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IN MEMORY OF:

ELISABETH APPENZELLER



On November 24, 2025, our beloved Mom, Elisabeth Appenzeller, passed away suddenly in her sleep. Predeceased by husband Jack Appenzeller, survived by daughters Judith (partner Brandon) and Regula (Husband Chris) grandchildren Kaija, Kessler and Willa.

Although we are devastated by our loss, we take comfort in knowing she passed peacefully — just as she had wished.

As many will know, Elisabeth was a beautifully elegant woman; a devoted and loving Mom and Grandma; an exceptional baker (particularly her kirsch torte) and gracious hostess (who always enjoyed a crisp glass of white wine); an avid gardener (there were never enough geraniums)

and nature enthusiast. You might also remember Jack and Elisabeth’s restaurant days from Des Gitans in New Westminster or Jacques Tapas Bar in White Rock. Nothing pleased her more than a walk in nature, sunshine on her face, and a garden full of flowers.

She was always up for an adventure and had a lively, curious spirit. Among her most cherished memories were the years she spent singing with the Swiss Choir — the

adventures, the performances, and the dear friendships she formed along the way.

We will forever let the sunshine and flowers remind us of her gentle, joyful spirit. Until we meet again!



ELISABETH BOPPART



Born June 17, 1931 (St. Gallen, Switzerland) -
February 4, 2026 (North Vancouver)

With gratitude for her compassion, love and full life, we announce the passing of ' Mimi' , our beloved mother and grandmother. In keeping with her pragmatic and joyful spirit, she left us with some parting words: ' Don' t be sad, for I have lived a wonderful life' .

Born in Switzerland, she grew up in a large family during the war. She was driven by curiosity and adventure, climbing every alp she could. At 23 she sailed for America, putting her nursing skills to work in Los Angeles. Walter, a school chum of her brother' s, enticed her to come to Vancouver with tales of the rugged beauty of BC. They were married in Banff in 1959 and soon after settled in North Vancouver where they raised four children. She shared her love of hiking and camping, packing up the family every summer for a 3-week adventure to the Rockies or the southwestern US. An avid skier until age 84, she refused to let time slow her down. In her later years, she found joy and companionship with the WV Ramblers, continuing to hit the NS trails well into her 90s.

Predeceased by Walter and daughter Liz (Gord), she is survived by her three children Meg (Simon), Tom (Heather) and Stephen (Diana), her sister Ursi, seven grandchildren, and a community of friends. " Schlaf guet, Mimi!"



Sea to Sky Excursion
7/5/2018 with the SSV
Seniors

SWISS SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER



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

2026 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Meeting starts at 4:00 pm. Doors open at 3:30 pm
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Edmonds Community Centre, 7433 Edmonds St, Burnaby

The required quorum is 25 active members in good standing. Underground parking entrance is off of Fulton Ave or Humphries Ave. The meeting room is on the 2nd floor.

For the SSV to function the Board of Directors requires a minimum of seven board members. Please consider joining the Board. All positions are available.

The SSV will provide sandwiches, coffee & tea.
Members are welcome to bring desserts.

For members that would like to join the AGM remotely please email webmaster@swiss-society.org

Motion to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Swiss Society of Vancouver

Submitted to the Board of Directors January 9, 2026 by Elisabeth Rechsteiner.

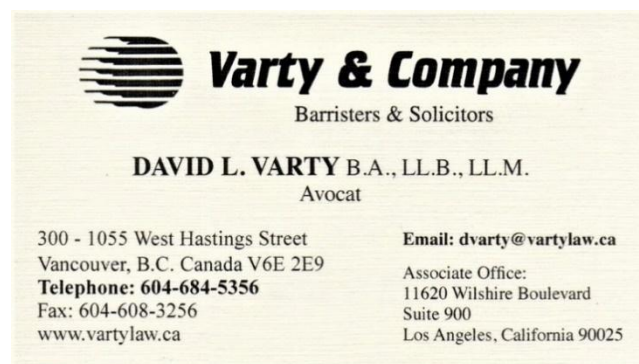
It is moved that the Constitution of the Swiss Society of Vancouver be amended as follows:

1. The last sentence dealing with liquidation and dissolution is deleted.

It is moved that the Bylaws of the Swiss Society of Vancouver be amended as follows:

1. Article III, Section 2 (b) is amended by deleting the number 25 and replacing it with the number 10.
2. Article III, Section 2 (b) is amended by deleting the number 15 and replacing it with the number 5.
3. Article VII, Section 3 is deleted and replaced by:

Upon the passing of an Ordinary Resolution by the Members to dissolve the Society, all assets of the Society shall be distributed in accordance with a Special Resolution setting forth the exact distribution of all Society assets. The dissolution and liquidation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act in effect at the time.



