



*We wish you
and your family
Happy Holidays,
a very Merry Christmas
and a Wonderful New Year.*

Words from the Outgoing President

This is to let everyone know that I have **resigned** as president of the Swiss Club Toronto as I am **moving back** to Switzerland at year's end. I now would like take a moment to reflect on my time as president.

When I joined the Club in 2020, I was just looking for a bit of home here in Toronto. I never expected to find such a wonderful community that now feels like family. It has been a **pleasure** helping to bring a little bit of Switzerland to Canada; celebrating the Swiss National Day together and sharing in the unique moments at the Raclette, Fondue, Theatre, etc. that have made this club so special.

I also **wish Philippe all the best** as he steps into his new role as president. I know he will take good care of the club, and I look forward to seeing where he takes us. Wishing each of you **happy holidays** and all the best for a wonderful 2025! Thank you all for everything.

Charlotte Mariller

You're invited to

Swiss Club Toronto
Christmas Party



Saturday, **December 21**, 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10
1083 Pape Ave, East York M4K 3W7



Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & snacks
Arts & crafts, music, and a **Santa visit**

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As we reflect on the past year, it is with gratitude that I extend my **heartfelt appreciation** to each of you for your participation and dedication to our community.

Together, we have created an **enriching environment** that celebrates Swiss culture, fosters friendships, and support one another through events and social activities.

None of this would be possible without the board, and I want to recognize their **unwavering commitment** and contributions to our club. Their tireless efforts, innovative ideas and leadership have been instrumental.

I would like to thank **Paula Rico and her team** who have been running the ladies section for many years, but will unfortunately be closing the section at the end of 2024. Thank you for your **dedication, vision, and investment** in making our club a cherished part of our shared experience.

Looking forward to **2025**, the board will focus on:

1. Seeking to become a **registered charity**
2. Balancing **finances** to ensure continued viability
3. Seeking new **board members** to fill vacancies

This year was filled with **memorable experiences**, spanning many events and celebrations. As we approach the holiday season, I wish you all a time of joy, rest and reflection. May this festive period be filled with warmth, love and moments with family and friends. Thank you again for your unwavering support, and I wish you a **wonderful holiday season** and a prosperous New Year!

Philippe Moser

~Events in 2025~

January 18, 2025 - Annual Fondue

Spring, 2025 - Canadysli's Carnival Dinner & Dance

Spring, 2025 - AGM

April 13, 2025 - Theatre performance

July 27, 2025 - First of August Celebration

Visit swissclubtoronto.ca for event details!

Canadysli

The Canadysli have begun their practices for this new season of **Carnival**. We continue to practice on Saturdays at 10:30 A.M.

As ever, we are looking for **new members** to join us and continue our tradition of musical interpretation. We want to emphasize that we are looking for those who want to **have fun**; any musical skill is a bonus.

We will be hosting our **annual dinner & dance** in the spring, more details to come!

Philippe Moser



*The Canadysli performers
in 2023*

— Women's Section —

On October 27 we gathered for **High Tea** at the Old Mill, where this section was founded 80 years ago, with 35 ladies in attendance. This get-together was one of the most **enjoyable** we ever did; everybody liked this celebration very much.

December 11 is our **Christmas Luncheon** at St. George's Golf and Country Club. It will be bittersweet since it will be last event of the Swiss Women's section. As of December 31, this **section will be discontinuing** due to very minimal participation and shrinking membership. We tried to find volunteers but nobody stepped up to take over.

After 16 years as the chairperson, together with Heidi Attenborough as vice chair, we really have no alternative but to end our **wonderful section**. Susan Doerig, treasurer, Ursula Frei, secretary, see no other choice but to resign.

Sad that our wonderful section will cease to exist, however much we enjoyed it all. I am very grateful for them staying with me as long as they did. All of us are Swiss Club members and I am sure we will see each other at Swiss Club events. Also some members will **keep in touch** with each other as many friendships were the result of our section.

I wish everybody the very best and take care.

Paula Rico

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Men's Section

Come and join us **every Monday morning** from about **10:00 A.M. till Noon** for our Kaffi Klatsch outside the **Lindt Chocolate store**, at the Bayview Village Shopping Centre.

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, we have an additional Kaffi Klatsch **on Zoom** for the out of town or far away guys. I will send the log-in a few days earlier each time, also as a reminder.

On **Saturday October 12** we had our traditional **Swiss Movie Matinee** again at the Hillcrest Library on Leslie Street with a good attendance.

On **Friday December 6** we will have our **Christmas Lunch** at the St. George's Golf and Country Club, 1668 Islington Avenue. The menu and costs have been sent out to men's section members.

Our **AGM/Lunch** is scheduled for **February 21, 2025** so mark your calendar already. We will probably pick another location, as it is getting quite expensive at St. George's.

Memorable Birthdays:

Franz Zuber will be 70 on December 3

Arno Sigrist will be 93 on December 16

Otto Bertschmann will be 96 on December 27

Freddy Kern will be 94 on February 7, 2025

Many **happy returns** and **good health** to us 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 the **New Year!**

Arno Sigrist

5 Pin Bowling Section

We had an **amazing bowling season** which ended with our trophy and prize celebration, all enjoyed with a potluck dinner at Erika and Sepp's house in June.

After several years without young bowlers, this year was different as we were able to give out the '**young bowler**' trophy once again.

Jarod T. was the recipient. The three big trophies, Single High, Triple High and High Average went, as usual, to **Hugo B.** and the youngest bowler, **Keith R.**, got the trophy for most improved bowler.

Our 2024/2025 season started strong, with some additional players and the **highest attendance** since I took over this section. It was wonderful to see new faces and watch them enjoying the atmosphere and the time together. **Thank you** to our new bowlers who joined us and thank you to all the previous bowlers for your continuous support and commitment.

I wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing Christmas season and a great start in 2025.

Simone

The Theatre Section

We are, again, planning our **next play** for Spring 2025 and are close to selecting a play, a date and a new venue.

Please **be on the lookout** for detailed information on the Swiss Club Toronto website or the next *Tell Tale*. Many thanks for all your support and see you at our next performance!

Walter Brunner

The Swiss Social Jass Section

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2025. Our next Jass is on **January 26**.

We are always happy to welcome new players.

Erika Tieche