

SWISS NATIONAL DAY

Sunday July 29, 2018

Country Heritage Park in Milton

The Swiss Club Toronto cordially invites you and your friends to come and celebrate with us. Enjoy great entertainment, Swiss food and refreshments, wagon rides, and our famous raffle.

ENTERTAINMENT BY

Ländlertrio Seetal

(Directly from the Seetal in Switzerland)



Plus

The Trillium Alphorns



Come with your family, make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Meet Swiss artists and appreciate their work. Enjoy delicious Swiss food, have a Nussgipfel with a coffee, buy some souvenirs, and don't forget our famous raffle!

PROGRAM

12:00 NOON THE PARK OPENS

Visit some of the 30 heritage buildings.

Enjoy a Swiss lunch, and for dessert have a Nussgipfel and coffee.

1:30 P.M.

OFFICIAL CELEBRATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

in the Gambrel Barn, finishing at 4:30 P.M.,

followed by our famous raffle draw.

ENTRANCE FEES

(including Heritage Park fee and parking):

Members and Children: FREE / Non-Members: \$10.00

Directions from Toronto

Country Heritage Park is located at 8560 Tremain Road, west of Milton. Take the 401 West to Highway 25 Exit; go north on 25 to the third traffic lights; turn left onto Side Road 5/Regional Road 9; after 3 km turn left onto Tremain Road (hidden intersection); go over the 401 bridge and the Park is immediately on the right.

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Country Heritage Park



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The President's File

Dear members,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to this issue of *Tell Tale* in my new role as President of the Swiss Club. I am honoured by the trust you placed in me by electing me at our AGM on April 20, and humbled by the amazing work accomplished by my fellow club and section officers, event volunteers and of course our past president **Sascha Frassini**. Since February 24, 2012, he had been faithfully serving the Club as president and thankfully for me, he has agreed to remain on the board for another while to ease the transition. Under Sascha's leadership, the Club has continued to thrive by connecting the small but mighty Swiss community of the GTA, and organizing the events that we all love. I'd like to extend my warmest thanks to Sascha for his long tenure as President, and for his continued engagement with this year's National Day and 100th anniversary celebrations. On top of all that, Sascha makes us laugh every year with his participation in the Theatre Group; he will definitely be a tough act to follow!

I'm also happy to have the support of **Nadia Berger** as our new Vice President. The monthly "Swiss Socials" that Nadia has started running since last year have proven to be popular, and have allowed the Club to reach an even larger portion of the GTA's Swiss community. She has also gracefully agreed to take on the role of Membership Chairperson ad interim, while we look for someone to replace **Monika Rüber**, who retired from this role after a long tenure. Many thanks to Monika, and to **Denise Frassini** who stepped down from her role as Entertainment Director, for their service to the Club. Thank you both for your dedication and support.

Besides the elections, our **Annual General Meeting** also included an address by the Honorary Consul **Beat Guldinmann**, who announced that the Consulate would again be hosting their "Consular Days" in Toronto for people requiring a new Swiss passport. Our delegate at the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA/ASO), **Florence Pasche Guignard** of Council of Swiss Abroad, reported on her first year of tenure in this position and about the issues that the OSA is currently working on. Read her full report, as well as more details about our past AGM in the Minutes, which can be found on our website.

As the nice weather seems to have settled for good, it's time for us to look at our upcoming activities for this summer. On **July 29**, we will once again meet at the **Country Heritage Park in Milton ON** for our much expected **Swiss National Day celebration**. Join us for a day of fun for all ages, entertainment and good food. Shop for Swiss groceries and sundries and take a chance to win our fabulous raffle prizes! Look for more information about the event on the first page of this *Tell Tale*.

As I'm sure you know, our Club is turning 100 this year! To mark the occasion, the entire Swiss community is invited to a **flag-raising ceremony on August 1st** at 12:00 noon at City Hall. The official ceremony will feature representatives of the Swiss Consulate and Embassy, Toronto City Council, Ontario Protocol, the Swiss Club and the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and will be followed by a reception. More details and RSVP instructions in this issue of *Tell Tale*.