BOARD MEMBERS' ANNUAL LUNCHEON 2026



The Board-Members and their spouses had their annual Luncheon at the "Tannenbaum" Restaurant in New Westminster and enjoyed an authentic German meal. It was a beautiful sunny Sunday in February. Everyone was pleased to have Consul Silvana Renggli and husband Diego joining the event.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2026

RENEWAL by Mar. 31, 2026

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Society of Vancouver in the past. It is time for the 2026 renewal. Members who filled out the new Membership / Liability form for the 2025 SSV membership can send in the membership payment only (no form necessary). If you did not renew in 2025 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 e-mail me at membership@swiss-society.org

You are able to pay for SSV with one cheque or make an e-transfer.

Memberships are as follow:

SSV Individual: \$ 40.00	SSV Family:	\$ 60.00
Single Senior: \$ 25.00	Senior with Spouse	\$ 40.00

Choir members do not have to pay an additional fee, but they are required to pay the SSV membership.

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, 2026 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 or more** 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

FEES FOR ADVERTISEMENTS 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 August, October, December,

February, April and June.

Fees for advertisement:

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

SENIORS' CORNER



The next **Filmnachmittag** will take place on

Sunday, March 15, 2026

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Next Film Nachmittage Datums:

April 26, May 24, 2026

Location: **Martin Luther Church**

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

Please register by the Monday before by calling

Elisabeth Schupbach 604-584-3742.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Date	What kind of event	Where
Sunday, March 15	Filmnachmittag	Martin Luther Church
Sunday, March 22, 2026	Annual General Meeting Swiss Society Vancouver 4-7 pm	Edmonds Recreation Centre, 7433 Edmonds Street Burnaby
Saturday, April 25, 2026	Annual Dorfmusik Concert 7-9 pm	St. Mark's Evangelic Lutheran Church Vancouver
Sunday, April 26	Filmnachmittag	Martin Luther Church
Sunday, May 24	Filmnachmittag	Martin Luther Church
Saturday, May 30	European Festival	Slovenian Hall, Burnaby
Saturday, June 6	Swiss Choir Concert 2-4 pm	All Saints Church, Burnaby
Wednesday, June 24, 12 Noon	Fan Watch Party for the Fifa World Cup Switzerland- Canada	Queen's Park Arena New Westminster
Saturday, Aug. 1	Swiss National Celebration	Mountain Range

Skiing with Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports (VASS)

Theresa signed up her youngest with Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports back in 2006. South Fraser Child Development Centre recommended VASS as Theresa's youngest daughter had a brain injury when she was born which affected her cognitive and physical abilities. For the past 20 years they have been sit-skiing at Mt. Seymour and Grouse through Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports and the ski resorts in the Okanagan and Whistler. Through her love of



skiing and the desire to have her family ski together Theresa found VASS a unique and joyful organization that brings together families and instructors to make the mountains accessible to all. She became an instructor in 2008.

Instructors undertake specialised training to understand the various adaptations to assist students with a cognitive and/or physical impairment. The Canadian Adaptive Snow Sports (CADS) national body provides instructor training throughout Canada with adaptive snow sport organizations every winter usually in December and January.

Vancouver Adaptive Snow Sports has over 590 volunteer instructors who deliver over 5000 lesson hours to students (children and adults) on Mt. Seymour, Grouse and Cypress Mountains). These lessons typically occur over 6 weeks from mid-January to the end of February or early March.

The organization gives lots of attention to its instructors through ski improvement sessions for all the volunteer hours they provide in lessons and promotion. If you are interested in learning more, please check out their website (<https://vass.ca>) or talk to Theresa at the AGM!





Vancouver Dorfmusik

presents



Echt schwizerisch!

*An evening of Swiss music
ein Abend mit Schweizer Musik*

**St. Mark's Evangelical-Lutheran Church
Evangelisch-Lutherische St. Markusgemeinde
1573 East 18th Avenue, Vancouver**

Saturday

April 25, 2026

7:00 pm

Reception follows

Tickets

\$20 at the Door, or

E-transfer:

dorfmusik@swiss-society.org

Children Under 12 Free

Save the Date!



VANCOUVER SWISS CHOIR

Spring Concert

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

When: 2 pm

Where: All Saints Anglican Church, 7405 Royal Oak, Burnaby

Fun: Yes!

CONDUCTOR: DUBRAVKO PAJALIC

We're always looking for new members! Contact Theresa @ 604.574.9069 or e-mail Rolf @ rbrulhart@hotmail.com



"Everyone in favor of buying cooler choir robes for the summer, sing hallelujah!"



SAVE THE DATE

EUROPEAN FESTIVAL 2026



Saturday, May 30, 2026

Slovenian Hall, Burnaby

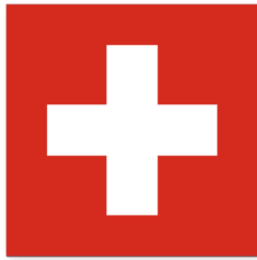
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Applications on www.europeanfestival.ca



FAN-WATCH PARTY FOR THE FIFA WORLD CUP



Switzerland – Canada

**June 24th, 2026 from
11:30am on**



The City of New Westminster is hosting a Fan-Watch Party for the FIFA World Cup Soccer game. There will be big screens to watch the game.

