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REGIONAL NEWS

UNITED STATES

Editorial

Dear readers/compatriots,

you will not find a regional USA section in the next issue of the "Swiss Review" (July 2024), but you will find a questionnaire. You are invited to take part in a comprehensive readership survey of the "Swiss Review" newsletter. By doing so, you will help shape the future of the magazine which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The first issue of Swiss Review was published in December 1974.

What does "Swiss Review" need to offer to appeal to you the readers? Which topics are of particular interest and reach you? What do you find superfluous or even annoying? These and many other questions will be in the survey.

The feedback from you will be used to look at the focus of the magazine and adjust it if necessary.

The upcoming readership survey is also important for the regional editorial team USA. The last survey in 2020, for example, showed that the regional pages are generally very well read. This support proved to be very important. We are now hoping to receive feedback from you again, both on the magazine as a whole and on the regional pages.

Readers will be able to take part in the survey online or by completing a paper questionnaire. We recommend that you complete the readership survey online. This will save you the postage for returning the questionnaire to Switzerland and will eliminate the time-consuming and costly process of scanning thousands of paper questionnaires received by the editorial team.

The next Swiss Review with a USA edition will be published on October 4. Please send me your contributions by August 26.

I wish you a happy Summer and a great 1st of August celebration.



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(see story on page 11)

DORIS BERNATH CUNNINGHAM, EDITOR

Join us for the Centenary Celebration of the Congress of the Swiss Abroad in Lucerne!

Dear fellow Swiss living abroad,

We cordially invite you to the 100th Congress of the Swiss Abroad, to be held in the enchanting city of Lucerne from July 11-13, 2024. Under the theme "Together Across Borders," this centennial event will be a remarkable gathering, bridging ideas and cultures from around the world. Thanks to a varied social program, including sightseeing and excursions across the host region, participation in this event promises a unique experience. Discover the wisdom of distinguished speakers such as Gianni D'Amato, a leading authority on migration and citizenship, and indulge in the culinary revelations of renowned chef René Schudel. Enjoy the musical talents of the Lucerne School of Music and marvel at the architectural splendor of the Lucerne Culture and Convention Center (KKL). For more information go to <https://tinyurl.com/LucerneCongress>

This is more than an event - it's a milestone in history. Join us across borders and celebrate a century of global Swiss connections in Lucerne.

Call to action

Don't just hear about it, be part of it! Secure your place now by visiting our 100th Congress of the Swiss Abroad 2024 in Lucerne website. Remember, registration closes on June 23, 2024, but early registration is encouraged due to limited availability for certain events at <https://tinyurl.com/LucerneRegistration>

We look forward to welcoming you and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

At your service,

On behalf of the US Delegation,

David W. Mörker

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Edelweiss, the Alpine Star

A trip to the homeland in June 2023 included spending time with family and friends from long ago. Lunch at the huge Meier Garden Center in Dürnten in the canton Zürich, next to my home village Tann. When I was growing up, the Meier family and the small-compared-to-now-nursery were neighbors and family to our Coiffure Meyer's salon in Tann.

After a typical Swiss meal surrounded by amazing flowers, we strolled through the famous nursery. Flowers everywhere, like a typical English-style garden too spectacular for words. Then ... my eyes stared ... Edelweiss in bunches as big and beautiful as I had ever seen. Finding Edelweiss with its fuzzy, velvety appearance, without climbing a rugged Swiss Alp.

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Friends of Switzerland (FOSI) American Swiss Foundation (ASF)

The Friends of Switzerland (Boston) and the American Swiss Foundation (New York) have announced our merger, which will combine our shared educational missions and commitment to promoting understanding and engagement between the people of Switzerland and the U.S. Most interestingly, FOSI's Stratton Prize for Intercultural Achievement and its related Stratton Fellowship grants program will continue, and will thrive alongside the ASF's very robust Young Leaders program.

