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Waiting for fruit to grow A. Flukiger

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Happy 100th Birthday, Blanche Rutishauser!



With her grand-daughter Karin Plettner



Birthday cake from Thomas Haas

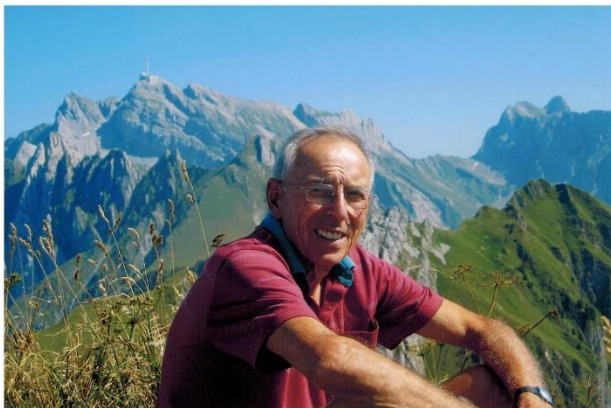


Some of her Swiss friends from the Swiss Society Vancouver

Card from Lotti Frowein

IN MEMORY OF:

Johann Andreas Huser "Andy" February 21, 1929 - March 13, 2023



At the age of 94, Andy made his final climb, passing peacefully with family at his bedside. Predeceased by wife, Veronica "Vreni", siblings Thomas, Pete, Alfred, Veronika "Vroni" and Maya. Survived by daughter, Monica (Bob), grandson Derry (Caroline).

Also survived by family in Switzerland, among them, his brother Hans, sister Juliana and many nieces and nephews and by extended family in Kamloops, B.C., Leonie, Frank, Fred, Michelle, Simon, James and their families.

Growing up in the Toggenburg region of the Swiss Alps as the eldest son in a family of eight children, he lived a life rich with experience and often shared stories and spoke fondly of his parents and siblings.

He spoke of how in his mid-teens, during the war while his father was away, he was given the responsibility to live alone in the hut, high up in the Alp pastures to tend to the herd and work the family's dairy farm.

In 1954 Andy and his brother Pete left Switzerland together for a big adventure, inspired by stories and pictures shown to them by American soldiers they had met in Zurich. They opted for Canada and initially spent time working together on a ranch in Clinton, B.C.

Later, Andy would settle down in Vancouver to work for the Vancouver Plumbing Company while his brother moved on to Kamloops, both eventually bringing their brides to Canada.

Having a propensity for the trades, Andy was first trained in Switzerland as a roofer, then a tinsmith/sheet metal worker, the trade with which he entered Canada. His jobsite experience early on in Canada drew him to the plumbing trade and he then trained as a plumber/pipefitter.

He had a strong work ethic and went on to become a partner of H.S. Crombie Ltd., mechanical contractors, running large projects such as UBC Hospital, Triumph, Burnaby Hospital, Molson's Brewery and other out of town B.C. Hospitals. He was a proud long standing member of Local 170.

Throughout his life, he was never idle and was admired by many for his athleticism. As a young man he cycled through Europe and continued cycling into his late 80s. From hiking to ski mountaineering, he explored many of the coastal BC mountains, and taught himself to snowboard at the age of 69. He ran in the Vancouver Sun Run into his early 80's, consistently ranking high in his age group. In his 90's he continued frequent long walks with friends and family.

He and Vreni had the privilege of making many lifelong friends through the Swiss Society of Vancouver and the Swiss Outdoors Club. With these friends, they skied, hiked, camped, travelled, and celebrated, in the Lower Mainland, Kootenays and often at the club's cabin at Mt. Baker. He loved to help, be it leading hikes, or helping build the club's Baker cabin.

Family was of utmost importance to Andy and when Vreni was in her final years, he dedicated his time fully to caring for her at home.

He maintained contact with his cherished brothers and sisters in Switzerland by travelling there often, and when not visiting in person, they would have many long distance chats on the phone, a glass of wine in hand. Andy and Vreni bought their house in Kitsilano in 1962, which he essentially rebuilt from top to bottom. He spent many hours working in the garden and his most recent, much loved project, were the banana trees.

