

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

**Originally planned for April 24, now postponed
due to the Coronavirus outbreak.**

**Please note all events are tentative and will be
announced on our website www.swissclubtoronto.ca,
facebook.com/swissclubtoronto, by e-mail and
regular mail. Or call 647-873-4450 for updates.**

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, Scott 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. Call to order and start of meeting
with the following Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests Thomas Guignard
2. Introduction of the Board Members Thomas Guignard
3. Minutes of the 2019 General Meeting. Heidi Lawrance
4. Swiss Citizen of the Year Award René Wälti
5. President's Report Thomas Guignard
6. Consolidated Financial Statement for 2019. Augustin Werner
7. Membership Report. Nadia Berger
8. Council of the Swiss Abroad Report. Florence Pasche Guignard
9. Elections Arno Sigrist
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment

Please make sure that you have registered yourself at the front desk.

SWISS SOCIALS!

Come on out to our Swiss Socials! Every last Thursday of the month, join us at the **Duke of York at 39 Prince Arthur Avenue, Toronto** for some drinks and good company! Meet and mingle with the Swiss community in Toronto. To RSVP, please check our Facebook site or email us at info@swissclubtoronto.ca. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3, 2020

THEATRE PERFORMANCE

For more information please see page 4.

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020
WINE AND LAVENDER TOUR**

Niagara, Ont

JULY 26, 2020

THE SWISS NATIONAL DAY

Hansa Haus, Mississauga



WOODBINE RACETRACK AND CASINO

May 29, 2020

555 Rexdale Blvd, Toronto

Swiss club members \$45
non members \$55

To book please contact
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***This event is open to all
Swiss Club members.***

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The President's File

Dear members and friends of the Swiss Club,

As we were putting this issue of *Tell Tale* together, we were following the rapidly evolving news regarding the spread of the COVID19 coronavirus and the measures being put in place to slow its spread. This time more than others, I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health and staying safe.

In light of the recent developments, the Board made the decision to postpone our Annual General Meeting, which was initially scheduled for April 24. We hope to be able to hold it later this spring and will inform all members with due notice when we have a new date. Other events that were initially planned for March and April have been cancelled too, and we will keep monitoring the situation regarding future events, please be sure to check our website and social media for updates, or get in touch with me or any of the board members. You can find our contact information on this page.

Now for a look back at some of our recent events. On January 25, the Amicale Romande regaled us with another delicious Fondue evening. Judging by the smiles we can see on the photos of the event (see them in this issue of *Tell Tale*), attendees had a good time and enjoyed their meal with friends and family! Thank you to all the Amicale volunteers who once again made this event a success.

On March 7, the Canadysli held their annual dinner and dance for the 44th time. Carnival celebrations were suspended in Basel and other Swiss cities this year, but here in Toronto, we were still able to celebrate the season with music, food and good company!

The Theatre Group has been busy rehearsing and putting up another fun show together for us this year. We are looking forward to their performances. As of now, they are scheduled to perform on May 3rd at the Latvian Cultural Centre. Invite your friends and get ready for a fun afternoon, but please check on our website first for any date change.

Looking ahead, join us on May 29 at the Woodbine Racetrack for a day at the races. Or why not take in the summertime with a visit to a lavender farm in Niagara on July 11? Meanwhile, the Men's section is planning a visit to the Honda factory on May 20. Swiss Socials continue every month, with the next dates currently planned being May 28. And of course, we are again planning to host a Swiss National Day celebration on July 26 at the Hansa Haus. Details for these and all our upcoming events are in the *Tell Tale*, our website and social media.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy spring.

Thomas Guignard, President

Elections

Over the last 101 years, the Swiss Club Toronto has provided a sense of community for Swiss Club Toronto members in Toronto and beyond. We have lots of room to grow, and are looking for members who'd like get involved! Have you been thinking about doing more with the Swiss Club but weren't sure how? *This year, we are looking for new members to join our Board. Roles available are: President, Vice President, and Secretary.*

The main role of the **President** is to promote the Swiss Club's purpose to further cultural and social life within the Swiss community, promote the Swiss community within Toronto, and to maintain and create connections with other cultural and community organizations to further the reach and sustainability of the Club.

The **Vice President** works closely with the President to promote the Swiss Club, providing additional support at Swiss Club and community events to further the reach and sustainability of the Club. The Vice President will also support in member outreach, and represent the President when unavailable.

The main role of the **Secretary** is to ensure that the records of the Club are kept up to date and having a clear understanding of the By-Laws, as well as attendance at Club board meetings.

Curious to learn more? Email us for more information at: info@swissclubtoronto.ca. Elections for these roles will be held at our Annual General Meeting.

Men's Section

Come and join us **every Monday morning** from about **10:15 AM till Noon** for hot chocolate, or coffee at **The Lindt Chocolate Store**, near the north/west entrance, inside the Bayview Village Shopping Centre, Bayview at Sheppard. (Free indoor parking, by Loblaws).

PAST EVENTS

On **Thursday, January 16th, 2020** we had a pleasant Lunch followed by our **Annual General Meeting**, at the **St. Georges Golf & Country Club**. The lunch and drinks were free for members of the Men's Section.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For March, I tried to arrange a **Honda Factory Tour** in Alliston, (Dieter Schaffner's suggestion), but all tours are booked till May. I therefore arranged this Tour for **Wednesday, May 20th**. The cost to rent a School bus was quite high, so we will arrange carpooling. I will check with all of you closer to the date, as to who would like a ride. We will have to be at the plant no later than 12:30h. More details will follow later.

