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VORSTELLUNGEN Samstag, 19. April 2008

2 Uhr Nachmittags und 8 Uhr Abends Estonian House, 958 Broadview Ave, Toronto

PREISE

Nachmittags: \$10.00 (Kinder gratis) Abends: \$15.00 Mitglieder • \$18.00 Nichtmitglieder

Ein Imbiss ist ab 6 Uhr 30 bereit Billette Vorbestellungen bei: Walter Brunner oder Maggie Hess (905) 508-8014 Oder e-mail: walter.brunner@mapinfo.com

Swiss Club Toronto & Switzerland Tourism present

THE ALPS

At the **OMNIMAX THEATRE Ontario Science Centre** Toronto

The Swiss Club Toronto in cooperation with Switzerland Tourism is inviting you to be part of a private screening of the must see IMAX movie of this breathtaking and emotional journey through the heart of Switzerland.

May 1, 2008 7:00 PM

770 Don Mills Road, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton) Free Parking!

See back page for more details.



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The President's file...

Changing of the guard...new president...

Dear members,

We all know that all good things come to an end, and Erika Tièche's departure as President of the Swiss Club is no exception. It is with great appreciation for her hard work and dedication, and for all that she has done for the Club that we bid our fond farewells.

Under her leadership the Club was thriving with an increased membership, and the superbly organized National Day celebrations were always appreciated and well received.



She has set the standard and it will be a challenge for me to cross that bar.

Erika will not simply disappear from the scene. As Past President she will be involved with the club in the capacity of Chairperson of the Committee for the 90th anniversary celebrations and also lend us her guiding hand in organizing the National Day in Milton.

My sincere thanks and all the best wishes go out to Erika.

I extend my thanks to the Board Members and Section Heads for the warm welcome I have received. I am looking forward to working with this dedicated team.

During the AGM Jean-Jacques Gacond has offered his time and joined us in the capacity of 2nd Vice-President. He will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Rita Aebi's term as Director of Entertainment came to an end and the position remains vacant at this time. Thank you Rita, for all the hard work you put in.

To all the members I wish to express my gratitude for accepting me as your new President. It is indeed an honour to serve an organization such as the Swiss Club that is steeped in history and tradition.

As we embark upon our 90th year, the Swiss Club faces the same challenges as many other ethnic organizations. Attendance, participation, increased membership, financial support, mission, direction and other issues have to be considered. These issues have also been discussed in the Council of the Swiss abroad, of which I am still a delegate.

The success of any organization such as the Swiss Club hinges on the co-operation between all members, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to learn from you and to work with you collaboratively.

Looking forward to an event filled year, I remain Yours truly,

René Wälti – your new President

Please submit your articles for next Tell Taleby June 15, 2008.Heidy Lawrance • Tell Tale Editor

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MEN'S SECTION

AGM

Our **Annual General Meeting** on January 16th, 2008 was held at the Bistro Bisou, where we had a nice dinner and a pleasant evening. All former Board members have accepted to stay on :

Chairman, Arno Sigrist 41	6-493-8025
Vice Chairman, Andreas Hug (on temp. leave) 51	9-836-9388
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Past Events

Due to major renovations at the Siegfried's Dining Lounge at the George Brown Culinary Arts Academy, where we usually go in March, we had our March 20th dinner at **Paisano's Italian Garden Café** in North York, where we had a good turnout.

Upcoming Events

The May event is sill in the planning stage, but I will advise everybody in good time.

On **Saturday**, **June 21st**, starting at 1:00 PM, we will have our **ANNUAL FAMILY BAR-B-Q**, at the Egger Farm, in Milton. Walter and Trudi are again looking forward to have us at their beautiful place. We will supply (sell) Bratwurst sausages with buns, potato salad and condiments, as well as coffee. Please bring your own drinks of any kind. There are usually various donated pies and cakes etc. available for dessert, thanks in advance to the many donors. If possible, bring your own lawn chairs and since we expect nice weather, don't forget your sunscreen! **How to get there**: go west on Hwy 401 to Hwy 25 and go south to Steeles Ave., turn right (west) for 4.3 km, to 5244 Steeles Ave., where you will see a large pond on the left (south) side of the road (with white swans, if they are not hiding). We will try to place a Swiss flag at the entrance to the farm.

Please call me or e-mail me at least <u>10 days prior to any of</u> <u>the above events</u>, to let me know if you can come, but also if you cannot come, thanks.

Memorable Birthdays

Hans Taber will be 85 on April 10 Bruno Ryff will be 50 on April 11 Jim Bar will be 80 on July 22 Hans Ruedi Hirsbrunner will be 65 on August 3

Many happy returns and good health to all of you!