The other big event of the season will be our **Anniversary Gala Dinner on September 29** at the **Old Mill Restaurant** in Toronto. There will be a delicious dinner, entertainment, special guests and more. Don't miss this unique opportunity to celebrate our history! Make sure to register early to secure a spot by using the enclosed form.

Between those three main events, there are many more occasions to get in touch with fellow members this summer! For the soccer fans out there, if the Swiss National Team progresses, join us at the Rushton restaurant on St. Clair West in Toronto to cheer for this year's **World Cup**. Details will be posted on our Facebook page. Over the long weekend of August 4–6, the Gym section will embark on their traditional **canoe trip to Algonquin Park**. On August 28, author **Diccon Bewes** will present a public lecture at the Toronto Reference Library about his book *Swiss Watching*. On September 8, there will be an **Anniversary Cruise** in the Muskokas and on September 9, the Amicale Romande will host their popular **Raclette** at Simeon Park. And of course the **Swiss Socials** will continue to meet every third Thursday of the month at the Duke of York pub in downtown Toronto. Find more details about these events in this issue of *Tell Tale* and on our website swissclubtoronto.ca.



Thomas Guignard, president and Nadia Berger, vice-president

This is going to be a fun summer!

Thomas Guignard
President

Women's Section

PAST EVENTS

MARCH 11: BLOOR WEST PLAYHOUSE: We went to see *Tainted Justice*, a murder mystery.

MARCH 23: AGM Women's Section. Thank you Susan Doerig for accepting another term for the treasurer position. As there was no volunteer for chairperson, I am carrying on for a other term.

May 13-14: Trip to Ottawa for the tulip festival was cancelled, due to poor attendance.

June 8: Woodbine Casino, every year we are looking forward to go on this trip, have a nice lunch and watch the horse race and a bit slot machine playing and visiting with friends. Excellent turnout again.

UPCOMING

July 29: Swiss National Day, please see details in this *Tell Tale*.

September 8: Anniversary Cruise, please see details in this *Tell Tale*.

ONGOING Kaffeeklatsch

First Wednesday of the month: Join us for Kaffee Klatsch at Baka's Gallery Cafe 2256 Bloor Street West at Runnymede 1:30 PM. Last Wednesday of the month at the Pickle Barrel on Leslie, north of Finch at 1:30 PM.

Please read the *Tell Tale* for many different events the Swiss club is organizing. I hope to see you here or there.

*until next time
your chairperson, Paula Rico*

Men's Section

Come and join us **every Monday morning** from about **10:15 till Noon** for Hot or Cold 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 Loblaw's).

In April, many of us went to see the very funny performance of the Swiss Theatre Group, at the Latvian Centre in North York.

On **June 17, 22 and 27**, we did have the **first 3 World Cup Parties** for the matches of **Switzerland against Brazil, Serbia and Costa Rica** on the Patio of the **Rushton Restaurant** at **740 St. Clair Ave. W.** We had contests with Football questions, with various prizes to be won. If the team progresses to the 2nd round, the celebrations will continue. Check our Facebook page for details.

On **Saturday, June 23rd**, we had our **yearly Family BBQ** at the **Egger Dairy Farm** in Milton. Thank you to Walter and Trudi Egger and their family for inviting us every year.

On **Sunday, July 29th**, we will celebrate the **Swiss National Day** at the **Country Heritage Park** in Milton. See separate announcement in this *Tell Tale*.

On **September 9th**, we will again attend the **Raclette** of the Amicale Romande, again at the Simeon Park in Gormley. See separate notice in this *Tell Tale*.

An **October** event is still in the planning stage and I will advise all Men's Section members by email or phone.

On Sunday, **November 18th**, we will have our regular **Swiss Movie Matinee**, at the Hillcrest Library. More details later.



August 4-6

Are you interested in a canoe trip? Don't worry if you have never been in a canoe before.

