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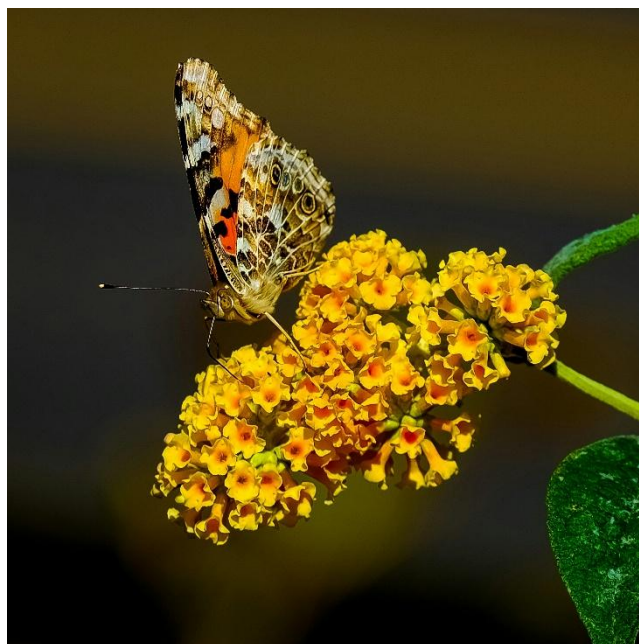
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A Big Thank You to Karin Kapp and Lotti Frowein!

Karin was a board member from 2012 until 2026, almost 10 years as the president. Lots of things happened within that time and difficult decisions had to be made. She spent countless hours keeping the Society going. Thank you so much for all your enthusiasm and dedication. You were an essential part of the Swiss Society and we hope to see you regularly in our future events.

Lotti has been a Society member for decades and organized outings for the seniors as a board member for the past 3 years. Their trips have been posted in past editions. Thank you Lotti for putting a lot of effort into organizing those events.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As your newly minted President, I would like to thank you, the Members of our Society, for your trust in electing our Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the current Board Members and to doing what I can in assisting your Board with keeping our Society moving forward, and organizing successful events for our Members over the coming year.

Firstly, I would like to thank retiring Board Members, Karin Kapp and Lotte Frowein, for your many years of service on behalf of the Swiss Society of Vancouver. Your effort, time and dedication to our Society is greatly appreciated. We wish you Good Luck in your future endeavors and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Secondly, I would like to welcome our new Board Members. First of all, Walter and Erika Humbel, long-time members of our Society, have agreed to join the Board as Advisors. As experienced and actively involved members over the years, their ideas and suggestions will be valuable in the coming year.

I would also like to welcome Irene Sturzenegger to the Board as an Advisor. Many of you will remember Irene as the owner of Go West Campers in North Vancouver. We look forward to working with Irene and know that her many years of business experience will be an asset as a Member of the Society's Board of Directors.

Thank you also to Peter Schalle, Andrea Fluckiger, Theresa Weltzin, Susanne Wilson and Christina Lips for continuing their work as Members of the Board. Some of these individuals have worked on your behalf for many, many years and we very much appreciate their continued work and efforts over the years.

Other important results of the Annual General Meeting held on March 22, 2026 was the passing of motions to amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society as they relate to the distribution of assets upon dissolution of the Society. The Board was directed to develop a Bylaw which directs that any assets at the time of dissolution be dispersed to a registered charitable organization for the benefit of the education of Swiss Nationals. A further motion was passed to amend current bylaws to reduce the number of Members required to constitute a quorum at Annual General Meetings.

The Board has been brainstorming as to what type of events we can add to our current activities for the benefit of our Members. We will be starting monthly luncheons in September. The first one is being organized by Irene Sturzenegger and will be held in a restaurant on the North Shore. Look for further details in the July/August issue of the Swiss Herald.

We would also like to hear from you, the Members, as to what type of events you would be interested in attending. Please email or telephone me with your ideas and we would be happy to look into your suggestions.

Before I close, I would like to ask that you consider volunteering your time at some of our events. The main one is the August 1st Celebration at the Chalet of the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association. This event requires many hours of volunteer work. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering this year. A couple of hours of volunteering is a great way to meet new people and to give back to your Society. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer by telephoning me or sending me an email.

I look forward to working for you in the coming year and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

Date	What kind of event	Where
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

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| 6. C | 12. D |

**Vancouver
Swiss Choir**

with Special Guests

**The
Vancouver
Gaelic Choir**

Say it with a song.

Conductor: Dubravko Pajalic

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, 2026 • 2PM
All Saints Anglican Church
7405 Royal Oak, Burnaby

Swiss Society Members \$20 • Adults \$25 • Children 12 and under Free

DORFMUSIK CONCERT

It was a beautiful warm spring evening on April 25, 2026 when the Vancouver Dorfmusik presented their annual concert at the St. Mark's Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Vancouver. The evening of Swiss music was entitled "Echt Schwizerisch" to celebrate the band's Swiss-German founders and to recognize the milestone of the Vancouver Dorfmusik's first annual concert, 40 years ago in 1986.



Conductor Gordon Koch led the Band through a wonderful program of old favourites such as "Fuer Stadt und Land" and "Edelweiss und Enzian". Laura Iwan displayed her incredible talent as the trumpet soloist in "Wonderland by Night" and Peter Wu provided vocal solos in "Goldene Trompeten", and showed how low his voice could go when he sang "Im Tiefen Keller Sitz Ich Hier".



A Vancouver Dorfmusik concert would not be complete without the sounds of the Alphorn, played by David Gsponer and Alice Palmer. It is always a treat to hear the "heimilig" sound of the Swiss Alphorn as we imagine being on the Alps with the sounds being reflected back from the mountaintops.

