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Kandinski Tree of Life

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** or send an email barbara.wirsching@gmail.com by November 30. what kind of cookies you will contribute. There will be a "packing-the-cookies party" shortly before the Luncheon's date.

The Celebration of the Swiss Society's 75th Birthday on Saturday, November 25, 2023 has been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers!

In Loving Memory of Werner Waefler

September 28th, 1923 - February 17th, 2023

Werner Waefler passed away peacefully on February 17th. Werner was the youngest of ten children born in the Swiss Alps in the village of Frutigen. Werner and his brother Hans came to Canada when Wyssen Crane line sent the two young men overseas to expand the company in Quebec. They later went West where they worked in sawmills and the two boys joined the Swiss Society in Vancouver. Werner met his wife Ruth, a travelling Swiss nurse and avid hiker, through the Society and they were married in 1962. The couple eventually settled in Langley where Ruth worked as a nurse and Werner had a long career at Weiser Lock.

They had two sons, Andrew and Daniel. Both boys returned to Switzerland where they spent time in the army and met Swiss wives and settled down. Unfortunately, Andrew passed away at age 30 leaving behind his wife Irene and young daughter Alexandra.

However, despite her early loss, Alexandra married and had two great grandchildren for Werner. Daniel, the younger son of Werner, married Daniela and the couple had Werner's two other grandchildren Zoe and Nicolas Dimitri. Werner was very proud of his children and grandchildren and talked about them often despite the long distance from Canada. Ruth and Werner later retired to White Rock where Werner loved to garden and work in his wood shop. When Ruth's health started to decline, the couple moved into Chartwell Gardens where Ruth passed away in 2015. Werner then spent the following years woodworking with his friend Case, planting a rose garden in memory of Ruth, writing poetry, dining with friends, and walking with Lynn. Werner passed away peacefully in his 99th year at his home in bed just like he wanted.



This past June, Werner's son Daniel organized a beautiful Celebration of Life in Frutigen, Switzerland where Werner's ashes were spread on the alpine rhododendron by the lake as per Werner's wishes. All of Werner's grandchildren were in attendance and many of his numerous nieces and nephews. It was a beautiful celebration and day that would have made Werner smile. Rest in peace L.O.M.



We also have to report that the following people passed away:

- Trudi Feller
- Yvonne Meier
- Blanche Rutishauser

We will honor them in the next Swiss Herald (January 2024)



CHOIR NEWS

Andrea Flukiger, President, is taking a leave of absence due to health reasons. She likes everyone to know that the Choir Rehearsals have changed to **Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm at the same place:**

All Saints Anglican Church on
7405 Royal Oak Street, Burnaby.



SENIORS' REPORT

Filmnachmittag



The next Filmnachmittag will take place on
Sunday, November 19th, 2023
1:30 to 4:30 pm.

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 Schupach 604-584-3742 or Veronika Sans at 604-730-9781.

If you want to donate some baking, please let Susanne Wilson know a few days before
by calling her at 778-908-5906.

**Everyone is welcome who understands some Swiss German or German and likes to socialize
with other Fans of Movie-Watching! Age does not matter.**

A big thank-you to Veronika Sans who took over the organization of the Filmnachmittage from
Werner and Blanche Rutishauser nine years ago. She made sure it kept going, by reserving
dates, phoning, taking stock of our videos, occasionally buying new movies and digitally
restored old classics. Elisabeth Schüpbach also took on some of those tasks and will gladly
continue.

When the Alpenclub closed its doors, Susanne Wilson came to our rescue
by checking out numerous other venues until she was able to rent the hall that belongs to the
Martin Luther Church. There she was faced with the very challenging task of revamping and
assembling an audio and video system that would work for us. Our Filmnachmittage could
simply not take place without Susanne! She also immediately started organizing the „Z'Vieri“,
an essential part of the afternoons, and she is the one who always brings hot coffee, tea, cakes
and cookies. She deserves a lot of thanks!

We are also very happy that Ursi Graf kindly offered to take over Veronika's position. She will
be in charge of our collection of movies, store them all safely at her home and bring us the
most appealing ones to watch.

Jassen aus Freude am Spielen
Sunday, November 12, 2023



The Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association and the Swiss Society of Vancouver
invite everyone to a **Jass-Tournament**

Sunday, November 12, 2023 at the SCMRA Chalet in Coquitlam.

Sign-in is at 12:00pm and the games begin at 1:00pm sharp.
Donations for prizes are welcome.

Costs are first round Handjass \$7.50 and second round Schieber \$7.50

Kitchen & Bar will be open at the Chalet and a reasonably-priced dinner
will be served around 4:30 p.m. before we do the Schieber.

Please make your reservation with Elisabeth Rechsteiner at (604) 375-9802 or
elisabethrechsteiner54@gmail.com

Please help us to purchase the right amount of food by
making a dinner reservation!





Saturday, December 9th, 2023

SWISS SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

In honour of our Senior Members
at the

Executive Hotels & Resorts, 405 North Road, Coquitlam BC,

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 2023 Swiss Society Senior Members 65+

\$45.00 for all others wishing to attend.