Are you interested in a canoe trip? And don't worry if you have never been in a canoe before. As in past years, the Gym Section is organizing a canoe trip to Algonquin Park on the long weekend August 4 to 6. We leave very early Saturday morning and rent canoes before we enter the park. We start out on Rain Lake and have our eye set on a smaller lake. To get there we will paddle for 5-6 hours and carry canoes and camping gear over a couple of portages. Once there we look for a nice campsite and setup camp for two nights. On Sunday everybody is free to enjoy, relax or explore, soak up some sun or soak in the water, do a little tour with the canoe or some hiking. Then on Monday the real world is already calling again and we will get back to Toronto early evening. This is also a great event to send your visitors from abroad to let them enjoy something different in Canada's wilderness.

If you are interested get in touch with me at 647-966-8014 or by email walter.brunner@sympatico.ca. The cost per person will be about \$80-\$90, space is limited so it will be first come first serve.

MISS SOPHIE'S ERBE (MISS SOPHIE'S HERITAGE)

Since Ludmilla Stroganoff (Eva Hajda), the famous operetta star, has spent all her money on (mostly younger) men, she is forced to keep giving one goodbye tour after another. Good news though, her stepmother Sophie has died unexpectedly and Ludmilla interrupts her tour to receive her inheritance. Together with her generally unhappy and impoverished assistant Gundula (Edith Zuber), she arrives at "Kuebelstein", her late father Admiral Schneider's estate. After a very unceremonious welcome, Ludmilla is told by Dr. Ross (Rene Waelti), the executor of Miss Sophie's testament, that three more heirs are expected to arrive and everyone will meet at that evening's dinner. Could that mean that she's not the only heir?

The first one is an English dandy, Richard Pommeroy (Franz Zuber), son of late Herold Pommeroy. The second one is greedy Miss Gilla (Stefanie Oechsli), the nurse and brand new wife of the old and feeble Herbert Winterbottom (son of late Henry Winterbottom). The third one is "fashion designer" Siegfried Roy Toby (Sascha Frassini), adopted son of late Leroy Toby. Butler Paul's (Walter Brunner) life is getting very complicated, trying to avoid the sexual advances of Ludmilla and Siegfried. After a horrible meal, cooked by Marlies (Ursula Kohler), she explains to everyone, that the late fathers, who all had been married to Sophie at one time or another, have all died under very suspicious circumstances. Ludmilla cannot understand how Miss Sophie managed to marry all these men, since, in her opinion, Sophie had been a very boring and unsexy individual. What happened, why did Miss Sophie marry all those men, why did they all end up dead and who inherits all her fortune?

We again had three very well received and attended performances in Wellesley, Ottawa and Toronto with over 300 guests in total. The play was very funny with lots of twists and the actors showed their talents again with much enthusiasm and fun. It was again directed by Walter Brunner. Maggie Hess was as usual available if any actors missed/forgot their lines and the set was once again designed by Heike & Arnold Koch.

By the way, the play is a 'sequel' of the famous New Year's Eve sketch 'Dinner for One'

Report by Sascha Frassini and Eva Hajda





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Important message to Swiss citizens residing in Ontario

Dear fellow citizens,

The Consulate General is happy to inform you that the "Swiss Consular Days" in Toronto will be repeated again this year and will take place, during the week of November 5th 2018. This service allows the Consulate to offer Swiss citizens the opportunity to renew their passports without making a trip to Montreal.

If you wish to take advantage of the upcoming "Swiss Consular Days" in Toronto this autumn, you must apply via either of the following official websites: www.schweizerpass.ch or www.passeportsuisse.ch and make sure to mention "Toronto 2018" in the Remarks section. Your application must be submitted no later than August 30th. Please note that, as the number of available appointments is limited, priority will be given to holders of Swiss passports expiring within the next 12 months.

IMPORTANT: If you have neglected to update your current civil status or a name change with the Consulate General, information which must be confirmed by the competent authorities in Switzerland, your request for a passport renewal will regretfully not be considered.

Should you wish to receive further information about our consular services, please visit our website or send an e-mail to mon.vertretung@eda.admin.ch

Yours sincerely,
Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal

THANK YOU!

