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Editorial

Chères lectrices, Chers lecteurs du Canada

La nouvelle décennie approche à grands pas et les yeux du monde entier se tourneront bientôt vers le Canada à l'occasion des Jeux Olympiques d'hiver.

Quelle belle opportunité pour faire connaître la culture et les traditions de notre pays.



Dear Readers in Canada

A new decade is fast approaching and the eyes of the world will focus on Canada for the winter Olympic Games.

What a great opportunity to promote our culture and traditions.

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2009 is a very active year so far! We had our Annual General meeting on January 23; a fun-filled cross country skiing event, held in the Gatineau Hills, in February; a very successful Swiss German theatre night on April 4; the Montagna Singers' Spring Dinner Dance on April 25; a Swiss stamps exhibition on May 2&3; a Golf tournament on June 14; a couple of significant events done in partnership with the Seaway Valley Swiss Club: a Swiss cultural event on June 25 and the 1st of August celebration.

As representative for the Council of the Swiss Abroad, our Secretary Mrs. Lyon-Villiger attended the Luzern Congress in August. The Seniors continue to have their monthly luncheons, and another section of the OVSC was formed: the Ottawa Swiss Parents Club that hosts play dates and special cultural activities in Ottawa for Swiss children and friends (ages 0-6).

The last months of 2009 are also likely to be busy: the Montagna Singers' Metzgete on October 24; and, finally, the Seniors' Christmas Luncheon, and the Saint Nicholas Party on December 6 at the same venue.

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Mini Golfing: Date to be announced (November)
Location: Gopher's Glow in the Dark Mini Golf, 415 Woodlawn Rd. W., Guelph, ON

Christmas Party: Date to be announced (December)
Location: German Canadian Club, Guelph, Ont.

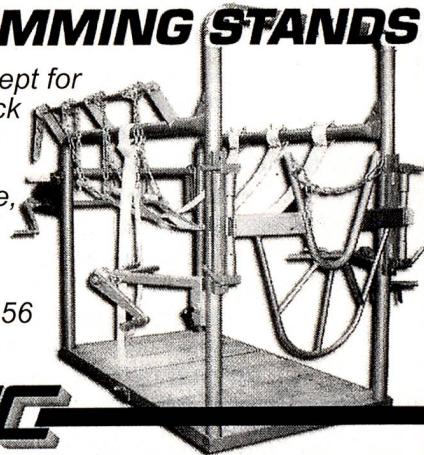
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Montreal Matterhorn Swiss Club

Several of the Matterhorn Club members participated at the 1st of August celebrations at Mont Sutton. Our members helped out in different areas: assisting with the chairlift rides, the games, in the parking lot and at the entrance. We are very pleased to be part of this big event and thank all our volunteers.

On a hot Saturday afternoon

in mid August, about 50 people, members and guests, enjoyed our annual summer picnic on Ile Cadieux. The lovely waterfront location, good company, as well as the grilled sausages, assorted salads and nussgipfel all made for a perfect summer afternoon. We also must mention the short boat rides which also added to our enjoyment. Once again, special thanks go to Ruedi and Raymonde Pfister for hosting this event.

Our next scheduled outing will be in September, where our "Fall Bummel" will be held in Vankleek Hill, Ontario. We are looking forward to seeing the nicely decorated Victorian homes and historic buildings, taking part in some educational tours and sampling some fine local food and beer. Thank you to Vivienne Walz for planning and organizing this event.

A fall meeting and dinner will be held sometime in November. New members are always welcome.

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We resume on a regular basis every 3rd Thursday of the month, January 21, 2010 from 11.00 am to 2 pm for a luncheon & meeting at a Montreal N.D.G. Restaurant.

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05.12.09: St-Nicolas, 13h à Farnham
Informations : Marlis Hüslér, Présidente, 450 293 -4507

Montreal Swiss Women's Club Edelweiss

On Saturday, August 1, the Swiss Women's Club Edelweiss participated in the Swiss National Day celebrations at Mont Sutton. It was a beautiful day, and we had the usual good support from our members. Over 25 ladies, including some friends and family members, worked hard all day at the Chalet, selling food and beverage tickets, tombola tickets, lampions and souvenir items. It was a very enjoyable day and we thank everyone who took part. A few ladies deserve special thanks, and they are the ones who also worked all day Friday helping with the set up, and then worked again on Sunday with the clean up! Your hard work was very much appreciated!