Together, we expect to be ramping up Swiss/American events, programs, and activities in the Boston area as well. You will find more about this in a press release:

<https://tinyurl.com/mergerFOSI-ASF>

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Oklahoma: Swiss Club of Oklahoma

On March 16, 30 members got together at one of our member's great house and lands in Mounds, OK to enjoy our favorite Fondue event prepared by our passionate cooks Anna Siegenthaler and daughter Ariane Tattershall. It was a great time of joy, lots of intensive discussions about our lives in the great State of Oklahoma. The fondue formula with 60% Swiss made Gruyere and 40% Fontina was the best ever as every year, thanks to our dedicated ladies. A special thanks also goes to our hosts, members Olaf and Holly Batt, who impress by their unique professions. Olaf is a farrier and Holly is a metal artist and riding coach. We always appreciate when many of our members from all over Oklahoma, Western Arkansas, and Southern Missouri come together to enjoy our lasting relationships.

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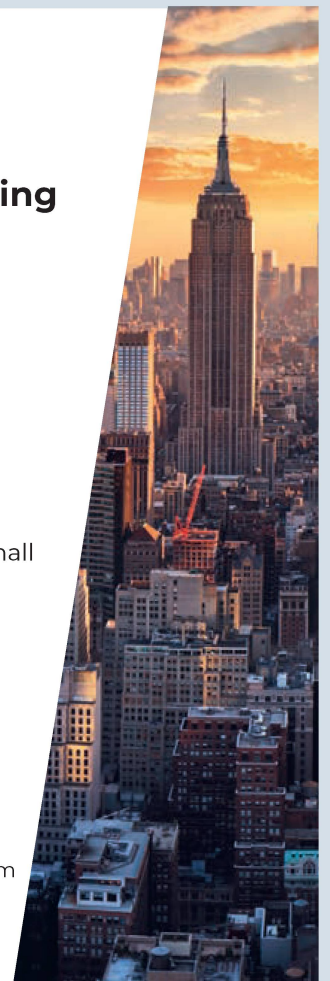


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Illinois: Swiss Club of Chicago

Ski Weekend in New Glarus and Tyrol Basin, Wisconsin, on March 2 & 3

A unique blend of winter sports and Swiss-inspired delights were enjoyed over a weekend filled with excitement and camaraderie. Despite the warmth in the air and snow conditions not quite mirroring the picturesque landscapes of Switzerland, laughter echoed across the slopes as attendees embraced the challenges of the day and specialty 'Schnapps' drinks in the ski chalet.



As the day transitioned into evening, the festivities continued with a gathering at the Chalet Landhaus Restaurant. The warmth of the Swiss-inspired ambiance enveloped guests as they indulged in a culinary journey through Swiss specialties from savory fondue to decadent desserts. Weekend attendees departed with memories etched in their hearts and smiles upon their faces.

Come join the fun! Make certain to check out our website at www.swissclubchicago.com to see our full calendar and event updates.

Upcoming Events

- June 16:** Swiss Sunday Brunch on the Lake, Foster Beach
- June 22:** Stammtisch at German Fest, Forest Park
- August 3:** Swiss National Day Celebration, Morton Grove
- September 6:** Camping weekend at Sweet Minihaha, WI

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Oregon: Portland Swiss Inc.

Swissfest and Schwingfest will be on Saturday, August 3 in Helvetia (Hillsboro), Oregon.

Wrestling will begin at 11:00 a.m. The day will include wrestling, music, food and an open-air dance in the evening.

For further information contact Joanne Odermott at jojoodermott@gmail.com, call or text 503-799-5263.

Florida: Swiss American Club of Southwest Florida

Easter Picnic at Lakes Park in Fort Myers

The dynamic duo of event directors, Urs Pfister and Lily Kraft, along with their team, convened at Lakes Park at 10 am to prepare for the much-anticipated Easter Picnic. Despite the winds posing a challenge, our resourceful member, Werner Christinger, came to the rescue with a stroke of genius, employing his staple gun to secure the decorations. By the 11 am arrival of the guests all was ready.

Lily's brother-in-law, Mark from Goldau, Switzerland, took charge of igniting the grill, marking the official start of the festivities. This year's turnout was record-breaking, with 43 members attending. Undoubtedly, the allure of the crisp, inviting weather played a pivotal role in drawing everyone outdoors for a day of tasty food and fun-filled activities.

