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Local Communications

MELBOURNE

SWISS CLUB OF VICTORIA

89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne
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Roman Sigel, together with family, has departed to Perth to take up a new position with his company. On behalf of the Committee and members I thank Roman for an excellent contribution to the Club. We will miss the unique speeches and the endless supply of verses of Swiss songs, presented usually late at night with friends at the Club. No doubt we will see Roman from time to time at the Club during his visits to Melbourne.

As have most clubs and restaurants in Melbourne, we experienced a rather difficult trading year at the Club with a loss incurred in the restaurant due to a downturn in patronage. In considering ways and means to improve our current situation, the Committee decided that rather than continue with the current employment of a manager and staff and its inherent problems, e.g., slow decision making process, communication problems, etc., a Gerant (Lessee) should be appointed to run the restaurant. The position was duly advertised in the press and the Newsletter and a number of very good applications were received.

I am pleased to announce that Peter Kaegi was the successful applicant and has commenced operating as a Gerant (Lessee) at the Club at the beginning of February. May I ask all our members to support Peter Kaegi by visiting the Club as frequently as possible.

At this point we must not forget the years of loyal and dedicated service rendered by Toni and Yvonne Erb; also the understanding and co-operation during the rather difficult last few months when tough cost saving measures had to be implemented. On behalf of the Committee and members I wish to thank Toni and Yvonne sincerely and wish them well in the future.

Walter Purtschert
Acting President

SOCIAL CALENDAR 1985

April

Sat., 13/4/85, Fastnacht (Carnival, Fancy Dress).

May

Sat., 4/5/85, Sauser Abend.
Sun., 12/5/85, Mother's Day Luncheon.
Wed., 15/5/85, Ladies' Luncheon.

June

Sat., 1/6/85, Unterhaltungs Abend (Dance Group).
Sat., 8/6/85, Jass Competition No. 1.
Sat., 29/6/85, Metzgete No. 1.

July

Sat., 20/7/85, Jass Competition No. 2.

August

Thur., 1/8/85, 1st August Celebration "Club".
Fri., 2/8/85, National Day Celebration, Moorabbin Town Hall.
Sun., 4/8/85, 1st August Picnic
Wed., 14/8/85, Ladies' Luncheon.
Sat., 17/8/85, Jass Competition No. 3.
Sat., 31/8/85, Metzgete No. 2.

September

Sat., 14/9/85, Jass Competition Final.
Sun., 15/9/85, Golf Tournament and Croquet.
Sat., 21/9/85, Bunter Abend, Jodlers.

October

Sun., 6/10/85, Car Rally.
Fri., 25/10/85, Oktoberfest.
Sat., 26/10/85, Oktoberfest.
Sun., 27/10/85, Oktoberfest.

November

Mon., 4/11/85, Melbourne Cup Eve Celebration.
Thur., 10/11/85, Oktoberfest Helpers' Party.
Wed., 20/11/85, Ladies' Luncheon.
Sun., 24/11/85, Gruempelturnier.

December

Sun., 8/12/85, Children's Christmas Party.
Wed., 25/12/85, Christmas Luncheon.
Tues., 31/12/85, Silvester — New Year's Eve Party.

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Then **do** something about it! Bring them to Swiss School every second Saturday morning and also meet a group of families trying to tackle similar problems (at least some of the parents will appreciate your vocabulary!).

We would like to extend a very welcome to our new teacher, Antoinette Oswald, who is joining us this term. Remaining dates for the first term are:

13th April

27th April

For further information please contact Carole Sunderland (836 8368).

Oder möchten Sie Ihren Kindern zu Hause Schwiizerdütsch und Schweizer Traditionen lehren?

Im "Schwiizerdütsch" finden Sie auf 4 Seiten Anregungen dazu.

Zu beziehen durch Angelika Fischer (439 5340).

Ladies' Luncheon

At the Swiss Club of Victoria

89 Flinders Lane

Phone 63 1196 for bookings.

15th May, 12.30 p.m. — "The Beginnings of Swiss Settlement in Victoria 145 Years Ago".

Speaker: Ms. Susann Wegmann.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Delacretaz received his third Export Award presented to him by the Honourable Minister of Trade, Lionel Bowen. John's company, Va-Vite Manufacturing Co., has exported over 7 million wool dusters. A truly outstanding achievement.

The award program is conducted by the Department of Trade and the Confederation of Australian Industry.

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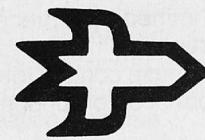
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Correspondence: G.P.O. Box 3713 Sydney 2001.

Schweizer Volkstanz-Gruppe (Swiss Folk Dance Group)

At the recent annual Gala Ball Hans & Marianne Eberhardt, recent arrivals here in Sydney, won the special National Costume dance with a pleasing and convincing dancing performance which drew the acclaim of audience and judges.