Venue is the Queens Park Arena in New Westminster

The Vancouver Swiss Choir has been invited to sing and we hope to have several Swiss there to play the Alphorns, ring the cowbells and sing the national anthems and yodel!

Please contact Theresa (604-574-9069) if you are interested to perform with the choir and attend this fun event.

Unfortunately we won't see the Swiss Team in person.



Switzerland's memorable World Cup moments



Probably the most legendary match in Swiss World Cup history ended in defeat, with the *Nati* losing 7-5 to Austria in a 1954 quarter-final played in the blistering heat of Lausanne, despite leading 3-0. The game was played in temperatures that reached more than 40 degrees in the shade, and Austrian keeper Kurt Schmied even suffered sunstroke in the first half but was not allowed to be substituted under the rules in force at the time. He staggered back and forth between the posts in a trance-like state, and the Swiss took full advantage by scoring three times within the space of just eight minutes.

It was only when an Austrian masseur stood behind the disorientated Schmied's goal, constantly trying to cool him down with sponges and water, that the Austrians were able to turn the game around. They rallied from a 3-0 deficit into a 5-3 lead within 15 minutes, and although the Swiss scored twice more, so did the Austrians – and the game finished 7-5. The match remains, to this day, the **highest-scoring match in World Cup history**.

Why did the soccer team go to the bank?

To get their goalie back!

What do you get when you cross a soccer player with a magician? A hat-trick artist!

Why did the soccer player bring a ladder to the game?

To reach the high scores!

What's a soccer player's favorite type of candy?

Goal-drops!

Why do soccer players do well in school?

Because they know how to use their heads!

What's a soccer player's favorite beverage?

Penal-tea!

Why was the soccer field always wet?

Because the players kept dribbling on it!

Why did the soccer player bring a flashlight to practice? Because he wanted to be a bright star!

What do you call a dog playing soccer?

A goal retriever!

tschuute (tschutte, schuute, schutte)

Christoph Landolt

13. Juni 2012

Das Wort der Woche ist – wie könnte es anders sein! – «tschuute» (oder «tschutte», «schuute», «schutte»), Fussball spielen.

Es kommt von englisch «to shoot» = «schiessen; den Ball kicken», und erinnert daran, dass der Fussballsport aus England in die Schweiz gekommen ist. Auch die Namen einiger der ältesten Fussballclubs sind englisch, man denke etwa an den «Grasshopper Club Zürich» (gegründet 1886), die «Old Boys Basel» (1894) oder die Berner «Young Boys» (1898).

seckle

In Berndeutsch: rennen

In Luzern: Quelle: Luzerner Zeitung, 16.8.2018

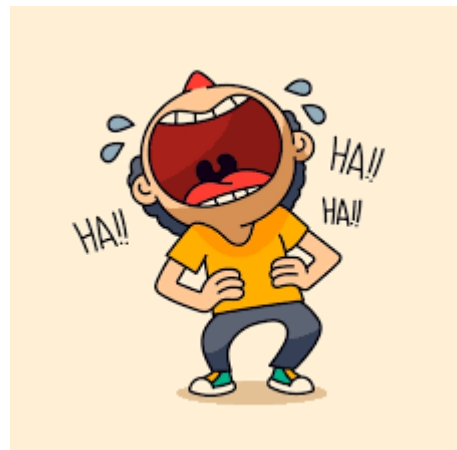
Stammt das Wort «seckle» tatsächlich aus dem Baseldeutschen, wie das immer wieder behauptet wird? Oder verweist es auf das männliche Geschlechtsteil? Beides ist falsch, sagt der Sprachwissenschaftler.

Seckle Das Wort «seckle» hat mit dem männlichen Geschlechtsteil zu tun und gilt deshalb als vulgär. Dies haben wir am Dienstag an dieser Stelle geschrieben und Widerspruch erhalten.

«Seckle» komme aus dem Baseldeutschen. Wer in Socken herumrennt, der «söcklet». Aufgrund des Basler Dialekts werde das eigentliche Wort «söckle» wie «seckle» ausgesprochen. Das sei der Ursprung von «seckle».

Ein Irrglaube, sagt dazu **Hans-Peter Schifferle, Chefredaktor des Schweizerischen Idiotikons**. Zwar gebe es das Wort «söckle», mit «seckle» habe dieses aber nichts zu tun. «Seckle» beziehe sich auf das Wort «Sack» und bedeutete ursprünglich einen Sack füllen oder herumtragen. Im Laufe der Zeit wurde «seckle» in den Köpfen vieler Leute mit dem männlichen «Seckel» in Verbindung gebracht, weshalb es als vulgär gilt. (cgl)

Hinweis: Kennen Sie typische «Lozärner Usdröck»?
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