

JULY 2004

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



July 25, 2004

Country Heritage Park, Milton

Your family and friends are invited to join us in the celebration of the Swiss National Day. Swiss food, refreshments, children's games and the famous raffle are featured.

This year we have been successful in engaging THE COMPAGNIE DES VIEUX GRENADIERS DE GENEVE

Please see President's report inside for more information.

Do you need a ride to Milton?

A bus will be available for people who require transportation.

Meet at York Mills Subway Station, (north-west parking lot).

It will leave at 11 A.M.

Please call Rita Aeby for reservation at 905 833 0190. First come, first served.



PROGRAM

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Noon	Explore grounds and enjoy the food
14.00 h	National Anthems – the Grenadier Band
14.10 h	Greetings: Erika Tièche, President Swiss Club Toronto
14.15 h	Jean-Claude Hagmann, Consul General of Switzerland
14.20 h	The Bundespresident, of Switzerland (tape)
14.30 h	Capitaine Bernard Arnold, Commandant, Vieux Grenadiers
14.35 h	André Reymond, Swiss National Councillor and Vreni Ducommun, ASO Toronto Consular District
14.40 h	Part one of Les Vieux Grenadiers de Geneve presentation
15.05 h	Break
16.30 h	Part two of Les Vieux Grenadiers de Geneve pres entation
16.50 h	Raffle Draw
17.30 h	Au Revoir, Erika Tièche

Cost

18.00 h

Entry fee is \$5.00 per person.

Children under the age of 12 years are free.

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Facility closes

Free parking on site.

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From the **President's file...**

P eople who did not attend the Theatre evening on the 24th of April truly missed one of the best ever performance of our talented Swiss Club Theatre group. They captivated the audience with lots of laughs all evening long. It was another fantastic event by the Theatre group. Congratulations and thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen.

Consul Hans-Peter Fitze and his wife Hye-Won are leaving us to take on a new assignment in Dhaka / Bangladesh in June. I would like to thank Hans-Peter for all his support to the Swiss Club throughout his stay in Toronto. Both were active members of the club, and participated in and supported several of the sections. You will both be missed very much. We wish you all the best in your new assignment.

The biggest event of the year for the Swiss Club Toronto is just around the corner...

The Swiss National Day Celebration (see front page).

We have arranged some performers who will make your trip to Milton well worthwhile. The "Vieux-Grenadiers" of Geneva were founded in 1749 and are one of the oldest patriotic societies in Geneva. It is a military organization and is led by a Staff General. Its maneuvers and gunfire are still performed according to the rules of the Genevan militia of the old times. The guns, swords, and sabres are authentic and have been used on European battlefields. There is also a military marching band.

The group is well travelled with performances in Monaco, Germany, France, Italy and at the 1986 Expo in Vancouver, just to mention a few.

This is the most incredible entertainment the Swiss Club has ever offered. For a \$5 fee you get entrance to the whole Country Heritage Park as well as the Swiss National Day festivities.

The food is again being provided by our well-known chef, Hubert Bielmann, and we will again have the special Swiss coffee with Nussgipfel available for dessert. The bar will be open from noon to 6:00 P.M.

Please support us by attending this special event and make this day one to remember!

We always welcome new members; you will find an application in this issue.

Erika Tièche

Art Exhibition of Canadian Swiss Artist RUDOLF STUSSI

at the

First Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto May 31 to August 9

The focus is the urban environment and its inhabitants. 'torontoXpress' specifically targets the core of downtown Toronto in the distorted Stussi perspective. The canvases reflect the city in a striking variety of moods and interpretations, on a scale not previously seen.

OF INTEREST:

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Please send your article for next *Tell Tale* to me by September 15, 2004.

Hope to see you all at our National Day celebration on July 25.

Heidy Lawrance • *Tell Tale* Editor

Swiss Women's Club 1944-2004

At press time the preparations for our bus trip to Grand Bend on the occasion of our 60th Anniversary are in full swing. We will report on this memorable event in the next issue.

Our most senior member, **BERTHY MODLICH** celebrated her 98th birthday on May 30th and **ELSY RACZYNSKI** turned 90 on June 7th. Our very best wishes for good health and happiness for the next 365 days. Both are remarkable ladies. Berthy is still living on her own, looking after her house and garden, baking her own bread and doing pottery. In mid-June Berthy will be flying to Switzerland for a 3 week vacation. Elsy is also living on her own and she is a gifted seamstress, but most remarkable is that Elsy, who is deaf, learned to speak not only Schwyzerdütsch but also English when she came to Canada.

