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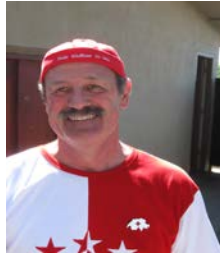
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Presidents Message

By Kurt Clausen



Dear Members,

Our first event of the year, the Jass Party and Fondue Dinner, was a great success with a record number of guests in attendance. Thank you very much to Fondue Chef Arnold Ambiel and his hardworking crew for the delicious dinner, and to everyone who assisted with the Jass Party. It is great to see the increasing popularity of this event.

Our next event will be the Folklore Night on April 9th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The winner of last issue's Swiss Trivia Contest was Kathi Mathys. The correct answer was: "Ulrich Wille". Congratulations, Kathi!

This issue's question is, "Who is the new soccer FIFA president, and which Swiss town is he from?"

Please contact me by phone at (650) 996-0151 or by e-mail at kcswiss@earthlink.net with your answer for a chance to win a \$25.00 gift certificate redeemable at the Swiss Park Bar and Grill. Viel Gluck!

I look forward to a great turn-out at the upcoming Folklore Dinner. See you there!

E schöne!

Swiss Park Newark St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance March 13, 2016

Corned Beef & Cabbage 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Dance from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
(see flyer inside newsletter)



Folklore Dinner

April 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
(see flyer inside newsletter)

Swiss Benevolent Society of San Francisco

April 17, 2016 - Spring Dance
Spring Dance at Swiss Park, Newark



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
at Swiss Park
Please save the date!



New Facebook Page for the Aelpler
Gruppe Swiss Club

www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Fondue Dinner & Jass Party

The Annual Event was held on Sunday, February 21, 2016. There were 36 Jass players having a grand time. Thank you to Margrith Reichmuth for organizing the event. Thank you to Heidi Ambiel for donating the snacks for the Jassers. The Jass Koenigin was Viviane Schaller and the Jass Koenig was Joe Marty.

While the Jass games were heating up, the volunteers in the kitchen were busy preparing for another great tasting Fondue dinner.

We express our thanks to the hard working crew of Arnold, Suzanne & Peter Ambiel, Ann Crevelt, Lynnette McDonald, Karen Dobbel, John Burky and his friends Brett & Patty Jorgensen, Julien & Caitlin Schaller. Heidi Ambiel prepared the fruit dessert. Greg Ambiel assisted at serving time. Thank you to Marilyn Manchester & Chris Ciardella for organizing the set-up.

Thank you to Jackie Zuger for organizing the Raffle ticket sale. We also extend a big thank you to all who so kindly brought items for the raffle and purchased tickets.



Wonderful crew who prepared fantastic Fondue!



Alois Kaslin celebrating his 88th Birthday.



Jassers enjoying a nice afternoon with friends.



The Hoffman's enjoying their Fondue dinner.

Swiss Internet Radio Stations to Enjoy

Radio Tell <http://www.radiotell.ch/>

Radio Evva <http://www.eviva.ch/>

Radio Rottu <http://www.rro.ch>

New Facebook Page for the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

If you are a facebook member please find our page online, **Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club**, "Like" the page and then share it with all of your Swiss friends. The Swiss community is very active on facebook and will enjoy seeing our club.

There are several albums and videos from last year's Swissfest that you can enjoy.

And remember that the Swiss Park also has a page online at **Swiss Park Bar & Grille**

OBITUARIES

The Aelpler Gruppe Swiss mourns the loss of their members:

Rosmarie Imholz of Fremont
Robert Peter of Half Moon Bay
Joan Kessler of Lodi

Our deepest condolences to the families of our departed members.

Robert (Bob) Peter



Bob Peter, a longtime costal resident, passed away on February 4, 2016. He was born in Rutschwil, Switzerland in 1939. His death was preceded by his parents Jacob and Freda Peter, sister Frieda Iseli, and brother Adrian Peter, all of Switzerland.

In December 1960, Bob and his best friend decided to see the world and immigrated to the United States. They joined the Ramp family in Atherton. In 1969, he married his beloved wife, Margaret. Soon after they moved to beautiful Half Moon Bay and started a family and a small farm. Bob is survived by his wife Margaret and son Robert, both of Half Moon Bay, and daughter Kristen (Peter) Andersen, son-in-law Eric Andersen, and grandchildren Kiley and Jake Andersen all of Sebastopol.