Hans works for a large Swiss food company and mentioned that at his previous posting abroad he had been coaching a group of interested Swiss friends as a folk dance group. Hans and Marianne would be very happy to start a similar group here in Sydney. It would require about six to eight pairs/couples to make it a feasible proposition. Weekly practice sessions of about 1½ hours duration could achieve the necessary standard for public performances at some future functions. The Concordia Club's large hall could be made available on Thursday evenings, the smaller upstairs lounge on Mondays.



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Mit Vertretung in der Schweiz

Hans Eberhardt would be pleased to receive any phone calls at home on 44 4604 to discuss with interested people mutually suitable times and possible other suggestions for practice venues, depending on mutually acceptable times.

The Club Committee supports the formation of such a Folk Dance Group, and the President, Armin Roth, can be contacted also (669 1749).

COMING EVENTS

Until Mid April 1985

17th April (Wednesday)

Preis Jassen, please notice it is on a WEDNESDAY, not MONDAY.

For further information please refer to the NEWS immediately preceding the date in question.

SENIORS please contact Ida Gugger for more information on phone number 519 1103.

CARDPLAYERS — see the 17th April is a WEDNESDAY.

SWISS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY — NEW CHALLENGES

Many a Swiss in our Consular District may wonder whether our Society is some type of a Swiss "Armenverein" and — admittedly the name "Benevolent" is misleading. The Executive Committee during its last meeting has, therefore, decided to correct this mistaken image and to tell you more about our aims. We also wish you to participate in our efforts of Community care. The objects as described in our Constitution are "to give advice and assist any Swiss National in need and to promote a feeling of good fellowship and solidarity". The latter has recently been witnessed during the Swiss Christmas Celebration in the Town Hall where young and old gathered in traditional fashion with a visit of St. Nicolas. Catering and organisation was with the help of the many volunteers from the various Swiss groups — it was a true demonstration of Swiss solidarity.

The Society has also supported individuals financially — it was mostly not a question of being poor, but people in temporary financial need. By far the greatest effort, however, went into assistance of a non-financial nature, be it in counselling, visiting people in need or simply contacts with those who are lonely or wish to talk to a fellow-Swiss. We also keep in touch with some of our Senior Swiss and are particularly interested in their happiness.

As you can see, the word "Benevolent" in our Society's name could well

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Die Australien-Spezialisten
der Schweiz.

Bruno Böckli
Ueli Bächer



SWISS-AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

As a result of an extensive investigation by a special Steering Committee established early last year, a number of Business people decided to establish a Swiss-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The response from Swiss and Australian Companies has been very encouraging and Registration formalities are proceeding. The main objective of the Chamber will be the promotion of Business and Trade between Switzerland and Australia. More specifically, the broad spectrum of tasks will be

- to safeguard Swiss Business interests on the Australian market
- to promote business relations
- to assist small and medium-sized Swiss firms who try to enter the Australian market by giving them information and advice on that market
- vice versa to give the same assistance to Australian firms trying to gain a foothold on the Swiss market.

A close association in relation to these aims will be maintained with the Swiss Embassy in Canberra and the Consulates General in Melbourne and Sydney.

On the occasion of the Inaugural Meeting last October, the following were elected Officers "ad interim" until the First Annual General Meeting of the Chamber:

President: Peter A. Meury
(MEURY ENTERPRISES PTY. LTD.)
Vice-President: Willi Glettig
(KUHN-RIKON AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD.)
Hon. Treasurer: Henry J. Stalder
(UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND)
Hon. Secretary: Leslie Lofthouse
(KUONI TRAVEL PTY. LTD.)

The office of the Chamber will be c/o KUONI TRAVEL PTY. LTD., 39 York St., Sydney 2000.

Any further information may be obtained by writing to The Secretary. More news will follow in the next issue of The Swiss Review.

ADELAIDE

SWISS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

P.O. Box 121
Stepney 5069

The last year closed with several successful fund raising functions, namely:

- (a) participation at Tea Tree Gully Festival

- (b) a very well attended Radio Picnic in Barrytham Park
- (c) a Garage Sale

On 9th December our Christmas party in Tusmore Park in perfect weather delighted dozens of children and their families.

Planned Events:

April or May: Apex Club Swiss Evening (please contact President Claus Maurer with ideas and contributions (Tel. 263 8814).

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Please send your articles for the "Swiss Review" 2/85 as well as any enquiries regarding publicity before 7th May, 1985, to
Consulate General of Switzerland
425 St. Kilda Road
Melbourne, Vic. 3004

As there are usually more contributions than space available, the Consulate General must reserve the right to shorten some articles or delete them altogether.

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