Our deepest sympathy goes to TRUDI EVANS who lost her husband Charles in March after a short illness. Charles, a native of New Brunswick, was so fond of Switzerland that Trudi decided the final resting place for Charles would be his beloved Engadin.

Special Happy Birthday Wishes

"She never has been anybody's fool even from birth — timing her arrival for the 2nd. However, since then she's been a first. Congratulations and many happy returns to our first lady and president We would like to welcome the following new members: **HULDA CAVALLO, ANNE-MARIE MOSER** and **BRIGITTE REGENSCHEIT**. We hope you will enjoy our events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004

Pot-Luck Lunch at Vreni Ducommun's House

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004

Toronto Island — Laurie Jones will walk us through an Eleven circuit labyrinth

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004 —

The Old Mill — Buffet Lunch to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Swiss Women's Club

Our "Kaffeeklatsch" is held at the **WESTIN PRINCE HOTEL**, Pateo Restaurant, 900 Yorkmills Road (between Leslie & Don Mills), Toronto on the **last Wednesday of the month** from 2 P.M. The dates for the next months are: JUNE 30, JULY 28 and AUGUST 25.

Elisabeth Walder

Elisabeth Walder on her 65th (April 2). We all wish her many great and healthy years to come."

Elsbeth Wright

MEMBERHIPS

We welcome the following new members:

Mr. Gerard Stemphlet, Mississauga Mrs. Antoinette Rudolf, Mississauga

Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Koko Hasler, Richmond Hill

Mrs. Claudia Hunk, Mississauga Mrs. Elizabeth Fuellert, Toronto

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Mr. Daniel Oehy, East York

Mr. & Mrs. Helmut & Ruth Kanold, Brampton

Denise Frassini, Membership Chair

Would you like to become a member of the Swiss Club Toronto? If so, please do so by filling out this application form and mailing it to Swiss Club Toronto.

Last name

First name

Address

City

Postal Code Province

Fee structure: Family member \$40.00

☐ Single member \$30.00

□ *Passive member \$25.00

*For out of town resident only — Tell Tale only

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Presented by Amicale Romande de Toronto at the Fogolars Country Club, September 12th, 2004
For more information please call Jean-Marc 416-488-6493 or Francis 905-826-4558

MEN'S SECTION

In April we had a very interesting visit and demonstration at the Notch Colour Correction Studio. Bill Ferwerda showed us one of the many stages of the creation of TV commercials, where the colour and highlights of all the many single images of a typical 30 second spot are enhanced. If you watch the next few commercials on your TV very carefully, you will see that most single scenes are only 1 second long. Very few scenes are as long as 3 seconds. This was a true revelation to me and to most of us attending. It almost makes watching commercials interesting now! Bill also told us, that a single 30 second commercial can take up many days of production time.

Our **May** outing was a private, guided tour of the **Toronto Aerospace Museum** in Downsview Park. Bill Tee gave us a very interesting insight of the early stages of flight and the many Canadian firsts. If anybody is interested in that subject and has an afternoon to spare, I can certainly recommend a visit there. Call first for opening times.

On **Saturday, June 19th, 2004,** we had our "annual" **FAMILY BAR-B-Q,** at the **Egger Farm**, in **Milton.** Walter and Trudi kindly "put up with us" once more.

Upcoming Event:

On Sunday, July 25th we will celebrate the Swiss National Day at the Country Heritage Park in Milton. See separate announcement in this Tell Tale.

On Thursday September 16th, at 18:30 h, Tony Koechli was able to arrange a guided tour, given by Paul Buerge, Chief Engineer of Schindler Canada, of the elaborate Schindler Elevator Installation at the Scotia Plaza at 44 King St. W at Bay. There is Indoor Parking, with access from the North Side of the building on Adelaide St. W, just East of Bay. Take the parking elevator to the main floor lobby and go to the information desk in the north west area

of the lobby, where we will meet. After the tour, Tony will guide you all to a nearby restaurant for refreshments.

I will be on vacation in Switzerland at that time and have to miss this very interesting tour, but I will try to be in touch with most of you by e-mail. Andreas Hug, our Vice Chairman, will also be available if you need more info. You can reach him at 416-466-1788.

