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Thursday, November 20th, 2008 • 6:45 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS

SWISS CANADIAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GALA DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15,
7:00 P.M.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S SECTION
**DEUTSCHSCHWEIZER
FILM ABEND**
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20,
6:45 P.M.

SANTA IS COMING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30,
2:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S SECTION
**CHRISTMAS
AROUND THE WORLD**
DECEMBER 6 & 7

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11TH ANNUAL SAUJASS
JANUARY 25, 2009 • 1:00 P.M.

AMICALE ROMANDE
ANNUAL FONDUE
JANUARY 31, 2009 • 7:00 P.M.

**SWISS CLUB TORONTO
AGM**
FEBRUARY 20, 2009

THEATRE GROUP
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APRIL 18, 2009

Santa is Coming

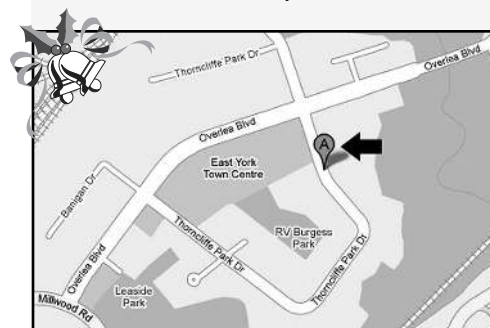
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at 2:00 PM

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The President's file...

The past few months were indeed a busy time. While we were getting organized for the 1st of August celebrations, we were also getting ready for the 90th anniversary party. It took the help of a lot of dedicated volunteers to make it happen. My thanks go to the board members and all volunteers for a job well done.

The attendance for our National Day celebration was about 500, which represents a small drop in attendance compared to last year. The 90th anniversary dinner was completely sold out with an attendance of 250 guests. Please read about it in this issue of the *Tell Tale*.

On September 10, the Tarragon Theatre presented Swiss Night at Theatre Smash, a special premiere performance for the Swiss and German Communities, organized through our Consulate and the Goethe Institute. The play with the title *Norway Today* starring Marc Bendavid and Ieva Lucas, was written by Swiss playwright Igor Bauersima and was translated into English. This was an event on short notice and was announced to the members by email through the Sections. Unfortunately Swiss Night at the Tarragon Theatre was not well attended, which is a shame, because it was a fantastic play, and all for the discounted price of only \$15.00. Only seven Swiss and about a dozen or so Germans showed up. Silvia Neubrand won the door prize of 2 bottles of Swiss wine.

We will have to look into a way to reach more people in our Swiss community for announcing events of this kind.

As we are moving towards the end of this eventful year, I hope you all will enjoy the nice fall weather.

*Yours truly
René Wälti*

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Yours very truly, Erika Tièche, Event Chairperson

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by December 10, 2008.

Heidy Lawrance • Tell Tale Editor



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SWISS CLUB TORONTO NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

This year's celebration took place again at the Country Heritage Park in Milton. About 500 Swiss compatriots from the Greater Toronto Area turned out to participate in the festivities. We were honoured by the presence of our Consul General Bruno Ryff and his family, Consul Philippe Crevoisier and his wife Viviane, as well as Consular Officer Daniela Lerch.



After the introductions and greetings everybody joined in the singing of the Swiss and the Canadian national anthems. This was followed by sweet alphorn tunes superbly performed by Eva Hajda. The President of the Swiss Confederation, Pascal Couchepin, conveyed his 1st of August message for the Swiss abroad via a CD recording. Some more alphorn tunes were followed by the main attraction, the Toronto "Canadysly" Carnival Band. What a blast we had!

Emil Zahner entertained us by playing Swiss songs on his accordion, followed again by the "Canadysli". Young and old enjoyed a great afternoon and had a chance to get together with friends and renew old acquaintances. The day came to a conclusion with the draw of the raffle tickets. A big thank-you to all the sponsors for the fantastic prizes!

To the board members and all volunteers I send my heart-felt thanks for a job well done! It would have been impossible without you. The weather gods were in a good mood and when after a sunny afternoon the clouds moved in we were able to pack up and leave before the skies opened with a torrential downpour. Please see our website www.swissclubtoronto.ca for pictures of this memorable event.



Welcome to the Swiss Club

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of Switzerland, Toronto

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A special thank-you has to go to our generous sponsors who made it once again possible to have a fantastic raffle. It is always a much-anticipated climax of this special day. Many thanks to all, and we are looking forward to a continued relationship.