In his later years, he took every opportunity possible to sit on the front porch in the sun. He was able to live comfortably at home up until the end. It was through Andy's unwavering direction, bold curiosity and his belief in the endless pursuit of knowledge, that he developed competency in many facets of his life. He lived with a robust, ageless attitude and steadfast values. He was always generous and eagerly shared what he had with others.

His family will remember him fondly for the wisdom he imparted, his inspiring love of nature and the outdoors, for teaching us how to ski and climb, and for the many trips together along the Sea to Sky Highway. The family would like to thank the care team of Ward LB7A at VGH for going above and beyond and showing they really care and making Andy and the family feel at home during his final days.

Heidi Legere, September 25, 1937 – March 26, 2023



Heidi Legere, beloved mother and friend, passed away on March 26, 2023, at the age of 85.

She was born in Switzerland on September 25, 1937. Heidi brought joy and love to all those who knew her. She had two brothers who passed away too young: Fredy (Alfred) Ruegg and Walter Ruegg and they were always in her thoughts. Both were cyclists and Fredy became very famous winning the Tour de Suisse in 1960.

Heidi immigrated to Canada as a young woman with two of her friends and never left. She was a bookkeeper and spent many years working for H and R Block.

She married Earl Reid and had two daughters: Sandra Kritikos and Tanya Honsinger. She was widowed while pregnant with her second child.

She later married her second husband Gerard Legere. Heidi lost her husband, Gerard Legere March 14, 2015.

Heidi is survived by her daughters; Sandra Kritikos (George) and Tanya Honsinger (Mark) and grandchildren Victoria, Lana, Carter and Julia-Jade.

Our Mother loved to sing, dance and loved to travel. She also was very proud of her Swiss heritage.

Heidi was a huge part of the Vancouver Swiss Choir which she loved so much. Her Swiss friends will miss her greatly as she was forever dedicated to them and the Choir. Singing always made her happy and fulfilled.

Heidi's life was spent uplifting those around her, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her daughters and grandchildren will always hold her close to their hearts. May she rest in peace. We all love you and will miss you forever.

***In Loving Memory
Of Josef (Sepp) Rinderli
December 13, 1931 – March 27, 2023***

***“The sun has set on an amazing life,
and no one ever spread more love in one lifetime.
You asked for so little, but gave so very much.
The song is ended, but the melody lingers on.
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”***



*Dad leaves behind a painful void. The time we had with him was a precious gift.
His tireless care, his warm affection and kindness will always live on in our hearts and
souls.*

*Softly and tenderly we bid you farewell. May you rest in peace after a fulfilled, happy
and healthy life.*

*Keep shining upon us with your joyful smile, your warmth and love which have touched
so many hearts.*

Josef (Sepp) is survived by his children

Daniela Nathanael (-Rinderli)

Patrick and Doris Rinderli

And his many relatives and friends.

*A very special thanks to all who knew Sepp (Josef) during his life here in Canada for showing him so much love, affection and friendship.
Whenever you'll think of him, this is what he would say to you:*

*“I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.”*

A „Celebration of Life“ will take place in Switzerland at a later time.



SENIORS' CORNER

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

2022 was a very difficult year for us. On February 1st, Werner Rutishauser, leader of the Seniors' Club, passed away quite suddenly. He had been at the helm for decades and had organized numerous seniors' events, including the traditional Christmas luncheons. In 2002 he took the initiative for the movie afternoons at the German House, and he remained very much dedicated until at least his 100th birthday.

At the beginning of 2022, two years into the pandemic, resuming the **Sunday afternoon movies** was still uncertain. Finally, most restrictions were lifted and the Alpenclub was able to welcome us back. We showed one movie each in May and in June and started planning dates for the Fall, one to celebrate our 20th anniversary, and the other to say farewell to the Alpenclub and to thank the staff for 20 years of service. We already knew of the plans to demolish and rebuild the German House starting in 2023, but their sudden announcement, in June, that they would close the restaurant early, almost immediately, that was a big shock.

Luckily, Susanne Wilson, our membership chair, came to the rescue. She spent the summer months searching and checking out all kinds of locations, not an easy task at all. In time for our October date, we accepted an offer from the Martin Luther Evangelical Church in Vancouver for the use of their basement hall. It is not too expensive and quite centrally located. First of all, Susanne had to struggle for several hours until she could get their video and sound systems to work for some of our DVD's. But the technical difficulties continued at the subsequent dates, and into the new year. Susanne and her expert son spent many more hours at the church, and eventually they made the system function properly. In the meantime, whenever things did not work out as planned, our audience was always very forgiving. They were happy to sit together with old friends again and to be treated to coffee or tea and ample home-made cake and cookies, all free of charge. Susanne also organizes that part of the event.