On **Thursday, October 21st**, we are planning to visit a taping of the **Royal Canadian Air Farce** show, at the **CBC Broadcast Centre.** As this show cannot be booked till after Labour Day in September, the date is to be confirmed upon my return from Switzerland.

In **November** we will again arrange a **Swiss Movie Evening**, together with the **Ladies Section.** Details on this will follow later.

Memorable Birthdays:

Dieter Schaffner will be 60 on July 22

Hans-Peter Schmied will be 45 on August 7

Henry Maurer will be 70 on September 2

Many happy returns and good health to you all!

Would you please **call me** or **send me an e-mail reply** at least 10 days prior to any of the above events, to let me know **if you can come**, **but also if you cannot come**. This would greatly reduce the time to call everybody on the phone. My phone # and e-mail address is shown on inside front cover. *Arno Sigrist*

You should always live in such a way, that you would not be embarrassed, if the Family Parrot would end up with the Town Gossip!

— Anonymous

GYM SECTION

ANNUAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT · Saturday, August 7, 2004 at Fogolars Country Club, Oakville

- Game rules will be handed out with Tournament schedule.
- Announcement of winning teams and presentation of prizes will be about one hour after the final game.
- Injuries are each player's responsibility.
- Tournament fee: \$30 per team.
- Games start at 9 a.m., please be early.

How to get there: please see the map. Admission to the Fogolars Country Club \$3. Bring your friends and family, the club offers: swimming pool (adults \$1) and two tennis courts. We organize the ongoing barbecue, drinks.

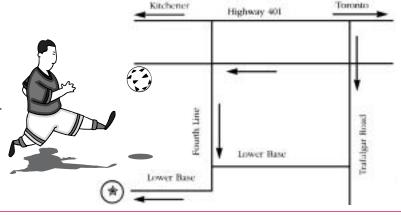
To register teams contact:

Suzi Hubler at (416) 534-5141 or **Werner Witmer at (905) 276-6803**

VOLLEYBALL in High Park

Starting the end of June, every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. we play volleyball at High Park.

For further details phone Suzi Hubler at 534-5141.



JASS SECTION 30TH ANNIVERSARY

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Our Awards Dinner on April 3rd, 2004 was very successful. We enjoyed a nice buffet dinner at the WESTIN PRINCE HOTEL and welcomed a large number of guests to our special anniversary presentation. A total of 51 players received the results of their Jass scores from the past Winter months and could choose a terrific prize or two from a beautifully arranged table.

Another highlight was the choir singing some well-known Swiss songs. We were also able to convince most people to participate in a little dance contest. This helped to deal with the terrific buffet prepared by Chef Herzig for this occasion, and we would like to also thank him again for the Anniversary Cake with the Jass Card pictures on it. A real piece of art!

Jassers and guests enjoyed the surprise fun skit presented by the 4 QUEENS. Everybody had a good time, so much so that we will do it again next year!



OVERALL WINNER SILVIA KOLLER

OVERALL Winner
Second Place
Third Place
Championship Winner
SILVIA KOLLER
Hans Moser
Madelaine Muller
HANS MOSER

CHOSEN PARTNER

Winners: Anne-Marie and

Hans Moser

Second Place Rita and August Aebi

Third Place Madelaine and

Peter Muller

HANDICAP Winner Otto Marbach
Second Place Konrad Zuend
Third Place Silvia Koller

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER HANS MOSER

Thanks to all our Corporate and Individual Sponsors who contributed so generously to our prize table. Please visit our website:

http://members.tripod.com/swissjasstoronto where you will find the names and links to our sponsors and you will also be able to read the current *Tell Tale* as well as all the previous issues going back to January 2002.

It is time to say "Good-Bye" to our supporters from the Consulate. Hye-Won and Hampi are leaving Toronto for a new posting in Dhaka. We wish them well on their future journey.

Our next season will start October 16, 2004.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAVE SUMMER!

