

Dear members,

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

Important business, elections and financial reporting are on the agenda, and your participation is vital in maintaining 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 you will find 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 19, 2009 (see address on proxy form).

René Wälti, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 20, 2009

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

The meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, 2009
at the Bistro Bisou, 2255 Sheppard Avenue East, Atria 1, Toronto
(Victoria Park / Sheppard) • Free underground parking

6:30 P.M. • Cocktails (cash bar) and dinner
(courtesy of the Swiss Club Toronto)

8:00 P.M. • Meeting will start with the following agenda:

1. Introduction of the board members René Wälti
2. Minutes of the 2008 general meeting Claude Tèche
3. Swiss citizen of the year award Ron Favarger
4. President's report René Wälti
5. Consolidated financial statement
of the club for the year 2008 Emmanuel Favre
6. Finance commission report Ron Favarger
7. Membership report Heidi Gallo
8. Council of the Swiss Abroad report Vreni Tobler-Ducommun
9. Election of: • 1st Vice President
• 2nd Vice President
• Director of Entertainment
• 2 Delegates to Council of the Swiss Abroad
10. Other business as may properly come before the meeting
11. Adjournment

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

*Amicale
Romande
invites you to*



The Annual Fondue & Dance

January 31, 2009

7:00 P.M.

Saint Phillippe Neri Church,
2100 Jane Street, Toronto

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jass Section
January 25, 2009
11th Annual Sau-Jass

**Canadysli
Fasnacht (Carnival)**
Morgestraich - February 28, 2009
Dance - March 7, 2009

Theatre Group - Swiss Theatre
March 28, 2009 - Moorefield
April 4, 2009 - Ottawa
April 18, 2009 - Toronto

**Concert in the Donauschwaben
Club • June 24, 2009**
- Accordeon Orchester Aesch
- Jodlerklub "Schlossbränneli"
Möriken-Wildeggen
- Alphorngruppe Thierstein-
Laufental

Swiss National Day Celebration
July 26, 2009

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The President's file...

Happy New Year!

Dear members,

Another eventful year has passed and I hope you all had a good start into 2009. In spite of the challenging economic climate, I am looking forward to a year filled with a variety of activities. Thanks to the initiative of Dominik Ebnetter some exciting progress has been made in bringing back the Young Swiss Section to be an active and vibrant group again.

On February 20, 2009 the **Annual General Meeting of the Swiss Club Toronto** will be held at Bistro Bisou. Please see the front page for details. Several positions are open for election. With Emmanuel Favre retiring to Quebec, we will need a *1st Vice-President*. We haven't had a *2nd Vice-President* or *Director of Entertainment* for a while now, and these positions will have to be filled also. For nominations (for yourself or someone else) please contact our secretary Claude Tièche (Tel. 416-840-5920, claudie@tieche.com), or contact me directly by email: renewalti@yahoo.ca. Nominations may also be brought forward from the floor during the meeting.

The two positions for *Delegates to the Council of the Swiss Abroad* are also becoming vacant, since the 4-year term for Vreni Tobler-Ducommun and myself are up. We have two candidates who are willing to take over: Ernst Notz (Toronto), and Kati Lyon-Villiger (Ottawa).

Please mark your calendar for the 20th of February. As we enter into the 91st year of our Club, I hope that a large number of our members will be able to make it to our AGM and participate in shaping the future of this vital organization for the Swiss community. For more details please see the front page of the newsletter.

*René Wälti
President*

Our next Theatre: "Miini Luscht, diin Fruscht" Schwank in 3 Akten von Hans Wälti



Mark your calendar now!
April 18, 2009, at 2 PM and 8 PM
Look for details in the next *Tell Tale*.

Please submit your articles for next *Tell Tale*
by March 15, 2009.

Heidy Lawrance • Tell Tale Editor



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MEN'S SECTION

Past Events

We had a good turnout at the **Swiss Movie Evening** in November, and we want to thank the Women's Section for supplying the movie as well as all those delicious cakes and other goodies.

This year we had our **Christmas Dinner** at the **Bistro Bisou** in North York and we all enjoyed a very nice evening. Thank you Hans-Ueli for the treats.

Upcoming Events

On **Thursday, January 15th, 2008** starting at about 6:45 P.M., we will have our **Annual General Meeting** also at **Bistro Bisou**, 2255 Sheppard Ave. East, where we had our Christmas dinner. The AGM dinner is free for Men's Section members.

On **Saturday, January 31st**, don't forget the **Fondue Night** of the **Amicale Romande**, see notice elsewhere in this *Tell Tale*.

On **Friday February 20th**, we will join the **Swiss Club Toronto** at their AGM, also at the **Bistro Bisou**, see separate notice in this *Tell Tale* issue.

On **Thursday, March 19th, 2009**, we will plan to have our yearly **Dinner** at the **Siegfried's Dining Lounge**, at the **George Brown Culinary Arts Academy**, on 300 Adelaide St. East, just west of Sherbourne St. As this is a school, and the students have classes early the next morning, we will be asked to **please be there at 6:00 P.M.** for the cash bar. The dinner will then be served at 6:30 P.M. As in past years, I am sure we will again be served an excellent meal.