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| High Single: Claude Tièche | 276 |
| High Youth: Marcus Tièche | 98 |
| High Average: Claude Tièche | 186 |
| Most Improved: Marcus Tièche | +24 |



Women's Section

PAST EVENTS

July 27: Swiss National Day, well attended by the ladies section

Aug 8: Pot luck at Elisabeth Orfeis' house. Grey rainy day but did not stop us from a great day. Good food, nice conversation – gracious hostess, even the sun eventually came out for us to have some outside time. Thank you Elisabeth for having us!

Sept 7: Raclette. Heavy rain but a group of diehard Raclette lovers enjoyed some good helpings of cheese.

Sept 16: Island Trip. Arranged by our member Annemarie Dullberg. Great weather, tour guide Jimmy had a lot of stories about the history of the Island. The cake Annemarie ordered was delicious, I am sure all had a good time. Many thanks to Annemarie!

Sept 27: Anniversary Party. What a great affair. Good food, nice entertainment and lots of people.

Oct 6: Fall Color Cruise. Bus tour to Bala and cruising through Lake Muskoka to check out those beautiful cottages. 40 ladies attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 20: Film night at Fairview library. We will feature the movie *Vitus*, about a grandfather and grandson. As in other years this is a joint effort between the men's and women's sections. After the movie coffee and cake is served. All you talented bakers are asked to impress us with your delicious goodies which are highly appreciated by everyone.

Dec 4: Christmas Lunch at Toula's Restaurant located on the 38th floor at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Details will be distributed by email and flyer.

Dec 6 & 7: Christmas Around the World, City Hall details to follow with lunch info.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Emma Kason, on her 85th on November 19, 2008
Congratulations

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Joyce Sigrist

Until next time be happy and healthy

*Your Chairperson
Paula Rico*



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MEN'S SECTION

Past Events

Well, the summer is over. And here are some of the things we did earlier this year.

In **June** we had our **Family BBQ** at the Egger Dairy Farm in Milton. Thanks again to Trudi and Walter to let us use their beautiful facility.

The **Swiss National Day Celebration** was again in Milton. The Entertainment included for the first time the Canadysli Toronto and I believe that everybody loved their performance. The Tombola had again great prizes from a large number of Swiss and Canadian companies.

On **September 27th**, many of us attended the **90th Anniversary Celebration** of the Swiss Club Toronto and we all had a wonderful time. This event took an awful lot of work by many volunteers and we thank them all.

On **Thursday, October 17th**, we did visit the operations of **Rogers Cable TV** on York Mills Rd. This, as expected, was a very interesting tour.

Upcoming Events

On **Thursday, November 20th**, 18:45 h we will have our yearly **Swiss Movie Evening**, at the Fairview Library, on the 4th floor. As usual, this is a joint event with the Women's Section, where we will show *Vitus*, a Swiss German movie. The library is located at Fairview Mall Drive, just east off Don Mills Rd., (north of Sheppard Ave.), in Willowdale. As in past years, the Ladies will supply Cakes and Coffee, and we will look after the electronics! This event is open to all Swiss Club Members.

Our **Christmas Dinner** will be on **Thursday, December 4th**, starting at 6:45 PM, at the Bistro Bisou at 2255 Sheppard Ave. East, in the Atria 1 building.

Our **AGM** will be on **Thursday January 15, 2009** starting at 6:45 PM, also at the Bistro Bisou.

How to get there: From Sheppard Ave. go south on Settlers Rd., which is at the first traffic light East of Victoria Park Ave. (West of Consumers Rd.) – then enter the 1st Indoor Parking entrance to the right, about 100 m South of Sheppard Ave. – park your car and follow the signs to the Bistro. Bring your parking slip with you, to get it stamped for free parking.

By TTC: Take the Sheppard Subway to Don Mills, then the # 85 Sheppard East bus to Consumers Rd. (just East of the Parkway), then walk about 350m East to the building / Restaurant. Or ride to Victoria Park Ave. and walk back West about 300m. That Bus runs about every 7 minutes. You can also take this bus from the Yonge subway, Sheppard station, it just takes a bit longer.

On the way home, we will give the TTC riders a lift to the Don Mills Subway station, as that bus is slow in coming at night. From there it should be easy.

I would like to welcome Fritz Stabeli, as a new member to the Men's Section.

Memorable Birthdays

Klaus v. Asten will be 88 on November 18

Freddy Mettler will be 80 on November 30

Hans Affolter will be 65 on December 19

Otto Bertschmann will be 80 on December 27

Many happy returns and good health to you both!

Arno Sigrist

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

We bid adieu to Consul Martin Zaugg and partner Claude Delabays. At the end of September Martin took on a new posting in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Our heartfelt thanks go out to him for the terrific support the Swiss Club Toronto received these past few years. We wish him and Claude all the best.