As we finally found a new SCT president with Thomas, my tenure as president of the Swiss Club Toronto came to an end after 6 years at the recent AGM.

When I first volunteered as Vice President 8 years ago, I wasn't aware at that time that just 2 years later (in 2012), I would be taking over as president from Rene Waelti. At that time I probably would not have volunteered in the first place, as I never did anything like this in my life before and was a bit intimidated on the task ahead.

However, I must say, the last 6 years as President have been very interesting and a huge learning experience for me. I didn't think I could do it 6 years ago, but I did it and I guess I did not do a bad job.

I want to thank you, the members, and the board for the trust in me over the last 6 years.

It has been a pleasure and honor holding this position.

And since as past president I remain on the board for 2 more years, I can continue of being of help to the Swiss Club and the Swiss Community.

I wish Thomas all the best and will do my very best to support him.

Thanks a lot.
Sascha Frassini, Past-President

August 1st Flag Raising 2018 Ceremony

12:00 NOON-1:30 PM

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.,
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

On August 1, 2018 Switzerland will celebrate its 727th birthday. August 1 commemorates the signature of the Pact of 1291, laying the foundation of the country as it now stands. This year also commemorates the Swiss Club Toronto's 100th anniversary, and the City of Toronto has invited the Swiss community to mark the occasion with a flag raising ceremony at City Hall, on August 1st at noon.

Agenda:

11:30 - Arrival of guests
12:00 - Swiss Flag Raised
(Swiss National Anthem)
12:05 - Brief Speeches
12:30 - Trillium Alphorns perform
12:45 - Aperio Reception
13:30 - Event finishes

Event Speaker:

Honorary Consul, Presidents of Swiss Club, SCCC

Event Menu:

Non-alcoholic reception will be provided following the ceremony, hosted by the Swiss Consulate.

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Swiss Watching: Inside the land of milk and money

Public lecture by author Diccon Bewes
August 28, 2018 - 7:00 PM
Toronto Reference Library, Beeton Auditorium
789 Yonge St, Toronto



The Swiss Club Toronto is honoured to partner with the Toronto Public Library in hosting a lecture by Diccon Bewes, author of *Swiss Watching* and *Slow Train to Switzerland*.

Living in the land of milk and money

An outsider on the inside. For the last eight years, Diccon Bewes has been exploring Switzerland and writing about the places, the people, the trains and the chocolate.

He's become the accidental expat expert and in this humorous but insightful talk he'll share some of his observations about Swiss life.

From small talk to Sunday walks, he'll show that there's more to Switzerland than banks and skis, and reveal the true meaning of Swissness.

Diccon is a British travel writer and chocolate lover who has lived in Bern, Switzerland for the past 13 years. His first book, *Swiss Watching*, became a #1 bestseller and he has since written four more books about Switzerland.

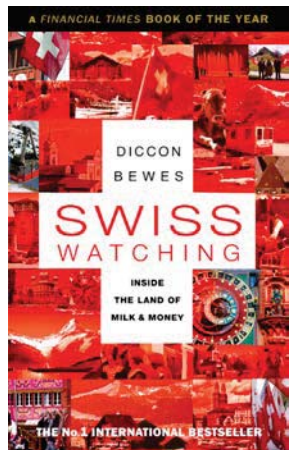
After the talk there will be the chance to buy signed copies of Diccon's books, and refreshments will be served.

About the Swiss Club Toronto

Celebrating 100 years in 2018, the Swiss Club Toronto has been bringing together people of Swiss heritage and anyone interested in Swiss culture, food or traditions since 1918!

Visit swissclubtoronto.ca to learn more about the club and our events.

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swissclubtoronto.ca



Retiring Swiss Club Toronto officers

Thank you to **Monika Rueber** for diligently taking care of the club membership and mailing the *Tell Tale* newsletter for many years, **Sascha Frassini** for the wonderful job he did as president for the last 6 years, and his wife **Denise Frassini** for organizing many of our events and cheerfully lending a hand whenever needed!

Happy "retirement" from club duties and thank you again!