Albert Lenz, Chairman

10 PIN BOWLING

A group of 19 travelled to Montreal on April 23 to compete against the Swiss National Society bowling league in the annual Toronto-Montreal tournament. The tournament has been going on since the mid 1930's and alternates between Toronto and Montreal. This year we were victorious, bowling an average of 158.6 versus Montreal's 154.9 to win the Sembinelli Challenge trophy. The Dr. Jaccard trophy for high single was won by Toronto bowler Andy Rumley with a 220 and Paul Geering of Toronto won the Louie Joly cup by defeating Otto Wenger of SNS. The Montreal team was not completely shut out of the trophies with Leo Hadorn winning the Bandi cup with a high triple of 598. Following the tournament all participants enjoyed a cocktail reception hosted by Consul General Bernard Pillonel at the Consulate General of Switzerland. Next year on April 23rd we will host the SNS of Montreal here in Toronto for the tournament.

Doug Gross, Chairman

Have you got a minute?

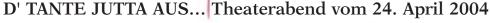
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Heidy Lawrance







Rita Bovon schreibt uns die folgenden Eindrücke. Nachdem sie jährlich von 1993 bis 1999 auf der Bühne des Schweizertheater Toronto zu sehen war, flog sie dieses Jahr eigens zum Theaterbesuch von ihrem jetzigen Wohnort in Calgary nach Toronto.

ie Schauspielgruppe hatte ihre Tournee nach Moorfield und Ottawa hinter sich und der Abend in Toronto, an dem sie für Familie und Freunde spielen konnten, bildete der Höhepunkt der Saison.. Und gespielt haben sie! Super.

In der Hauptrolle als Tante Jutta brillierte Ursula Kohler, die als



Hanspeter Fitze

Eva Hajda

begüterte

Tante aus Kalkutta unerwartet im Haushalt ihres Neffen auftaucht. Werner Flury spielte treffend diesen Junggesellen, der nun seiner Tante ein Leben als Ehemann und Vater vorzutäuschen sucht.

Das Lügennetz verstrickt alle in die unglaublichsten Situationen: Walter Brunner, dem die Rolle des Butlers auf den Leib geschrieben ist,

und der beim Staubsaugen einiges Talent entwickelt. Seine

verheimlichte Gattin, herrlich gespielt von Eva Hajda. In der Verwirrung bleibt ihr Buschi zurück. Da ist zur Freude der Tante Jutta ein Kind im Haus.

Wie kriegt unser Held nun eine Ehefrau?

Da kommt ihn sein Freund Emil, von Beruf Schauspieler, zu Hilfe. In dieser Glanzrolle, mit der



Susanne Müller & Ursula Kohler



Renate Zuber

Bangladesch.

überzeugendsten Darstellung einer Frau, durften wir hier auf der Bühne ein letztes mal unsern Konsul Hanspeter Fitze sehen.

Wir wünschen Hanspeter und seiner Gattin Hve-Won alles Gute für die Zukunft am neuen Arbeitsort in Dhaka.



Rita Aebi

Zu den Intrigen der beiden Freunde drängt sich der dritte im Bund, der schlitzohrige Ganove. Man konnte die verschmitzte Schlauheit förmlich in Franz Zubers Gesicht lesen.

Renate Zuber erheiterte uns diesmal in der Komikerrolle der halbblinden, eine gewaltige Spritze hantierenden, Viehärztin.

Drei neue Gesichter boten mit sichtlichem Plausch am Theaterspielen ihr Debut: Rita Aebi in der Rolle der Freundin,



Franz Zuber & Erwin Egli

sowie das junge Duo Susanne Müller und Erwin Egli. Susanne entpuppte sich als Adoptivtochter aus Kalkutta, während Erwin als Polizist Ordnung in das heillose

> Durcheinander zu bringen sucht.

Das diesjährige Theater konnte mit seinem Humor und Ideenreichtum des Stoffes überzeugen. Dazu gelang Ruth Häuptli die ideale Inszenierung mit der Rollenverteilung, die perfekter nicht auf die Schauspieler abgestimmt hätte sein können.



Franz Zuber & Ursula Kohler

Der Regisseurin gebührt ein verdienter Applaus. Wir hoffen, dass sie trotz ihrer beruflichen Karriere die Zeit für ein nächstes Theater findet.

Ein gelungener Theaterabend, viel zum Lachen und ein schönes Beisammensein mit Freunden und Bekannten. Ein wirklich netter Abend, den ich sehr genoss.



Hanspeter Fitze & Werner Flury

Rita Boyon Fotos: Mark Lurz



Regisseurin: Ruth Häuptli



Souffleuse: Maggie Hess