SSV will pay a flat fee for **parking**.

Please write down your Car-Make and Number Plate when arriving at our own welcoming table.

Reservations required by December 1st, 2023

Contact: Edvige Weingand at 604-953-1963 or
email: edvigeweingand@gmail.com





The Swiss Society Vancouver
Invites you to a
Waldweihnacht
Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 5pm



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

Program: At 5 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 walk to the Chalet, warm up and sit around tables covered with goodies. Gluehwein and hot chocolate milk will be served.

If Santa will find the place, he'll make an appearance at our gathering!

RVSP REQUIRED NO LATER THAN Dec. 12th, 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please register with Hans Peter and Ursula Hauser at hphauser@telus.net or 604-826-5540 (please leave a message).

CANADIAN CHRISTMAS QUIZ

BY: RICK GROOM (CANADIAN LIVING)

How much do you know about Christmas in Canada? Take our quiz to find out.

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANEOUS



- 1. Canada's National Christmas Tree Growers Association reports that real Christmas trees have positive spin-offs. Which of the following is true?**
- a) They produce oxygen, rid the air of carbon dioxide and reduce the greenhouse effect
 - b) They are a renewable resource, biodegradable and a wildlife habitat
 - c) Neither a or b
 - d) Both a and b

2. Which Canadian chain store once featured *Give like Santa, Save like Scrooge* as its sales slogan during the holiday season?

- a) Rona
- b) Mr. Big and Tall
- c) Canadian Tire
- d) Mark's Work Warehouse

3. What made Queen Elizabeth's 2006 Christmas message so unique?

- a) It featured season's greetings from the entire Royal Family
- b) It featured a slew of Royal Family bloopers and outtakes
- c) It featured the Royal Family singing Christmas carols
- d) It was the first to be made available as a podcast

4. Yes, Virginia...there really is a genuine organization named SCROOGE. What does this acronym mean?

- a) Sincere Canadians (Who) Rule Out Outlandish Gift Excesses
- b) Send Commercialism Right Out of Our Good-Natured Environment
- c) Society of Cheap, Repulsive, Overwrought, Oddball Geezers Everywhere
- d) Society to Curtail Ridiculous, Outrageous and Ostentatious Gift Exchanges

5. Every holiday season, Canadians spend millions on poinsettia plants. Where were they originally grown?

- a) Great Britain
- b) Argentina
- c) Mexico
- d) United States



6. In Labrador, which vegetables are saved from the summer harvest, hollowed out, fitted with a candle and given to children at Christmas?

- a) Cucumbers
- b) Pumpkins
- c) Potatoes
- d) Turnips

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. How often does the average Canadian eat turkey?

- a) Once a year
- b) Twice a year
- c) 11 times a year
- d) 15.5 times a year

2. Which of the following do not allow retail shopping on Boxing Day, Dec. 26?

- a) New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Newfoundland and Labrador
- b) Manitoba and Saskatchewan
- c) Alberta and British Columbia
- d) Quebec

ANSWERS

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANEOUS

1. D Every year, approximately five to six million Christmas trees are grown in Canada; nearly all of them are harvested from Christmas tree farms. On average, Canadian trees need seven to 10 years to reach the right height for harvesting.

2. C For years, Canadian Tire's TV ads showcased Santa Claus and Ebenezer Scrooge trying to decide which was the better reason for Canadians to do their holiday shopping with Canadian Tire: the great selection or the low prices.

3. D The first podcast of Queen Elizabeth's Christmas message was made available on TV, radio and in audio and video formats on the BBC's website. The Queen's first podcast was also accessible at the same time as the TV and radio airings.

4. D With more than 2,000 members in Canada, the United States and other nations around the globe, SCROOGE was originally established in 1979 in an effort to "stop wasting large sums of money on gifts that don't seem to make anybody much happier for that much longer."

5. C Native to Mexico, poinsettias are a perennial flowering shrub that can grow up to 10 feet tall. Poinsettias represent more than 85 per cent of worldwide potted plants sales during the holidays.

6. D Hollowed-out turnips with a candle inside are a unique Labrador holiday tradition. Meanwhile, in Labrador City, there's a Christmas Light-Up Contest, in which people decorate their property with sparkling lights and ice sculptures.



That looks familiar!

CHRISTMAS BONUS QUESTIONS

1. D More than 50 per cent of turkeys consumed each year in Canada are eaten at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Canada is the eighth largest global turkey producer, which works out to 19.6 million gobblers per year. The United States is No. 1.

2. A Most retailers in these Atlantic provinces defer sales to the day after Boxing Day. In 2006, Nova Scotia lifted its shopping ban on Boxing Day. However, last year the majority of stores stuck by tradition and remained closed on Dec. 26.

FEES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SWISS HERALD

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Wishing you all a pleasant Fall, a peaceful Advent Time and see you hopefully at one of our four events coming up soon!

Christina Lips, Editor
At Palacios Nazaries
Alhambra, Granada Spain
Oct. 3, 2023