Following in his footsteps is Consul Susanne Rosenkranz who already got a taste of the Swiss Club on the occasion of our 90th Anniversary Celebration. Welcome Susanne and husband Timothy Brown!

We're also welcoming Consular Officer Daniela Lerch who many of us have already met on one or the other Club function.

René Wälti

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90th Swiss Club Toronto Anniversary Party

Saturday, September 27, 2008

What a party this was! Over 250 members and guests (full house) of the Club assembled in the ballroom at the beautiful Granite Club in Toronto to celebrate the 90th birthday of our Swiss Club, pay tribute to the generation who came to Canada after the second war and show appreciation and thanks to all members. All of us were greatly pleased and honored to have among us Ambassador and Mrs. Baumann who came down from Ottawa, as well as our Consul General and Mrs. Ryff.

Erika Tièche, past President of the Club and Chair of the 90th Anniversary Party Committee put together a small but dedicated group of members early in the year who spent untold hours to make this a Birthday Party to remember. The reward for their work was evident in the happy faces of all who attended.

The evening began with a Cocktail Reception (along with Talerschwingen and Cow Bell ringing demonstrations), which was an opportunity to meet and talk to old friends – and there were many. Peter Schürmann, our excellent Master of Ceremonies, officially opened the evening by introducing the Head Table. He called on Club President René Wälti to welcome guests and friends; he was followed by Committee Chair Erika Tièche, by Consul General Bruno Ryff and by Ambassador Werner Baumann who expressed his pleasure to be with us in our vibrant and important City.

An excellent three-course dinner was served and afterwards it was time for outstanding and exciting entertainment. Eva Hajda started off with playing the traditional Swiss Alphorn. President René Wälti and Margrith Petermann, both members of the now disbanded Yodel Section, gave a great rendition of a lovely Swiss yodel song. This was followed by a performance of the 17 members Swiss Farmer's Brass Band who had travelled from Ontario's Thames Valley area to be with us. They received great applause

and delighted us with an encore.

A different kind of entertainment was the performance of Swiss Canadian Blues Singer Shakura S'Aida who was backed up by two of her band members. She is an electrifying entertainer who is able to interact with her public – and addressing us in perfect Swiss German dialect. It was a superb and enjoyable performance; all in the Ballroom were on their feet wanting to hear more but regretfully she had to leave for another engagement.



L to R: Mrs Michèle and Consul General Bruno Ryff, Mrs Susanna and Ambassador Werner Baumann.

Last, but certainly not last, Peter Beck and his Mississauga Express Dance Band got us all up on the floor and for the next couple of hours the dance floor was crowded.

It was an evening to remember and a sincere thank you goes to Erika Tièche and her committee members, with appreciation also to the Swiss Club Toronto, which contributed part of the expense of the evening. Thank you also to M.C. Peter Schürmann who had to work hard to keep a very crowded agenda on track.

As part of the celebration the Swiss Club Toronto published a beautifully printed and edited booklet to commemorate the 90th anniversary. It is loaded with great information about the history of the Club, memories by past presidents, comments by the chair persons of the various sections and some delightful

photographs. The booklet was mailed to all members of the Club and it is our hope that it will be kept and treasured as a memento of the event. Sincere thanks go to President René Wälti who did a superb job in assembling material, writing and editing the booklet. Deep appreciation is also due to former President Gottfried Hildenbrand whose company, Swiss Print International, designed and printed the booklet at no cost to the Club.

We also thank our sponsors for the many door prizes, including Swissmar for part sponsoring a set of Wenger kitchen knives for every table setting,

The door prizes collected by Erika Tièche were a welcoming surprise to all. Some of the big prizes were Transat Holidays for 2 return tickets from Toronto to Basel, Switzerland Tourism for a week's first class Swiss holiday rail pass for two, Canadian BBR Inc., H.U.H. Imports Inc. sponsored a large basket, Kühne & Nagel with a beautiful "Walliser Zinnkanne", Lindt Chocolates a basket full of treats. Please see the sponsors listed separately. The private sponsorship was very well received. Their support is much appreciated and made our evening even more special.

The big winner of the 2 flights to Switzerland (Basel) by Transat Holidays was: Fritz Staheli of Sharon, ON. Congratulations! It was a great and memorable evening – thanks for the memories!

Members of the 90th Anniversary

Committee: Erika Tièche, Chair; Consul General Bruno Ryff, René Wälti, Sonja Evans-Good, Claude Tièche, Martin Zaugg (he was unfortunately unable to attend our evening as he was transferred in August to a new posting at the Consulate General in Sao Paulo, Brazil), Peter Schürmann and Alfred Mettler.

Alfred Mettler