In summary, we held four movie afternoons in 2022, with an average attendance between 20 and 25. At the church, a few members of the congregation started to join us. The year 2023 looks promising, with the traditional seven events.

Many Seniors had also very much missed our traditional **Christmas Luncheon** during the pandemic, and we were very happy to bring it back, thanks to the persistence and hard work of Christina Lips and Edwige Weingand who both did a wonderful job organising it, as they have done previously for a number of years. The luncheon was held on the 6th of December, once again at the International Plaza Hotel in Coquitlam, with an attendance of 85 people.

The Swiss choir opened the event with a beautiful concert of many familiar and also lesser known Christmas songs. Their presence and their performance was very much appreciated. They are essential to creating the Christmas atmosphere!

We couldn't imagine the event without them. The two "Valley Girls", Dorli Meier and Andrea Flukiger, with their enchanting Swiss songs and yodels, also brought much joy to everyone!

For many of our seniors, this is the only occasion they have to see their old friends. Their happiness is visible on the photos in the January Herald. But there are many others who could not attend, as they find the trip too strenuous. A few were fortunate enough to be accompanied by their younger family members.

We look forward to hearing suggestions from you for additional events which you would like to organize and volunteer for. This meeting is a good opportunity for you to come forward! Thank you very much!

Veronika Sans,
Advisor.

Filmnachmittag



There will not be a Filmnachmittag in May!

Next Movie Date is June 11.

Topic: "Bi de Luet – Wunderland"

Location: **Martin Luther Church**

Address: **505 East 46th Ave, Vancouver**

Time: **1:30 - 4:30 pm**

Please register by the Monday before by calling Elisabeth Schüpbach at 604-584-3742 or Susanne Wilson at 604-888-6949

If you want to donate some baking, please let Susanne Wilson know a few days before.

CHOIR REPORT written by the President Andrea Flukiger

Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.

Berthold Auerbach

By now our choir is 17 voices strong. This should not discourage you, we still have plenty of room to grow.

Like clockwork we come together every Thursday evening to practise under the guidance of our maestro Dubravko Pajalic.

The coffee and treats after our rehearsal are an important part of the evening as well.

That's when we conduct business matters and have some time to just socialise and get to know each other better.

Our **Spring Concert** is just around the corner and we are looking forward to welcoming you on **Saturday, May 13th, 2023** 2 pm at the All Saints Anglican Church on 7405 Royal Oak Street, Buarnaby.

Please also note the dates for our planned

- Fall Concert : September 30th, 2023
- Christmas Concert : November 25th, 2023

If you know of a care home or retirement centre where we could bring some joy with singing, please get in contact with us.

vancouverwisschoir1966@gmail.com

Rolf Brulhart : 604-710-7653, 604-224-6718

Also if you would like to join the choir, do not hesitate to contact us.

In the name of the choir I would like to say thank you for your ongoing support.

Where words fail, music speaks (Hans Christian Andersen)

The Swiss Society of Vancouver invites you to the Choir's annual Spring Concert



2023 Spring Concert

May 13th, Saturday @ 2 p.m.

Featuring the Vancouver Swiss Choir and guests

All Saints Anglican Church
7405 Royal Oak Avenue,
Burnaby
Tickets \$20 (kids 12 & under free)

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
Please join us after for treats, coffee and tea

Photo by Jimi Meier

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DORFMUSIK



CONCERT

SUNDAY
MAY
28
7:30PM

All Saints Anglican Church
7405 Royal Oak Ave
Burnaby BC

Adults **\$20**

Juniors **\$10**

Tickets at the Door

Cowbell seized during arrest, Abbotsford police seek owner

CTV NewsVancouver.ca April 9, 2023 6:30 p.m. PDT



The Abbotsford Police Department is seeking the owner of a cowbell that was seized from a suspect recently.

Police in Abbotsford are trying to reunite a unique item with its rightful owner.

A cowbell was seized recently during an arrest of a "prolific offender," according to a social media post from the Abbotsford Police Department Sunday.