The highlight of the gathering was the delectable dessert buffet, generously adorned with an array of homemade Swiss-style cakes, lovingly crafted by the talented home bakers within our club. The sweet treats served as a testament to our shared love for indulgence in Swiss delights.

Adding a touch of tradition and creativity, Urs Pfister brought forth a basket with intricately painted Easter eggs, inviting attendees to participate in the jovial "Eiertütsch" competition, a popular Swiss Easter tradition. Laughter echoed through the park as participants engaged in the spirited contest.

After satiating our appetites and enjoying the company of cherished friends, we bid adieu to Lakes Park around 2 pm anticipating the next gathering of our vibrant community.



Upcoming Events

- June 20:** Pizza and Bowling Night
- August 3:** 1st of August Swiss National Day Celebration
- October:** Minigolf
- November:** Sunset Cruise
- December:** Klauschock

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Northern California: Monterey County Swiss American Club

The Monterey County Swiss American Club meets six times a year for lunch at various places throughout the Monterey County Area. On March 16th we met in Soledad at a member's Barn and enjoyed the Salinas Valley History of the old time Swiss Italian Families. It was our best turn out of attendance since Covid. It was a lovely day, and a meal of corned beef and cabbage was enjoyed. Our monthly lunch was held on May 4th in King City and the menu was Polenta and Stew. In July, the club will enjoy a hearty pasta meal in Salinas.

In August of each year, the club co-hosts the Annual Picnic together with the Monterey County Swiss Rifle Club to celebrate our Swiss heritage. This year the date is August 18th, held at the foot of La Gloria Grade, just East of Gonzales, CA.

A BBQ of chicken or steak with Swiss swag and raffle opportunities awaits the attendees at this annual event that is open to the public.

In the Fall the club meets, and December brings the annual Christmas Party.

If you are interested in joining our club, please contact the Club Secretary, Renee Rianda at rrianda@aol.com, 530-304-7065, for information on our upcoming events.

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Michigan: Detroit Swiss Society

On March 16th, 45 DSS members and friends enjoyed a fabulous evening out at Alpino Restaurant in Detroit (2024 Free Press Restaurant of the year!) with Fondue and other treats - including Swiss wine and Kirsch. We also welcomed four new members and a bunch of first-time attendees and helped celebrate the birthdays of our two Ursulas! Thank you to all who joined us.

Please make sure you follow us on www.detroitsswiss.com or on our Facebook page to get the latest news.



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Upcoming Events

- August 4th, 1:00 pm:** Swiss National Day Celebration and Picnic at Island Lake Recreation area in Brighton
- December 8th, 3:00 pm:** Christmas party at the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills

Northern California: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

The Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club hosted another Club hike on March 17th at Sunol Regional Park. The Club has been organizing three hikes per year around the San Francisco Bay Area. We meet at various State Parks to hike together and enjoy each other's company in nature.

Sunol Regional Park is beautiful in the Spring with lush green hills and wildflowers blooming such as the California Poppy. The Sunol hills were so vibrant after all the rain that you felt like you could be in Ireland on this St. Patrick's Day! A group of 14 members of the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club met there on this crisp morning to explore a new park and later to share a picnic after the successful hike.



Aelpler Gruppe's next hike will be on Sunday, June 2nd, in San Francisco at the Presidio's new Tunnel Tops. This area offers sweeping views of San Francisco, the San Francisco Bay, and the Golden Gate bridge. We will again have a picnic lunch after the hike.

Visit our YouTube channel to watch clips from our events and please subscribe: Aelplergruppe

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Upcoming Events

- August 3:** Swiss National Day celebration
- August 31:** Schwingfest
- September 15:** Club Hike
- October 27:** Fall Jass tournament
- November 9:** 'Metzgete' dinner and dance
- December 7:** Members Christmas lunch

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Florida: Swiss Club Miami

In March and April, the Swiss Club Miami hosted the monthly Stammtisch at the new cozy Alpine style restaurant named “Cuckoo Clock Brauhaus” in Little Haiti, Miami. We tasted the traditional menu with diverse Bratwurst and Schnitzel offers, Pretzels and cold beers.

The Swiss Club Miami is adding more Happy Hour events to explore different locations. On March 21st we enjoyed the waterfront sunset terrace with gorgeous water views at the Regatta in Coral Gables and on April 18th at “Casa Florida” in downtown Miami.