The **Swiss Club AGM** at the Chelsea Hotel has been postponed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

On **Sunday May 3rd**, join us for the **Swiss Theatre Performance** at the Latvian Cultural Centre in North York. See notice elsewhere in this *Tell Tale*.

On **May 20th**, see above re: **Honda Factory Tour**.

On **June 20th**, starting at 1 PM, will be our annual **BBQ at the Egger Dairy Farm** in Milton. **Note:** In case of rain we will be indoors in the large Barn, so *come in any weather*.

This Men's Section event is open to all Swiss Club Members and their friends.

We will supply (sell) sausages with buns, potato salad and condiments, including coffee. Please bring your own drinks of any kind. There are usually various donated desserts available, 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! (In case the Coronavirus situation continues, this event may be cancelled). I will advise on this later.

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 7 days prior to any of the events, to let me know **if you can come**, but also **if you cannot come**, thanks.

MEMORABLE BIRTHDAYS

Albert Huwiler will be 85 on March 14

Peter Felder will be 80 on April 30

René Schudel will be 80 on June 9

Many happy returns and good health to you all!

Arno Sigrist

Fondue de l'Amicale Romande 2020



COUNCIL OF THE SWISS ABROAD Representative

Our current delegate to the Council of the Swiss Abroad, Florence Pasche Guignard, has recently moved to Quebec City for a new job. While she has offered to remain the official delegate until the end of her mandate, in 2021, she would be happy to step down immediately and be replaced by anyone interested in this position, as she will likely not be able to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Council in the summer of 2020 due to professional constraints. If anyone is interested in becoming the new delegate to the Council of the Swiss Abroad, representing Swiss citizens in Ontario and central Canada and affiliated with the Swiss Club Toronto, either now or in 2021, please contact her directly by e-mailing aso_delegate@fpg.bio for more information.

Feel free to ask thomas.guignard@swissclubtoronto.ca if you are interested and would like to know more about these rewarding positions.

Women's Section

I hope everybody transitioned to a happy and healthy 2020. Spring is around the corner and we have several events coming up this year. Please check this *Tell Tale* for announcements.

PAST EVENTS

Christmas Luncheon at St. Georges Golf & Country Club
Theatre at Bloor West Playhouse

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29: Lunch at the Woodbine Racetrack.

July 11: Wine and lavender tour to the Niagara region.

Ongoing • Kaffee-Klatsch First Wednesday of the month we gather at Baka's Cafe Gallery, 2256 Bloor Street West and on the last Wednesday at the Pickle Barrel on Leslie, above Finch.

Enjoy every day and keep well.
Your Chairperson, *Paula Ricco*

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**Wine and Lavender
in Niagara
Saturday, July 11th, 2020**

Enjoy a day away in the Niagara region on this lovely summertime tour. We'll visit the delightful Neob Lavender Farm in Niagara-on-the-Lake, where you can roam the in-bloom lavender field, tour the aromatic Green House, experience the Boutique ... and enjoy a complimentary lavender shortbread and lavender sparkling water. Everyone receives a \$2.00 gift card here as well! Then we're off to Chippawa/Niagara Falls to enjoy a Luncheon of Choice at popular Betty's Restaurant. After lunch we'll drive by the Falls, then via the lovely Parkway as it follows the Niagara River up to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Enjoy a visit to the Pillitteri Estate Winery here for samples and shopping before motoring home.

**SWISS CLUB MEMBERS \$85
NON MEMBERS \$94**

Cost includes motorcoach transportation, farm admission, lunch, all taxes and meal tip.

Motorcoach Pickups	Departs	Returns
Cedar Heights Plaza (Markham/Lawrence)	7:30 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
York Mills/Yonge St.	8:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Islington Subway	8:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Trafalgar Village, Oakville	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.

Contact Paula Rico 416-652-9067

This event is open to all Swiss club members.

Swiss Theater Group Toronto präsentiert

In Himmel wänd alli

Lustspiel in drei Akten von Andreas Kessner

Dialektbearbeitung: Fritz Klein

Personen:

Thomas Rohr	Franz Zuber	Gemeindepräsident
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POSTPONED

Ort der Handlung: Wohnstube

Vorstellung: Sonntag, 3. Mai, 2020
2 Uhr Nachmittags

TORONTO LATVIAN CENTER
4 Credit Union Dr. North York

Preise: Mitglieder: \$15.00 • Nichtmitglieder: \$20.00
Jugendliche: \$10.00 (Kinder gratis)

Ein Imbiss ist ab 12 Uhr 30 bereit.

Billette Vorbestellungen bei:

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**Farewell Dear friends of the
Swiss Club Toronto.**

As some of you already know, we decided a while ago that it was time for us to go back to our roots and our families and therefore move back to Switzerland. By the time you are reading this, we have moved and more or less settled in the old country.



The decision was, of course, not an easy one. In the over 23 years we have been living in Canada, we made so many friends and enjoyed living the Canadian life. But we noticed over the last few years that we were becoming more and more 'homesick' and wanted to be closer to our families again as both we and our families are not getting any younger (who is?) Also we wanted a change again and a new challenge in our lives. These are the main reasons for our decision. Our time with the Swiss Club Toronto—me as president for six years (2012–2018) and Denise first as membership chairperson and then later as director of entertainment—were

very interesting and a great learning experience. But most of all, it has been a pleasure and honor holding these positions and serving the Swiss Community in the Greater Toronto Area. With this we wanted to thank you all for the trust you put in us and the great memories we had together and hope to stay in touch with you via Facebook, e-mail, WhatsApp, Smoke signal.

All the best,
Your Swiss friends
Sascha & Denise

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