The concert also included the "Geburtstags Marsch" - *Happy Birthday* - in honour of the

Vancouver Dorfmusik's 40-year anniversary concert, and the evening ended with refreshments being served by the band members in the church basement.





Here are Lotti Frowein as a past board member and Erika and Walter Humbel as new board members. Peter Schaele switched from President to past president.

Thank you to Gordon Koch and all the Vancouver Dorfmusik musicians for putting on a wonderful concert. You are certainly a talented group of individuals and it is obvious that you all enjoy your chosen hobby.

We look forward to enjoying your music at the Eurofest, the Swiss National Day Celebration, the Lonsdale Quay Christmas Market and your concert next year. We encourage everyone to come out and support the Dorfmusik at one of these events in the coming year. If you don't take the opportunity to enjoy one of the Band's performances, you are really missing out.

Elisabeth Rechsteiner

WILDROSE YODEL CLUB'S SPRINGFEST IN RIMBEY, ALBERTA



On the recommendation of Peter Schalle and his wife, Edie, who have attended this event in the past, four members of the Swiss Society Board travelled to Rimbey, Alberta for the annual Springfest put on by the Wildrose Yodel Club of Central Alberta. In addition to Peter and Edie, Walter and Erika Humbel, Maja Joehl and my husband, Albert and I headed off to Alberta to attend the Springfest.

Each year this sold-out event has 400 attendees, with both Swiss and non-Swiss travelling from far and wide to listen to the voices of the Wildrose Yodel Club, enjoy a wonderful dinner and catch up with old friends and make new ones.



A tombola of 250 prizes was part of the evening's entertainment and the main prize of a log bench was won by Peter and Edie Schalle. As it was a little difficult to take the bench home in the motorhome, Peter and Edie donated it back to the Wildrose Yodel Club. It was then successfully raffled off and will find its new home in Bentley, Alberta.



Thank you to the Wildrose Yodel Club for a wonderful evening and especially to Urs and Elisabeth Mueller who let us all park our recreational vehicles on their farm for a couple of nights, treated us to a wonderful Sunday morning brunch and drove us around the Alberta

farmland.



It was a great experience, and will likely be on our agenda again in 2027!

Elisabeth Rechsteiner

SENIORS' CORNER



The next **Filmnachmittag** will take place on

Sunday, May 24, 2026

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Movie: Der Zigeunerbaron from Johann Strauss

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**.

Seniors:

**WE HAVE A NEW IDEA AND WE NEED YOUR
INPUT Please Reply!**

We are planning to organize a lunch once a month for a get-together with Swiss Members. You can come alone or bring your spouse or friend!

The Swiss Society will participate with \$ 10. 00 per Society Member 😊

The first lunch is planned for September on the North Shore; a Restaurant either on the Waterfront, at a Golf Course or with great view.

Would you please be so kind and let Irene Sturzenegger know if you have an interest?

If you have an e-mail, please write to : irenesturz22@gmail.com

I'll be away until May 27. After that you can also contact me by phone.

I thank you and hope that many of you are interested in this Lunch with friends.

Irene Sturzenegger



The Swiss Society will have a table there.

The Vancouver Dorfmusik will perform outside from 10:45 – 11:30 am

SWISS-QUIZ

This will be handed out at the European Festival, at the Swiss Table.

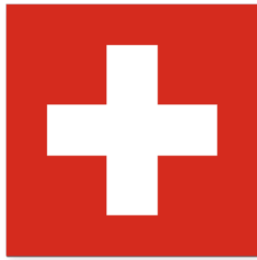
Would you know the answers?

<p>1. What's the Capital of Switzerland</p> <p>A: Luzern B: Basel C: Bern D: Zurich</p>	<p>2. Which Person is/was NOT a Swiss</p> <p>A: Roger Federer B: Henry Dunant C: Charlie Chaplin D: William Tell</p>
<p>3. Which movie was NOT filmed in Switzerland</p> <p>A: Eiger Sanction B: Sound of Music C: On Her Majesty's Secret D: Goldfinger</p>	<p>4. 4 Which instrument is originally NOT from Switzerland</p> <p>A: Schwyzeroergeli B: Cowbell C: Hackbrett (Dulcimer) D: Alphorn</p>

<p>5. Which mountain is NOT in Switzerland</p> <p>A: Jungfrau B: Mont Blanc C: Matterhorn D: Eiger</p>	<p>6. What's NOT a typical Swiss Meal</p> <p>A: Birchermuesli B: Raclette C: Spaghetti D: Saffran Risotto</p>
<p>7. Which watch is NOT made in Switzerland</p> <p>A: Omega B: Rolex C: Swatch D: Seiko</p>	<p>8. Which are the four official languages in Switzerland</p> <p>A: German, French, Italian, English B: German, French, English, Latin C: French, Spanish, Romansh, Italian D: Italian, French, German, Romansh</p>
<p>9. Which cheese is NOT Swiss</p> <p>A: Vacherin B: Parmesan C: Emmental D: Gruyere</p>	<p>10. Which weapon is NOT used in the Swiss Army</p> <p>A: Assault Rifle B: Bayonet C: Crossbow D: Semi-automatic Pistol</p>
<p>11. Which was NOT a Swiss Inventor</p> <p>A. Friedrich Miescher (DNA) B. George de Mestral (Velcro) C. Rene Sommer (Computer Mouse) D. Alexander Fleming (Penicillin)</p>	<p>12. Which song has NOT been composed by a Swiss</p> <p>A: Birdie Song or Chicken Dance (Werner Thomas) B: Kriminal Tango (H. Osterwald Sextett) C: Chihuahua (DJ Bobo) D: 99 Luftballons (Uwe Krog-Petersen)</p>

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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.

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Other events:



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JUNE 13. 18. 24 • AT STEAMWORKS AT NOON

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