The traditional Family Picnic on April 14th took place at the Tropical Park Shelter 11 in Tamiami Miami. As every year we enjoyed grilled Bratwurst & Cervelat and delicious homemade salads from our Swiss Club families. The kids had fun with the bounce castle and other outdoor games and activities.

We will celebrate the Swiss National Day at the Fritz & Franz Bierhaus in Coral Gables with fun activities for the kids like the lantern parade and face painting. As last year at the event we will fund raise for the Swiss Club Miami and organize a tombola with great prizes. A great thank you to our annual and event sponsors!

The Swiss Club Miami is adding new mini-events activities during the summer and fall:

- **Swiss - Belgium – Chocolate:** A happy hour & friendly chocolate competition at the “Atelier Monnier” in Miami with the Belgium Club.
- **Sports - Soccer, Dragon Boat, Kayaking:** Let's bring the Club's children together!
- **Meet with Inter Club Fort Myers:** Let's get together Swiss Clubs on FL East & West Coast!
- **Volunteer Event:** Last year's let's volunteer was with 'Feed South Florida'!

Stay tuned for upcoming events on our website and social media.

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Wisconsin: The Swiss Center of North America

The Swiss Center of North America's Board of Directors welcomed Bekah Stauffacher as the Swiss Center's next President/CEO effective April 1, 2024.

Board Chair John Etter says “Bekah brings experience, enthusiasm, and great communication skills to our organization. She will help shape the Swiss Center's next chapter.”

“I'm looking forward to building on the strengths of this already impressive organization,” says Stauffacher who currently serves as the Executive Director of the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce. “I'm intrigued at the prospect of having a larger reach beyond New Glarus to share Swiss culture and heritage throughout North America.”

Swiss culture and heritage have long been part of Stauffacher's life. She is a native of Green County, Wisconsin and is now raising her family in New Glarus. “I enjoy introducing my own children to the foods, art, and tradition of Switzerland. It's a link to the past, and a way to tie us together in the present.”

Stauffacher brings marketing, event planning and fundraising experience through her five years at the New Glarus Chamber, and 11 years at Destination Madison (Visitors and Convention Bureau).

Stauffacher succeeds Beth Zurbuchen who retired in April.

“I am honored to have served the Swiss Center for the past 15 years,” says Zurbuchen, “I retire knowing it is in terrific hands.”



Beth Zurbuchen and Bekah Stauffacher

About the Swiss Center of North America

The Swiss Center of North America values heritage, culture, and our relationships with Switzerland. It is dedicated to connecting, archiving, showcasing, educating, promoting and celebrating all that is Swiss in North America.

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Louisiana: Swiss American Society of New Orleans (SASNOLA)

On March 28th, the SASNOLA board, New Orleans Honorary Consul Mora, and several club members attended a presentation by Swiss Author Dr. Thomas Sandoz who is on a tour of the United States promoting his cultural and literary works. It was held outdoors in the courtyard of the Alliance Française de la Nouvelle Orléans, sponsored by Consul-General Brönnimann and the Swiss Consulate in Atlanta. The event was also in celebration of Le Mois de la Francophonie, as the month of March celebrates the French language and cultures of French-language countries around the world, including Switzerland.

Dr. Sandoz discussed culture, writing, and the multi-lingual environment in Switzerland, along with his creative process and how he writes his novels and stories. It was a mild, cloudless evening with lovely weather, and great literary insights. Dr. Sandoz took questions afterwards talking more about his inspirations and observations. The Alliance also raffled off a couple of Dr. Sandoz's books.



SASNOLA Board Members with Consuls Brönnimann and Mora with staff from the Alliance Française of New Orleans

Consul Mora also attended a function representing Switzerland at a local high school's German Club, speaking with German-language students, teachers, parents and dignitaries celebrating German-speaking cultures in Europe.

Annual events planned for the rest of 2024 include a Swiss National Day Party in August, a Holiday get-together in December, and several informal meet-ups at the local Deutsches Haus, which has hosted many SASNOLA gatherings in the past.