Bob worked in the Redwood City area as a steel fabricator for many years and eventually started B&R Welding with his son Robert and wife Margaret. They operated the business together until Bob's health forced them to scale down, move operations to Half Moon Bay, and eventually close the business. He always had a passion for livestock and operated a small farm at their home in Purisima Canyon. Bob was also an avid antique engine and tractor collector and restorer. He and Robert worked together to restore many beautiful pieces. He was a member of the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association and enjoyed sharing his love for these treasures with others. He was also an active member of the Swiss society.

Memorial Fund Donations In memory of Robert Peter

Heidi Ambiel
Leo & Charlene Ott
Kurt & Linda Clausen
The Franke Family

Memorial Fund Donations

The Swiss Club received grateful donations to its Memorial Fund in memory of our members who departed this life.

In memory of Rosmarie Imholz

Kurt & Linda Clausen
The Franke Family
Agnes Reed Kathy Koller
Joan Fragus Agnes Duffner
David & Margrith Reichmuth
Mary & Bob Montonye
Heidi Ambiel
Gery & Rosemary Wagner
Maria & Ernst Hofmann
Berenice Sethy
Rosemary Ramsell

Rosmarie Imholz

Rosmarie was born on January 11, 1926 in Netstal Glarus, Switzerland. She became a Swiss licensed pediatric nurse, working in Switzerland and later immigrating to the USA in 1954. She was one of the founding groups of parents of the Dawn School for special needs children and adults. She was also busy with the Special Olympics in Fremont, California. Rosmarie was an active member of Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club along with husband, Thomas Imholz, for many years.



Rosmarie is survived by daughter, Kathi Mathys (husband Rene), son, Thomas Imholz (Linda), son, Alex Imholz (Debbie), granddaughters, Nicole Basque, Paris Imholz, and Alexis Imholz. Rosmarie also has a great-grandson, Wyatt Basque. Rosmarie was preceded in death by her husband Thomas J. Imholz and daughter, Heidi Imholz.

Rosmarie passed away on December 30, 2015.

Photo of Rosmarie & Tom, July 17, 1957.



San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club members who recently passed:

Edward (Ed) Kaslin, Jr.

April 10, 1931 - February 20, 2016

Frank Louis Aufermaur, Sr.

March 12, 1932 - February 12, 2016

2016 West Coast Schwingfest Schedule

April 2 – Imperial Valley Swiss Club, Holtville

June 4 – San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club,
Ripon, CA
Contact: Don Widmer 209-982-1512

June 18 – San Diego Swiss Club, San Diego
Contact: Tony Odermatt 619-507-9754

June 25 – Swiss Sportsmen's Club of Tacoma,
Bonney Lake, WA
Contact: Earl Gratzler 253-875-9679

July 1-3 – Lewis Pacific Swiss Club,
Frances, WA
Contact: Werner Blaser, 360-748-4887

July 16 - Sierra Swiss Club, Truckee, CA
Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

August 6 – Portland Swiss Club, Portland, OR
Contact: Joanne Odermott 503-640-9675

August 12-14 – Swiss Sportsmen's Club of Tacoma,
Bonney Lake, WA
Contact: Earl Gratzler 253-875-9679

September 3 – San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club,
Ripon, CA
Contact: Don Widmer 209-982-1512

September 10 - Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, Newark
Contact: Kurt Clausen, 650-996-0151

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association

www.westcoastswiss.homestead.com

Swiss Consulate General

456 Montgomery Street, Suite 1500
San Francisco, CA 94104-1233
Phone: 415-788-2272

United Swiss Societies

Diane Wagner, President 510-582-0698



Swiss Singing Society of San Francisco

Jackie Zuger, President 415-897-9504
April 24 - Spring Luncheon & Concert at Basque
Cultural Center, So. San Francisco

Aelpler Gruppe 2016 Calendar of Events

April 9 – Folklore Dinner 6:00 p.m.

May 1 – Sunday – Semi-Annual Meeting 2:00 p.m.

June 12 - Swiss Kids Camp – United Swiss Society

Aug 6 – United Swiss Societies, Swiss National Day

Sept 10 – Fall Schwingfest

Oct 29 – Metzgete Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Nov 6 – Sunday - Annual Member's Meeting 2:00
p.m.

Dec 3 – Member's Annual Christmas Dinner 6:00
p.m.

