food. The singing of the Anthem and a Lampionumzug for the little ones will not be missed.



## ZU VERGEBEN

The family of Werner Rutishauser donated his listening-books to the SSV.

They are all on CD's.

Christina Lips will bring them to the Swiss National Day Celebration and you can pick them up. If you won't be able to go there, please give her a call or send an email: 604-984-9036 or [clips1304@gmail.com](mailto:clips1304@gmail.com).

Titel	Author	Dauer
Beweise, dass es boese ist	Leon, Donna	107 Min
Das Scheidungsfest (Biogr.Roman)	Bertsch, Carl R.	686 Min
Mord auf Folkes Manor	Adair, Gilbert	480 Min
Die Braut aus Byzanz	Alioth, Gabrielle	882 Min
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Der Maler von Florenz	Absire, Alain	875 Min
Die Hosen des Herrn von Bredow	Alexis, Willibald	819 Min
Blindband	Adair, Gilbert	465 Min
Die Hauptsachen	Amis, Martin	1016 Min
Das dritte Auge	Dahl, Arne	40 Min
Der Feuergott (Historisch)	Bergius, C.C.	1260 Min
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Die verschwundene Braut	Doyle, Arthur Conan	53:54 Min
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Bones to Ashes	Reichs, Kathy	5 CD's
Alles im Griff	Suter, Martin	134 Min
Ich darf nicht schlafen	Watson, S.J.	6 CD's
Das Haus an der Duene	Christie, Agatha	209 Min
Auf Treu und Glauben	Donna Leon	546 Min
Mord in Mesopotamien	Christie, Agatha	206 Min

## QUIZ: TREES AND SHRUBS: Next Page

This Spring Christina, our editor, took lots of photos of blooming trees and shrubs.

Can you recognize them and do you know their names in English and in German?

If not, don't feel bad. Christina got the names from an App she found: [identify.plantnet.org](http://identify.plantnet.org)

Feel free to correct her, if she's wrong. She'll blame it on the website.

The solution is on page 16

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## [Solution of the Trees and Shrubs Quiz from page 11](#)

1. Camellia <i>Kamelie</i>	2. Sweet mock orange <i>Suesse Scheinorange</i>	3. Great Horsetail <i>Toller Schachtelhalm</i>
4. Hawthorn <i>Weissdorn</i>	5. Laburnum or golden chain/rain <i>Goldregen</i>	6. Magnolia <i>Magnolie</i>
7. Japanese Pieris or Andromeda <i>jap. Lavendelheide</i>	8. Ponderosa Pine <i>Ponderosa Kiefer</i>	9. Rhododendron
10. Chinese Peony <i>Chinesische Pfingstrose</i>	11. Red Horse-Chestnut <i>Rote Rosskastanie</i>	12. Mountain Laurel or Spoonwood <i>Berg-Lorbeer</i>