

SWISS MOVIE MATINEE

Presented in Swiss German

Sunday, November 17 • 2:30 P.M.

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Entrance is free to members of the Swiss Club;

\$5.00 to non-members.

Note: This event is open to all Swiss Club Members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 17

SWISS MOVIE MATINEE

at the Hillcrest Library, contact
Arno Sigrist (416-493-8025) for details.

JANUARY 23

SWISS SOCIAL

at the Duke of York pub @ 7:00 PM
Contact Nadia Berger
(info@swissclubtoronto.ca) for details.

JANUARY 25, 2020

ANNUAL FONDUE AND DANCE

WITH THE AMICALE ROMANDE

at the St. Philip Neri church,
see details below.

APRIL 24, 2020

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the Chelsea Hotel in Toronto.
Save the date. More details will be
released in the next issue of *Tell Tale*.

MAY 3, 2020 @ 2:00PM

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

at the Latvian Centre.

We are looking for new blood!

If you are interested in bringing some
fun to the stage, please contact
Maggie or Walter.

Maggie Hess (905) 508-8014
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THE SWISS NATIONAL DAY

WILL BE HELD ON JULY 26, 2020

Amicale Romande
invites you to

The Annual Fondue & Dance

January 25, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Saint Phillippe Neri Church,
2100 Jane Street, Toronto

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The President's File

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Club,

Another summer just flew by and we are again treated to the wonderful sight of the Canadian fall and its many colours! As we get ready for another winter, here are some memories of this past summer to keep us warm.

On July 28, we gathered at the Hansa Haus in Mississauga to celebrate the **Swiss National Day**. About 450 of you joined us on this hot summer day to celebrate our home country with a nice picnic, music, entertainment and friendship. Despite this being a new location, everyone found their way to the party, even with the city unexpectedly closing the main entrance and sending attendees on a detour, you all made it!

As we enjoyed the great meal prepared by the Hansa Haus staff, we were entertained by the always joyful Canadysli Guggenmusig, the Trillium Alphorns and the Europa Ensemble. Swiss delicacies and embroidered objects were on sale by our vendors HUH Imports and Sue Frach, while children were kept entertained at the craft table by Suzi Hubler, and by our annual magic show. The official part included a short address by our Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Toronto Beat Guldinmann, who also relayed the message addressed to the Swiss abroad by this year's President of the Swiss Confederation, Ueli Maurer.

The day ended as always by our famous raffle and a dizzying array of prizes courtesy of our generous sponsors. I'd like to thank the whole team of volunteers who put together another successful National Day celebration, in particular our vice-president Nadia Berger! Thank you for your hard work. Our thanks also go to our sponsors (see list page 4) who make this event possible every year.

On September 8, the Amicale Romande regaled us again with their famous **Raclette lunch** at Simeon Park. Over 70 people gathered on this somewhat windy day to enjoy delicious Swiss cheese and share a drink with friends. The meal was masterfully concluded with delicious fruit cakes prepared by Hugo Baumann. Thank you to our cheese scrapers, volunteers and in particular to Marie-Thérèse, Hugo and Freddy for putting this event together!

Other notable events this summer included two outings organized by Paula of the **Women's Section**, to the Niagara Falls flower show on May 11 and to the Woodbine Racetrack and Casino on June 7. Regular "Kaffeeklatsch" have resumed on September 17. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Women's Section, and they marked the occasion with a festive dinner in October!

A few families gathered at Masaryktown in Scarborough for our **Swiss Family Picnic** on June 15. The **Men's Section** held their **annual BBQ** at the Egger dairy farm on June 22, and are hosting another movie matinee at the Hillcrest library on November 17. The men meet every Monday at 10 for hot chocolate at the Lindt store in Bayview Village!

After a successful tenure chairing the **5-pin bowling** section, Marie-Thérèse Velen is passing the ball to Simone Höhn. They have resumed playing in October 20, they play once a month and are always looking for new members. Look for Simone's contact information on the left if you are interested. They are also now offering both 5-pin and 10-pin bowling on their regular meetings. The **10-pin bowling** section will put up one last championship with the Montréal league before going on hiatus. Thank you to Doug Gross for leading the 10-pin bowling section all those years!

Jass lovers have resumed their regular gatherings on October 6 with the usual number of attendees. Anyone interested in joining them or learning how to play "Switzerland's national sport" are welcome to get in touch with Albert.

Our monthly Swiss Socials continue to happen at the Duke of York pub in Downtown Toronto on the third Thursday of every month (except December). Next dates are November 21 and January 23.

And since we're already looking at 2020, mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- The famous Amicale Romande's annual Fondue night and dance on January 25.
- Our Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2020 8:00pm at the Chelsea Hotel.
- The Swiss Theatre Group will perform at the Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre on May 3.
- The Swiss National Day 2020 will be held on July 26.