Dec 31 – New Year's Eve Gala Event

Swiss Park Newark 2016 Calendar of Events

March 13 – St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance

Sept 24 – Oktoberfest

SJVSC, Ripon 2016 Calendar of Events

www.sjvscriponswiss.com

Frank Zumbach, President 209-599-7743

March 20 – Spring Jass Party

April 16 – Swiss Echoes Spring Concert & Dance

May 14 – Clean Up Day

June 4 – Spring Schwingfest

July 30 – Members BBQ/Buebe Schwingfest

Sept 3 – Fall Schwingfest

Oct 1 – Oktoberfest

Oct 15 – Swiss Echoes Fall Concert

Nov 13 – Fall Jass Party

Dec 4 – Swiss Echoes Christmas Dinner

Dec 11 – Children's Christmas Party

Dec 14 – Annual General Meeting

Peninsula Swiss Club

Contact: Sandra Scanferla-Eidam 408-348-6911
sandra.scanferla@gmail.com

Sierra Swiss Club Calendar

Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

Swiss Rifle Club Events

Contact John Burky at 510-996-8789

More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com

And www.feldschiessen.us

March 19 – Swiss Rifle

April 23 – Swiss Rifle

May 28 – Swiss Rifle

Jun 25-26 – Swiss Rifle (Schuetzenfest weekend)

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

at

Swiss Park Bar & Grille

5911 Mowry Avenue

Newark, CA 94560



Sunday, March 13, 2016



Corned Beef and Cabbage

Served 4:00 to 6:00 pm



Dance from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Dinner and Dance: \$ 23.00 per person

(To assure dinner availability, send prepaid reservation by March 9th \$12.00)

Dance only admission: \$ 11.00 per person

Dinner & Dance tickets will be sold at the door @ \$25.00. Dinners as available

Prepaid reservations Dinner & Dance \$23.00 by March 9, 2016
Make check payable to Swiss Park and mail reservation form to:
Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark, CA 94560
Information call 510 793-6272, 510 793-0983 or www.swissparknewark.com

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NAME _____

Prepaid reservations by 3/9/2016 @ \$23 each = \$_____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

Tickets will be held at the door. Reservations will be confirmed

Wrestlers going to Switzerland this Summer

Congratulations to Frank Kaech, Andrew Betschart, Logan Schallberger and Zack Schallberger for being chosen for the Eidgenössisches Schwingfest in Switzerland.



If you love to sing, the Swiss Singing Society of San Francisco would love to add your voice to the chorus. Rehearsals under the direction of Steven J. Meyer are held in San Francisco every Thursday from 8-9:30 pm. We are actively recruiting new Members in anticipation of next year's Saengerfest to be hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Swiss Echoes. For more information please contact Margrith Reichmuth at marfeb01@aol.com or by calling (510) 792-4572.



Social Membership Dues

Please take a moment and write your check payable to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club in the amount of \$30.00 and mail it to 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560. Thank you to the many Social Members who already have renewed their membership for 2016



Whom to contact when a Swiss Club member is deceased: The Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club sends out notices of pending services when a member dies. Please contact Mariette Franke, Corresponding Secretary at 408-988-4351 or e-mail her at mariette2086@gmail.com

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Enjoy New Hampshire's White Mountains, venture into Maine to see historical Brunswick and Bal Harbor's lovely seashore, where you can test your adventurous spirit by sailing on a schooner. The final day will be in Acadia National Park. The tour includes 26 meals with daily breakfasts, cost per person, shared double: \$5,490 single: \$6,975 triple: \$5,050 based on 2015 rates. The 2016 cost will be announced shortly.

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Swiss Folklore Night



Celebrating the past, present and future

Honoring the Marchy Families

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Come and enjoy good food, great music and much more!

at

Newark Swiss Park

5911 Mowry Ave, Newark, CA 94560

Sponsored by Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Bratwurst dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Children 6-12 years: \$5.00 5 years and younger: Free

Program after Dinner

Dancing to the Mitchell Gander - Ron Scheiber Orchestra

Please make your reservations no later than March 28, 2016 by:

- Mail, using the attachment below
- E-mail to: mariette2086@gmail.com
- Calling Mariette Franke at: 408-988-4351

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

How many adults: _____ at \$18.00 Names: _____

Children age 6-12: _____ at \$ 5.00 Names: _____

Children 5 & under: _____ Free Names: _____

Make check payable to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Mail to: Mariette Franke, 407 Greenwood Drive, Santa Clara, CA 95054-2134

Motel next to Swiss Park: Comfort Inn 510-795-7995 (ask for Swiss Park rates)

Aelpler Gruppe Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at
Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at
Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors

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