Thomas Guignard,
president



Open Positions on Swiss Club Board

Open SECRETARY Position (immediately)

The secretary position has become vacant as of the end of last year needs and to be filled immediately. The secretary is the custodian of the permanent records of the club and keeps a correct journal of the club's proceedings. The secretary prepares the minutes of all board, the AGM and any special meetings of the club.

Open MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON Position (immediately)

If you are interested in either of these interesting and rewarding positions, please contact

Thomas Guignard, 647-873-4450
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or any other current board member.

All the contact information can be found on page 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 29
August 1st Celebration

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
Flag Raising 2018 Ceremony

SAT-MON., AUGUST 4-6
Canoe Trip

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
Swiss Watching Lecture

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Lady Muskoka Anniversary
Luncheon Cruise
Plus Maple Orchard Farms

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Amicale Romande Raclette

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
100th Anniversary Gala Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Swiss Movie Afternoon

Lady Muskoka Anniversary Luncheon Cruise Plus Maple Orchard Farms

Saturday, September 8th, 2018



Travel to picturesque Bracebridge in the heart of the lovely Muskoka Lakes region to enjoy a **Luncheon Cruise aboard the famous Lady Muskoka Cruise Boat (12:00 P.M.–2:45 P.M.)** A delicious full course luncheon will be served in the ship's dining room (*Smoked Chicken Breast with BBQ Sauce or Grilled Rainbow Trout with Tomato and Citrus Salsa – please advise your choice at time of booking*) as you sail past the unmatched vistas and spectacular cottage and grand summer home views. Bar service is available, too! Following our cruise we'll visit nearby **Maple Orchard Farms** specializing in all varieties of maple syrup and chocolate products, plus fudge, ice cream, jams and jellies. Following our visit here it's back on board our coach as we set our sights for Toronto and home.

Special Price for Swiss Club Members:

\$92.00 Per Person

Non-members: \$112.00 Per Person

*Cost includes Motorcoach Transportation,
Lunch Cruise, All Taxes and Meal Tip.*

MOTORCOACH PICKUPS

DEPARTS	RETURNS
	Agincourt Mall (Bonis Ave.)
8:15 A.M.	6:45 P.M.
	York Mills/Yonge St.
9:00 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
	Islington Subway
9:30 a.m.	5:45 p.m.

For more information
contact Paula Rico @ 416-652-9067
Deadline to book is August 8th.

Raclette

Presented by **Amicale Romande at SIMEON PARK**

September 9, 2018 • 12:00 NOON

To the raclette cheese lovers, the Amicale Romande is pleased and looking forward to getting the stoves going.

Come and enjoy our new location at SIMEON PARK

13190 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley, ON L0H 1G0. South of Bloomington Road.

There is a large sheltered pavilion provided, event will happen rain or shine.

\$30 per person. Swiss Club members will get a \$5 rebate.

Please note the park will charge \$5 per car for parking.

We look forward to seeing all on Sunday, September 9th.

For more information please call Jean-Marc at 416-488-6493

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100th Anniversary Gala Dinner Invitation

Saturday, September 29th, 2018

6:00 PM Cocktail

7:00 PM Dinner

**The Old Mill Toronto
21 Old Mill Road, Toronto**

ADMISSION

\$45 per person, Swiss Club members
(need to be member for 2017 & 2018 to get member price)

\$90 per person, non-members

INCLUDES

Dinner, Door Prizes, Parking
(Cash Bar not included)

DRESS CODE

Semi Formal / Jacket & Tie (no Jeans)

ENTERTAINMENT

Howard Lopez Band • Matt Lebar (Accordion) • Eva Hajda & Erwin Oechslin (Alphorn)

Seating is limited. Please complete and mail the registration form including payment
by **September 15, 2018** to:

Denise Frassini,

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Special Room Rates available for overnight stay at the Old Mill Hotel (subject to availability).

Please contact the reservation desk at 416-236-2641

or make reservations on-line at <https://www.oldmilltoronto.com>

Come and join us for an evening of fun and memories!