"We know it's not his and would like to return it to its owner," the post adds.

No further details were provided about where and when it was seized, or about the person alleged to have stolen it. The metal bell is attached to a red and black leather collar with two patches on it – a Swiss army symbol and a flower.

Police are asking the cowbell's owner or anyone else who has information to contact them and to quote file number 23-14772.

SWISS TRAVEL PASS 2023

Swiss Travel Pass Overview and Insights (newlyswissed.com)

The **Swiss Travel Pass** is a comprehensive all-inclusive ticket that offers a variety of benefits for budget travelers. One of the biggest perks of the pass is that it includes unlimited travel on most train lines, mountain railway lines, cable cars, and boats throughout Switzerland.

All panoramic train lines, such as the Bernina Express, are fully covered by the pass. And even public transportation in cities is included.

This means you will never have to stop at a ticket counter or purchase individual tickets online. Since the Swiss Travel Pass offers blanket coverage, it takes the guesswork out of navigating Switzerland. You will never have to buy separate tickets except for a few private train lines.

Except for the Glacier Express, which requires a reservation, you can simply hop onto any train without paying extra for the ticket. This means you will never have to stop at a ticket counter or purchase a ticket online while exploring Switzerland.

Since it offers blanket coverage, the Swiss Travel Pass takes the guesswork out of navigating Switzerland.

Major panoramic train lines 100% included in the Swiss Travel Pass:

1. Bernina Express between Chur and Tirano (Italy) (4 h - 4 h 30 min)
2. Glacier Express between St. Moritz and Zermatt (8 h)
3. GoldenPass Express between Montreux and Interlaken (3 h 15 min)
4. Gotthard Panorama Express between Lucerne and Lugano (5 h 30 min)
5. Luzern–Interlaken Express (1 h 50 min)

Swiss Travel Pass mountain excursions: cable cars, funiculars, and mountain railways

A legitimate Swiss itinerary has to include a few mountain peaks in a country known for its mountains. There are dozens of destinations to pick from, but the **Swiss Travel Pass** facilitates the decision for budget travelers: three mountain peaks are included at no additional cost.

These mountain peaks are 100% included in the Swiss Travel Pass

- Rigi
- Stanserhorn
- Stoos



Boat rides on lakes and rivers

The pass is also valid on scenic boat rides on Switzerland's lakes and rivers. This includes the historic steamboats on Lake Geneva and Lake Lucerne. And on many other lakes, such as Lake Zurich, the pass entitles you to scenic lunchtime cruises - or sunset cruises!

Free public transportation in more than 90 towns and cities

From the moment you arrive, the Swiss Travel Pass allows you to hop onto municipal transportation without needing a separate ticket. For instance, you could easily transfer from the airport to your hotel using trains, trams, or buses.

The Swiss Travel Pass covers the entire public transportation network of 90 major cities and towns. Travel in the following cities without additional costs: Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, and Zurich.

Switzerland's iconic yellow *Postbus* buses are included, too. (French: Car Postal, Italian: Auto Postale.) These nifty buses venture to villages and mountain regions where no city buses dare to go.

Free admission to more than 500 museums

Switzerland is home to a wide variety of museums covering everything from art to history and from architecture to science. Luckily, the Swiss Travel Pass includes free admission to over 500 museums, allowing you to embark on a cultural odyssey and learn more about Switzerland's rich heritage.

2023 adult pricing for the consecutive Swiss Travel Pass is as follows:

	First Class	Second Class
3-day pass	CHF 369	CHF 232
4-day pass	CHF 447	CHF 281
6-day pass	CHF 570	CHF 359
8-day pass	CHF 617	CHF 389
15-day pass	CHF 675	CHF 429



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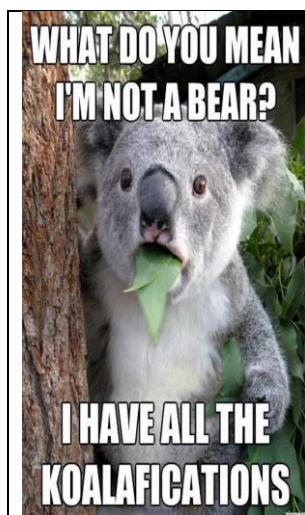
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