

Dear members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Club Toronto, I am pleased to invite you to our Annual General Meeting.

Important business, elections, and financial reporting are on the Agenda, and your participation is vital in upholding the democratic process within our Club.

Should you be unable to attend, you will have the privilege of making use of the proxy form that can be found on the last page of this newsletter. For it to be valid it must be received by the Swiss Club no later than by noon February 9th, 2017 (see address on proxy form).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE
ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SWISS CLUB TORONTO

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

at the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Wren Room
33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z4
www.chelseatoronto.com

6:30 P.M. Registration and Cocktails (cash bar)

7:00 P.M. Dinner (courtesy of the Swiss Club Toronto)

8:00 P.M. Meeting will start with the following (tentative) Agenda:

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| 1. Welcome and Introduction of the Special Guests | Sascha Frassini |
| 2. Introduction of the Board Members | Sascha Frassini |
| 3. Minutes of the 2016 General Meeting | Sascha Frassini |
| 4. Swiss Citizen of the year award | Rene Waelti |
| 5. Presidents report | Sascha Frassini |
| 6. Consolidated Financial Statement for 2016 | Claude Tièche |
| 7. Finance Commission report | Claude Tièche |
| 8. Membership report | Monika Rüber |
| 9. Council of the Swiss Abroad Report | Ernst Notz |
| 10. Elections | Arno Sigrist |
| 11. Other business as may properly come before the meeting | |
| 12. Adjournment | |

Please RSVP Monika Rüber (Membership Chairperson)

Tel: 416-203-2026 – e-mail: rueber@rogers.com

(Please find the proxy vote form on the back page of this newsletter.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

See inside for details

**Amicale Romande
Annual Fondue**
January 28, 2017

**Jass Section
16th Annual Saujass**
January 22, 2017

Swiss Club Toronto AGM
February 10, 2017

**Theatre Group Toronto
Kreuzmordrätsel**
Sunday, April 30, 2017



Amicale Romande invites you to

The Annual Fondue & Dance

January 28, 2017 • 7:00 P.M.

Saint Phillippe Neri Church,
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\$30 per person

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The President's File

Dear members,
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are looking back to yet another year filled with activities and events. Some of the events have a long tradition with the club. But there were also some other organized events for our members which were new.

You can read all about our 1st of August celebrations and some of the other 2016 events in the November 2016 edition of the Tell Tale.

The various sections were also very active again with informal get-togethers, trips, excursions, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, Jass, bowling, fondue, theatre, and more.

On November 20th we had our annual movie event and bake sale at the Hillcrest Library. This time we showed the Swiss movie 'Schlaellenursli'.

2017 will again be a fun-filled year with many traditional events and maybe one or two new ones.

This year's **Annual General Meeting** of the Swiss Club Toronto will be held on **February 10th, 2017**. Please note that it is being held at a new location, the Chelsea Hotel (formerly Delta Chelsea) in Downtown Toronto. Please see the front page for details. We hope we can again expect a large number of members attending our AGM. Active participation during the year and at the AGM is needed in order to maintain the club and to shape the future of this vital organization. Please mark your calendar for the 10th of February 2017 and don't forget to RSVP!

I also wanted to point out again the open positions on the Swiss Club board. We are hoping to fill them all at the AGM. Also at the AGM, we need to elect a new delegate for the ASO/OSA. Please see separate note in this *Tell Tale* on all the open positions.

This year also marks the 99th anniversary of the founding of the Swiss Club Toronto in 1918 and we all hope to offer our existing and future members some great events and gatherings for many years to come.

*Yours truly,
Sascha Frassini,
President*

Welcome New Members

Marta Eiver • Rick Feurer and Family • Tzvetelina Tzonevo
Roberto de Prisco & Family • Wen Sin Tien-Hurter & Family
Ioanna Halicoglu & Family • Suzanne P. Ramsey-Falquier

Monika Rüber, Membership Chairperson

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Women's Section

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. We had an active year filled with fun events and get togethers. This winter's weather predictions are not very promising, therefore we will curb back a bit until it's safe to get around.

PAST EVENTS

November 20: Film Afternoon and Bake Sale

Not a very good turnout because of bad weather. The film was good and liked by those who made it out. Our bake sale was a success as always. A sincere thank you to all of you for the donations and helping out at the event.

December 7: Christmas Luncheon at St. George's

This is truly the highlight of the year. Sixty-three ladies attended and for the first time ever one gentlemen, it might become a new trend. The food was exceptionally good as always and George Marton enhanced the atmosphere with his magic tunes. Thank you George. The bake sale was a hit, we received so many delicious cakes and cookies and of course everyone's favorite Zuepfliis. Thank you so very much to all of the wonderful bakers who helped make this event so special.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22: Bloor West Village Playhouse

The Bloor West village players are presenting *Cake Walk*. It is a comedy about a small Ontario town. Please call me if you are interested so that I can order the tickets. The venue is close to Runnymede subway station.

January 28: Annual Fondue and Dance

See cover for details. I look forward to see you all at this fun and popular event.

February 10: Swiss Club AGM

See cover for details. At this time we have no date or location for our Women's Section AGM.

Kaffeeklatsch

Richtree Restaurant is closing for good December 25, 2016. This means our Kaffeeklatsch location is now meeting at **Bread and Roses** at **Bayview Village**, 2901 Bayview Avenue on the last Wednesday of the month.

First Wednesday of the month we will meet at **Bread and Roses** on **Bloor Street West** at Runnymede.

*I wish all of you a healthy New Year and I am looking forward to a lot of fun event in the coming year.
Your chairperson, Paula Rico*

Men's Section

PAST EVENTS

At the **November Swiss Movie Matinee** at the Hillcrest Library Hall we showed a rather funny Swiss movie from the mountain area of Switzerland. Everyone seemed to enjoy it - and the Women's Section had a successful bake sale.