Please call me or e-mail me 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, thanks.

Memorable Birthdays

Werner Joller will be 55 on March 14

Many happy returns and good health to you !

The old believe everything, the middle-aged suspect everything, the young know everything.

— Oscar Wilde

As this is the first Tell Tale of the year , I would like to wish you all a very happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Arno Sigrist

Women's Section

PAST EVENTS

November 20 / Movie Night

What a nice movie, would have liked to have seen more people, the highlight was coffee & cake after the show. Thank you to all the ladies who supplied the goodies.

December 4 / Christmas Luncheon at Toulas Restaurant

We were on the 38th floor, overlooking the city and the lake enjoying a nice meal. It was a good group, and it was nice to have Michèle Ryff join us.

December 6 & 7 / Christmas Around the World

Was very successful. A heartfelt thank you to all the members who donated so generously to our sale of baked goods, etc. for the Christmas Around the World bazaar at the Toronto City Hall. We truly appreciate your contributions and your valuable time spent on this yearly project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Michèle Ryff has kindly invited our members to her and Consul General Bruno Ryff's home for the **January 28 Kaffeeklatsch**. 437 The Kingsway from 2-4 P.M. Please phone Josie Fischer or Paula Rico if you plan to attend.

February 12 / AGM Delta Chelsea at 33 Gerrard Street. Details to follow.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Erika Tieche will be 65 on January 6.

Ruth Rieder will be 75 on February 7.

Michele Ryff will be 50 on February 7.

Regula Koechli will be 65 on March 19.

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Arlette Adam and Anna Hirsbrunner

*Best wishes for 2009
Enjoy every day and keep healthy
See you all soon,
Sincerely
Paula Rico*



**KEEP INFORMED – VISIT OUR WEBSITE
REGULARLY! www.swissclubtoronto.ca
for updates to our events and photos
from previous events.**

JASS SECTION

11th ANNUAL SAUJASS OPEN HOUSE for all JASS PLAYERS



The Jass Section of the Swiss Club Toronto is organizing another traditional fun filled Saujass on:

**Sunday afternoon
January 25, 2009
Starting at 1:00 P.M. sharp
Ending approximately 6:00 P.M.**

As last year, we will play in the party room at "The Arboretum" located at 1903 Pilgrims Way in Oakville. It is close to the intersection of Upper Middle Road West and Dorval Drive, approximately 1 km north of the QEW.

This event is open to all Jass Players (members and non-members of the Swiss Club Toronto). We will accommodate players who favour German and/or French playing cards. We will play the standard "Schieber Jass" with a maximum of 157 points per game, except for a "match" which counts for additional 100 points. Only Trump, Top Down or Bottom Up, no Wys or other multipliers are allowed. We will play a total of 56 games.

PLEASE SIGN UP AND GET YOUR NAME ON THE LIST! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

The cost of the tournament is \$30 per player and is payable in advance. Included in this price are dinner (Bavarian Feast Buffet) and dessert as well as soft drinks, coffee and tea. It also covers the cost of many prizes such as smoked meat from "Landjäger" to Ham and Salami and all kinds of other goodies. During the afternoon you will be able to purchase red wine and beer.

For more information and to sign up please call Albert Lenz at (416) 332-3218 or evenings at (905) 513 1825.

Albert Lenz, Chairman



Ho Ho Ho

This year Santa Claus visited us on November 30th at the Leaside Towers Recreation Centre. 21 pairs of young eyes watched in anticipation for his arrival, and when he finally made his entrance with a jolly HoHoHo, everyone sat down on the floor around him. Santa was first reading a story; then one by one the kids walked up to him, some reciting a poem, others timidly singing a song, but each being rewarded with a bag of nuts, tangerines, chocolates and Bärlı Biber (gingerbread with marzipan).

Parents and grand parents equally enjoyed the afternoon, especially since Jörg Roth prepared delicious barley soup, scrumptuous quiche, hot dogs and other goodies. Thanks go to Hansueli Herzig for donating Kägi Fret chocolate bars.

René Wälti



SWISS CARNIVAL BAND (GUGGEMUSIG)

33rd Anniversary in 2009

We are a Swiss Style Fasnachts Clique in Toronto

OUR WINTER MAIN EVENTS THIS YEAR ARE:

The Morgestraich starting at 6 A.M., Saturday, February 28/09.

The Carnival Dance starting at 7 P.M., Saturday, March 7/09.

*Come and join us at either or both events and have a wonderful time.
Wear a costume at the dance and you could win a prize for best costume!*

THE MUSKET RESTAURANT & BANQUET HALL

40 Advance Road, Etobicoke

For more information, visit our website: www.canadysli.com or call.

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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 20th day of February, 2009 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 by February 19 to: René Wälti, 49 Treeland Way, Toronto, ON M3M 3H7