Our next scheduled event will be an apple-picking outing at the Kessler Orchard in Farnham towards the end of September.

An upcoming birthday worth mentioning: one of our life-time members will be celebrating her 100th birthday at the end of August. Congratulations and best wishes to Claire Perret.

Plans for our annual bazaar are well under way and we hope that you all plan to attend. We will be selling all the usual Swiss specialties and handicrafts, as well as have plenty of room to enjoy a glass of wine or beer, coffee and cake, and to sit and chat with friends. Once again, we will have our men-only kitchen, and they will be working hard all day cooking sausages, quiche, etc. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend. As always, profits from this bazaar go to support local charities and Swiss people in need.

Swiss Women's Club Edelweiss Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 7, 2009; 10:00a.m.—3:00 p.m.
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Consulate General of Switzerland *Toronto*

A website for and about the Swiss in Ontario

The province of Ontario is now one ethnic neighbourhood richer, thanks to www.SwissContacts.ca, the Swiss virtual village of Ontario which was officially launched in June.

SwissContacts.ca aims at promoting the image and presence of the Swiss community in Ontario. From immigrant portraits to a complete Swiss calendar of events, from useful addresses of shops and restaurants to historic facts, the site contains all kind of information about past and present activities of the Swiss in Ontario.

About www.SwissContacts.ca

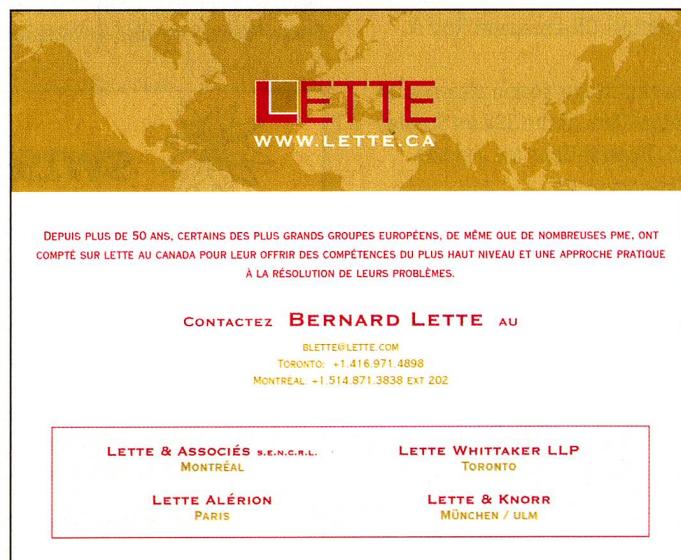
The non-for-profit project was initiated and mainly developed by the Consulate General of Switzerland in Toronto, with the support of Presence Switzerland. Current official partners include Switzerland Tourism, the Swiss Canadian Chamber of Commerce (Ontario) and the Canadian Swiss Cultural Association.

After a successful launch period, the project's creators are now willing to hand over the website to the most concerned people: the Swiss community of Ontario. SwissContacts.ca depends on regular content updates and additions and therefore we are very much hoping for your contribution.

Help us spread the word about the existence of the site, honour a Swiss friend or a relative by writing his or her story in a portrait, provide us with the address of a Swiss restaurant or specialty shop, inform us about a Swiss event that is going to take place in your area. We are open to all kinds of contributions and suggestions for improvement that remain in line with the site purpose.

Are you interested in contributing to the site? Don't hesitate to contact us at SwissContacts@yahoo.com for more information.

SwissContacts.ca is yours. Make a contribution and share it with your friends.



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The 30th Anniversary celebration of our club was a pleasure. Young and old gathered on the farm of the Hug family near Hepburn to enjoy a delicious meal outdoors. We received a letter of recognition from our Premier, Brad Wall, and we felt honored by the presence of Mr. Consul Philippe Crevoisier, who flew in from Toronto to bring us greetings from the Swiss Consulate as well as from the Swiss Embassy. Of course, there was a birthday cake with 30 candles, which the attending children were asked to blow out. The children were put to work again when 30 helium-filled balloons were released all at once after a loud count-down from ten. Thirty fast red and white balloons, representing the past thirty happy years of a club, taking off to cheers of the onlookers: a fitting symbol! The anniversary event was held on August 1, the date of the Swiss National Day. As a blended celebration, the two purposes complemented each other quite nicely.