As always, keep an eye out for our email newsletters, website, social media and next issues of the *Tell Tale* for more upcoming events! Happy Fall and a warm holiday season to you all!

Thomas Guignard,
President

SWISS NATIONAL DAY 2019



Women's Section

October was a special month for the Women's Section. In 1944, a group of Swiss ladies decided to form a club. They started out with 30 members and at one time the group reached 100 members. The club has had its ups and downs, mostly because of a shortage of volunteers. Today we still have 86 members, and we celebrated our 75th Anniversary at the Old Mill where the original members had their first meeting on October 15, 1944.

PAST EVENTS

Port Dover River Rider Cruise, the cruise was enjoyable and we were able to spend some time on the beach. Lunch was served at the Lake Erie Beach Hotel, a landmark of Port Dover since 1947. The Lake Erie pickerel was delicious. **Swiss National Day**, it seems the new location is working out well. The event was well attended and enjoyed by members and guests alike.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 17 • Movie Afternoon: See announcement on cover, there will be no bake sale this year.

December 4 • Christmas Luncheon at St. Georges Golf and Country Club.

Ongoing • Kaffee-Klatsch: First Wednesday of the month at Baka's Cafe Gallery, 2256 Bloor St. West @ 1:30 PM. Last Wednesday of the month at the Pickle Barrel, Leslie and Finch @ 1:30 PM.

Enjoy every day and keep well until next time.
Paula

Men's Section

Come and join us **every Monday morning** from about **10:15 AM till Noon** for hot chocolate, or coffee at **The Lindt Chocolate Store**, near the north/west entrance, inside the Bayview Village Shopping Centre, Bayview at Sheppard. (Free indoor parking, by Loblaws).

PAST EVENTS

Many of us attended the **Raclette** at the Simeon Park in September. The Raclette was very good, the weather was a bit cool but nice, and the turnout was very good.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Sunday, November 17 at 14:30 PM**, we will have our **Swiss Movie Matinee**, again in the large Hall of the **Hillcrest Library**. Please take note: It is again on a Sunday!

The Library is located on **Leslie St. at Clansman Blvd**, just South of the Galati Supermarket, about 750m North of Finch Ave. There is a stop of the **#51 Leslie Bus** at that corner and a 75m walk to the library. We will supply coffee and cookies. **Note: This event is free to all Swiss Club Members \$5.- for non Members.**

On **Friday, December 6**, starting with cocktails at about **11:45 AM**, we will have our **Christmas Dinner** at the **St. Georges Golf and Country Club, 1668 Islington Ave. Toronto.**

On **Thursday, January 16, 2019** starting at about **11:45 AM**, we will have a nice **Lunch at The St. Georges Golf and Country Club, 1668 Islington Ave. Toronto.**, followed by our **Annual General Meeting. Remember, the Lunch is free for paid-up Men's Section members.**

MEMORABLE BIRTHDAYS

Doug Gross will be 75 on November 29
Otto Bertschmann will be 91 on December 27
Mark Lurz will be 75 on January 28
Many happy returns and good health to you all !

As this is the last Tell Tale of the year, I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a good slide into a Happy New Year !

Arno Sigrist

HOW TO OBTAIN A LIFE CERTIFICATE FOR YOUR SWISS PENSION?

Some of our members who are receiving a Swiss old-age pension (AHV/AVS) have been asking who is able to provide the yearly Life Certificate that is required in order to continue receiving the pension. The following information was provided by the Consulate General of Switzerland in Montréal.

Option 1: The following authorities can attest that a person is alive AND check his/her marital status:

- Service Canada offices (except offices offering "Passport services only")
- Swiss Consulates in Montreal and Vancouver
- Swiss Embassy in Ottawa

Hence, a certificate attested by Service Canada can be sent directly to the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva.

Option 2: The following authorities can **only** attest that the person is alive and confirm the address:

- Police
- Notaries
- The Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Toronto, Beat Guldemann
(see contact details below)

Which is why the certificate, once attested, **must** be sent to the Consulate with a copy of valid ID document. The Consulate will then add the confirmation about the civil status and mail the certificate directly to the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva.

Option 3: Persons who are no longer mobile, may have the certificate signed by the administrative service of a retirement home or hospital. However, a **medical certificate confirming that the person is unable to move is compulsory** and must be included with the form. The form must then be sent to the Consulate with a copy of valid ID document. The Consulate will then add the confirmation about the civil status and mail the certificate directly to the Swiss Compensation Office in Geneva.

Please note that the above is provided for information purposes only. If you have more questions, please contact

- the Honorary Consul of Switzerland in Toronto, Beat Guldemann at toronto@honrep.ch (647) 295 2563; or
- the Consulate General of Switzerland in Montréal at (514) 932 7181.

The Swiss Club is unfortunately unable to help with this procedure.

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