The SASNOLA Board is also looking at a field trip to the Society's Archives, which is housed at Tulane University, in the coming months. The Archive contains relevant documents and insights since the Society's establishment in 1855.

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Minnesota: Twin Cities Swiss American Association (TCSAA)

On February 10, the members of the Twin Cities Swiss American Association (TCSAA) and guests gathered at the Germanic American Institute (GAI) in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the annual Fondue Party. This event is held every February and brings together members of the TCSAA and friends from the Swiss Benevolent Society of St. Paul for a delicious cheese fondue. With 95 attendees, our gathering this year was one of the largest it has ever been. The dedicated members of the kitchen crew who cook this meal every year, were on their toes cooking all of the fondues and getting them to everyone's tables efficiently. Members provided 15 fondue caquelons. Many loaves of bread were needed for all of the cheese!



After dinner, David Mörker, President of the TCSAA welcomed everyone to the event, especially those who were attending for the first time, filling us in about upcoming TCSAA events, and thanking all of those whose hard work contributed to an excellent evening. The TCSAA's fondue party is always a highlight of the year, providing a welcome opportunity for a traditional Swiss dinner in winter.

At the initiative of Andre Wanzenried, the Jass group was revived. There are several members who know how to play the game. They meet on a Saturday afternoon/evening at members' houses and enjoy the game and the camaraderie. They continue to welcome new players. More information can be found on our website www.tcsaa.us.

Next month, we will organize the annual Spring Sausage Sale for our members so that when the grilling season starts, they have a taste of Switzerland here in the U.S. It isn't that easy to find a good vendor.

Our Happy Hour has been reinstated

We meet every third Thursday at 5 p.m. at 'The Local' in St. Louis Park. This location reflects the geographical center-point of all our members.

For all upcoming activities, follow us on Facebook or on our website www.tcsaa.us. You may also sign up for our eNews which gives information about upcoming events. Reminders will be sent out for you to sign up on our website.

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| June 9th: | the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska. |
| August 3rd: | our traditional First of August celebration |

MARKUS HOESLI, VICE PRESIDENT TCSAA

Pennsylvania: New Helvetic Society (NHS), PA Chapter

For the 5th time, the New Helvetic Society, PA Chapter, organized a fabulous Winter weekend getaway at beautiful Elk Mountain, PA. Over 40 members and their guests enjoyed a delicious Raclette dinner at the spacious Moosehouse of Quarry Hill Farms. Young and old had a great time skiing, playing pool, Jenga or shuffleboard, reading by the fire, and some even soaked their aching muscles in the hot tub. The whole weekend was marked by excellent weather, great camaraderie, fun filled hours, and all are looking forward to continuing this beautiful tradition next year. Remember, if you would like to join us, mark your calendar for the weekend after President's Day. Feel free to google myswissclub.org for more information!



If you live in the Philadelphia area, Northern Delaware or New Jersey area, please join us for many more great events during the year! We always have a great time and are looking forward to meeting you!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 15th, 12:00 - 4:00pm

Father's Day Picnic at the Red Bank Battlefield Park, National Park, NJ

Saturday, July 27th, 3:30pm - until dusk

Swiss National Day Celebration at the beautiful Arasapha Farm, 1835 Middletown Road, Glen Mills, PA

Sunday, July 28th, morning

Our younger members will organize a Tubing trip floating down the Delaware, starting at 2 Walters Lane, Point Pleasant, PA

For questions please look-up our website: myswissclub.org or email me at president@myswissclub.org

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Washington: Seattle Swiss Society

The Seattle Swiss Society kicked off 2024 attending a Silvertips Hockey Game in Everett on February 10. 35 members attended and showed their Swiss pride with red Swiss cowbells! The Silvertips routinely feature Swiss youth players, notably Mirco Müller who played in 2013-15 and Tim Metzger last season. Müller also played for the San Jose Sharks and New Jersey Devils. He currently plays for HC Lugano and Metzger plays for Martigny in Switzerland this season. Like in Switzerland where hockey is a major sport, our local Swiss support our teams such as the Everett Silvertips and the Seattle Kraken (whose goalie Joey Daccord is a Swiss-Canadian-US national).