Arno Sigrist

Women's Section

IN MEMORIAM

Our long-time member Vera Borecky passed away on February 4, 2008. Vera hailed from Basel; she was a good friend of many of our members. Vera had just celebrated her 95th birthday. We extend our sincere sympathy to her two sons Val and Tom and their families.

RECENT OUTINGS

The January 30th Kaffeeklatsch was held at Michèle and Consul General Bruno Ryff's residence. Thank you again, Michele, for your superb hospitality.

February 19: Visit to the Ukrainian Museum at the St. Vladimir Institute, with lunch on site.

March 5: Lunch, followed by the show "Going Bananas", at the Famous People Players theatre.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19: The Theatre Group Swiss Club presents "D'Huuschranket; ein Lustspiel".

May 1: A repeat showing by the Swiss Club of the IMAX film "The Alps" at the Ontario Science Centre.

More information on these two events is found elsewhere in this publication.

KAFFEEKLATSCH

We usually meet on the last Wednesday of every month at the Oliver & Bonacini Café & Grill, located in the Bayview Village Mall, corner of Bayview and Sheppard Avenue East, at 2:30 P.M.

The next three dates are: April 30, May 28 and June 25.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Madelaine Muller will be 70 on April 11.

Erika Buser will be 60 on April 30.

Erika Elgey will be 85 on May 12.

Lilian Odermatt will be 95 on June 30.

Our sincere best wishes to you for continued good health and good luck!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Lisa Renner

May 2008 bring you good health, prosperity and good cheer! Josy Visscher

THE ALPS May 1, 2008 • 7:00 PM

At the OMNIMAX THEATRE Ontario Science Centre Toronto

770 Don Mills Road, Toronto (Don Mills & Eglinton) Free Parking!

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY!

Members of the Club \$10 • Non-members \$15 All tickets at the door \$18 (if any are available)

> Entrance ticket draw sponsored by Switzerland Tourism <u>1 Swatch (Swiss watch)</u> 2 soccer balls with the EURO08 logo, official championship balls

Tickets will be sold as first come and paid for (Cheque to be made out to "Swiss Club Toronto") Limited seating.

Please contact Erika Tièche at erika@tieche.com or call 416-424-4661 prior to April 15th.

Film information link: www.alpsfilm.com/en/frame.cfm



KEEP INFORMED – VISIT OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY! <u>www.swissclubtoronto.ca</u> for updates to our events AND the official newsletter of the Organization of the Swiss Abroad is now available in pdf format, in both English and French. You can find it under the link <u>OSA</u>.

Welcome to the Swiss Club

Mr. Jean-Jaques Gacond, Mississauga Family Francis & Natalie Blumberg, Toronto Mrs. Simone Hoehn, Toronto Mrs. Edith Vasic – Amatter, Toronto Mr. Henry Weilenmann, Woodbridge *Heidi Gallo, Membership chairperson*

DID YOU KNOW?

Citizenship information from the Consulate General, Toronto

1.7.1985 Children of a Swiss mother and non-Swiss father become Swiss citizens by birth.

1.1. 1992 Swiss women keep their Swiss citizenship after marriage with a foreign national. Foreign spouses do not become Swiss by marriage with a Swiss husband anymore. Foreign spouses can apply for Swiss citizenship if they have been married for more than 6 years to a Swiss national and have close ties to Switzerland.

- 1.1. 2006 Change in citizenship law (facilities for re-installation of Swiss citizenship or simplified naturalization for Swiss descendants).
- 1.1. 2007 Legal partnership for same-sex couples.

Supplied by Erika Tièche

Joan Hug-Valeriote will be the Artist-in-Residence in the **Quilt Gallery** in the old mill in St. Jacobs from **April 1st to June 30th**.

There will be a four day **St. Jacobs Quilt Festival** from **May 27th to 31st**, which includes the annual Mennonite Relief Sale quilt auction.

Call 519 836-9388 or go on-line to www.horizonsquilting.ca for more information.

PRE-ANNOUNCEMENTS

Swiss Club Toronto presents Swiss National Day Celebration 2008 Sunday July 27, 2008 in Milton

Enjoy an entertainment filled afternoon with Swiss food, refreshments, and our famous Nussgipfel. Meet Swiss artists and enjoy their work. Don't forget our famous raffle. Take your family to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Details will be in the next *Tell Tale*.

The Swiss Club's 90th Anniversary Celebration Saturday September 27, 2008 at the Granite Club in Toronto

Please mark your calendar for this important celebration. Enjoy an evening filled with entertainment, dinner and dance. An event for everyone. Door prizes. Details and official invitations will be in the next *Tell Tale*. For information and reservations please call Sonja Evans at 416-922-7532.