On December 2nd, we had a very enjoyable **Christmas dinner** in a nicely decorated room at St. George's Golf & Country Club on Islington Ave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Thursday, January 19th, 2017** starting at about **11:45 AM**, we will have lunch followed by our **Annual General Meeting** at a new place, yet to be determined. The lunch will be free for paid up members of the Men's Section. I will advise all Men's Section members in good time of the new location.

Don't forget the fondue evening of the **Amicale Romande on January 28th**, see the notice elsewhere in this *Tell Tale*.

In February, we will participate at the **AGM of the Swiss Club Toronto** at the Chelsea Hotel on Gerrard Street W., see separate notice in this *Tell Tale* issue.

Our March event is still in the planning stage and I will advise everybody in good time.

Please call me or e-mail me at least 7 days prior to any of the above events, to let me know if you can come, but also if you cannot come, thanks.

ONGOING

Come and join us **every Monday morning** from about **10:15 till noon** for coffee (or whatever) at the **Timothy's Café** next to the north/west mall entrance, inside the Bayview Village Shopping Centre, Bayview at Sheppard. (Free indoor parking, by Loblaws).

MEMORABLE BIRTHDAYS

Fred Julier will be 80 on January 7

Michel Zanoncello will be 70 on March 28

Many happy returns and good health to you!

If I had known how wonderful it would be to have grandchildren, I'd have had them first.

— Lois Wyse

I hope everybody had an enjoyable Christmas with family and/or friends and as the new year is just around the corner, I wish you all a happy 2017 - good health and much success.

Arno Sigrist

CANADYSLI TORONTO SWISS CARNIVAL BAND (GUGGEMUSIG) 41th Anniversary in 2017

*Our Carnival starts with the
MORGESTRAICH
Saturday, March 4, 2017
from 6 AM till 10:30 AM*

OUR COSTUME BALL
Saturday, March 11 at 7 PM

Both Events will be held at
**THE MUSKET RESTAURANT
& BANQUET HALL**
40 Advance Road, Etobicoke, ON

For more info, check our website
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Or give one of us a call or send an e-mail, we look forward to hearing from you!

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Open Positions on Swiss Club Board

Open PRESIDENT Position in February 2017

Sascha Frassini has been serving as president of the Swiss Club for almost five years and is definitely planning to step down in February 2017! With that, we are looking for a successor for the president's position in 2017. As past president Sascha will stay on the board as ex-officio officer for two years to make the transition easier.

Open Vice-President Position (immediately)

The VP position has also been unfilled for a few months, so we are still looking for a new VP immediately. The VP is mostly assisting the board in the coordination of the Swiss National Day celebration and other events and fulfills the duties of the president, if for any reason he/she is unable to act in his/her elected capacity. So ideally the new VP would be willing to take over the president's role in the near future if no president can be found.

Open Secretary Position (immediately)

As indicated, our current Secretary, Julian Perrenoud, has left Canada therefore the Secretary position is vacant and needs to be filled. 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.

If you are interested in any of these interesting and rewarding positions, please contact Sascha Frassini or any other current board member. All the contact information can be found on page 2.

Announcement

ASO/OSA Delegate needed for Central Canada for 2017-2021 term

The ASO/OSA (Auslandsschweizer Organisation/Organisation for Swiss Abroad) is the representative body for Swiss people living in other countries. It represents and defends the interests of all Swiss expats in political circles within Switzerland. The ASO/OSA therefore plays a key role in protecting the interests of the Swiss Abroad. Our current delegate (for Central Canada), Ernst Notz, is still serving until July 2017 (when new elections are being held), but since he no longer lives in Canada, he will have to step down at that time. We are therefore looking for a person who would be interested in taking the position as ASO delegate as of August 2017 (for at least 4 years). You can find some information on the ASO website (www.aso.ch) and we will post more info on our own website as well over the next few months.

But if you are interested or know of somebody who might be interested, please contact Sascha Frassini or any other current Board member. All the contact information can be found on page 2.

INVOICE - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Dear Members, Annual membership fees are due by March 30, 2017 at the latest. May I ask you to kindly send your cheque to: SWISS CLUB TORONTO:
P. O. Box # 823, Stn. Q, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2N7

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. _____ Email Address: _____

FAMILY Membership \$40.00 • SINGLE Membership \$30.00

You may also pay by PAYPAL: see www.swissclubtoronto.ca under membership for details.



SCHEDULE A TO BY-LAW NO. 1 PROXY:

The undersigned voting member of the Swiss Club Toronto hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints,

_____ Or her/him failing, _____ as proxy of the undersigned to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation to be held on the 10th day of February, 2017 and any adjournment or adjournments thereof and to vote and otherwise act thereat for and on behalf and in the name of the undersigned in respect of all matters that may come before the meeting in the same manner as the undersigned could do if personally present thereat, the undersigned hereby ratifying and confirming and agreeing to ratify and confirm all that such proxy may lawfully do by virtue hereof.

Date: _____ Signature of voting member: _____

Please print your name: _____

Please return Proxy Form to arrive at addressee by no later than noon February 9, 2017 to:
Sascha Frassini, 5474 Palmerston Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L5M 5Z8

Dear Members,

Annual membership fees are due by March 31, 2017 at the latest.

May I ask you to kindly complete the attached invoice and send it along with a cheque to the **Swiss Club Toronto**.

Thank you and kind regards,

Monika Rueber / Membership Chairperson

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

JAN. 1, 2017 - DEC. 31, 2017

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Please mark if address changed

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City: _____

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Membership
\$ 40.00

SINGLE
Membership
\$ 30.00

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