We are now looking forward to the club's Annual General Meeting, held this year on Sunday, October 18. Because it is the last meeting before winter sets in, the general meeting has always been a favorite event. The business part is kept brief and the assembly therefore becomes a carefree social gathering with the added fun of a great club-wide raffle, as has become tradition.

The Christmas-Santa Claus Party is scheduled for December 4. Please refer to the quarterly club newsletter for details on all events. Also, please visit our new website as indicated above.

Manitoba Swiss Club

Despite the unsettled wet weather we had the whole summer, the PicNics north, east and west were well attended and all had a great time. The August 1st Celebrations were held again at two places, In Gladstone at the Cavat residents for our western club members and in the east at the River Ranch in Beausejour for eastern folks. Both celebrations were very busy and everybody enjoyed all the goodies.

The Shooting Contest was a huge success and we celebrated the youngest "Schuetzenkoenig" along with two veterans:

1. Eric Hausmann, Oscar Buehlmann, Hans Tschupp 31 points
2. John Peterer 30 points
3. Daniel Lobsiger, T. Mueller, Adolf Gut 29 points

Congratulations!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

Christmas Party, Dec. 13, 09

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East, February 14, 2010

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Annual General Meeting, March 21, 2010

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Calgary Swiss Club Matterhorn

The Swiss Club Matterhorn is the umbrella organization for the various affiliated Swiss Clubs in Calgary. For membership information, please contact our president Fränzi Stephen, presidentSCM@swissclubscalgary.com; Tel. (403) 236-8744

For details on our activities, please visit our website at www.swissclubscalgary.com or contact one of our executive or specific clubs listed on the website: www.revue.ch.

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Swiss Society

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November 20, 2009 (updated date): Fondue Night at the Richie Hall

December 13, 2009 (updated date): Samichlaus at the Richie Hall

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Swiss Society of Vancouver

Planning of the 27th Pacific Coast Swiss Singing & Yodeling Festival June 23-26, 2011 in Vancouver continues. Should you be interested in more information and how you can get involved, visit the Festival Website www.Saengerfest2011.info or contact OK-President Rolf A. Brulhart: rbrulhart@hotmail.com.

October 2009 to Spring 2010: Filmnachmittage/Movie afternoons for Seniors and ... organized by the Seniors Club of the SSV on Sunday afternoons at the Vancouver Alpen Club. Reservations are a must! Reservations, infos, location: www.swiss-society.ca

November 15, 2009: Jass Tournament of the Swiss Society of Vancouver and the Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association Infos: www.swiss-society.ca or contact Marcel at mmueller1@shaw.ca

December 5, 2009: Annual Christmas Luncheon of the SSV with Christmas Concert of the Vancouver Swiss Choir. For all members. Location: Holiday Inn, North Vancouver. Time: 11 am.

Reservations, tickets and other details: www.swiss-society.ca

December 6, 2009: Benefit Concert of the Vancouver Swiss Choir together with other German Choirs for the German Canadian Care Home in Vancouver. Vancouver Alpen Club, 2 pm.

For details: www.swiss-society.ca or www.vancouveralpenclub.ca

December 17, 2009: Festival of Lights, VanDusen Botanical Garden. The performance of the Vancouver Swiss Choir starts at 7:30 pm for about thirty minutes. Details: please visit the website of the SSV www.swiss-society.ca or vancouver.ca/PARKS/parks/vandusen or call 604-710-7653

December 20, 2009: Waldweihnacht organized by the Outdoor Club der SSV in Mt. Seymour.

Infos: www.swiss-society.ca or contact Joe josefmueller@shaw.ca

January 23, 2010: Tentative: the Vancouver Swiss Choir will participate in the BC Choral Federations' Concert

Infos: www.swiss-society.ca or www.bccchoralfed.com or call 604-710-7653.

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