Everett Silvertips welcomes the Seattle Swiss with a nice Gruezi on February 10.

Other events so far and coming up this year:

- The Board of Directors was re-elected at the Annual General Meeting on February 24 and the consensus was that there is a lot of energy back in the group.
- 108 members of the Seattle Swiss Society and the Monroe Swiss Club of Monroe, WA attended a joint Fondue evening at the Monroe Swiss Hall on March 23.
- The Seattle Symphony performance of Swiss composer Arthur Honegger's 3rd Symphony with an informal discussion afterwards with renowned Seattle conductor Adam Stern on April 13.
- Sponsoring a book event with co-author Yannick Wey of "Alpine Vibes: The Musical Connection between the Alphorn and Yodeling – Fact or Ideology" at Edmonds Waterfront Center on May 16. The English version was translated by Seattle Swiss member Gary Martin.
- The Seattle Swiss Society is partnering with the Swiss Sportsmen's Club of Tacoma to support one another for a wonderful 1st of August Celebration in Bonney Lake on July 28. Building on Tacoma's renewed 'Kids Swiss Kamp', that has been a mainstay for area Swiss kids for decades, the Seattle Swiss are organizing a Bratwurst lunch and potluck to occur after the campers perform for their parents. For more information on the 'Kids Swiss Kamp' visit www.tacomaswiss.com

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Obituary for Dr. Andre M. Fritz (4/7/1939 - 9/21/2023)



Dr. Andre M. Fritz, 84, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2023, with family by his side. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Andre was born to Arthur Fritz and Marcella Ravasio Cargasaggi on April 7, 1939, in Zurich, Switzerland. Andre is survived by his beloved wife, Tilla Theus, his former spouse Elsbeth O'Connor (Stuber) and their four children Jane Poteet (Ken), Simon Fritz, Patrick Fritz (Patricia), Philip Fritz (Kristy), eight grandchildren, three brothers, and his stepmother Bice Fritz.

Andre served as a Lieutenant in the Swiss Army before becoming a proud naturalized US citizen. He was a lifelong member of the Utonia fraternity in Zurich and enjoyed the academic, social, and fencing aspects. Andre graduated from ETH Zurich, a prominent research university in Switzerland, receiving his PhD in Chemistry in 1967.

He immigrated to the US with his former wife and began his career at Dupont in Wilmington, Delaware, until 1974. From 1975-1978, he worked at Ciba Geigy in Lansing, Michigan, and later transferred to their New York office. In 1980, Andre served as the Director of European Operations for the Ferro Corporation in Rotterdam, Netherlands. In 1990, he moved his family back to the US and settled in Akron, Ohio, as the president/co-owner of Multibase, a plastics company.

As a dual citizen (U.S. and Swiss), Andre taught his four children what it means to be Swiss. Our Heimatstadt is Chur in the canton Graubünden and he placed us in the "Kantonsschule" (cantonal school) to learn "Hochdeutsch" (high German). Countless trips back to Switzerland to see extended family left an indelible mark on their lives.

In 2002, Andre moved back to Zurich and married his famous architect wife Tilla Theus. Andre is a member of the National Inventor's Hall of Fame for his pioneering work in polymer science with numerous patents. He loved his work and excelled in the plastics industry.

Andre was an avid sailor and tennis player. He enjoyed sailing competitively in regattas on the weekends with his children as co-captains. Andre always had a thirst for adventure and knowledge and traveled to see the Seven Wonders of the world with his wife.



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Search for Heirs

The Court of Locarno-Campagna (Swiss authority), Piazza Grande 168, 6601 Locarno, is looking for information about the following person:

Beatrice Hedwig **MEIENBERG TISCHHAUSER**, born in Zurich on November 7, 1930, daughter of Alois Meienberg and Anna Barbara Schneebeli, deceased August 6, 2023, originally from Sevelen (Canton St. Gallen), last residence in Centovalli (Ticino/Switzerland), married to Ulrich Tischhauser, widowed since November 24, 1997.

Anyone who can give information regarding Beatrice Hedwig Meienberg Tischhauser, her eventual descendants or heirs are requested to contact the Court of Locarno-Campagna by March 31, 2025.

After this date the inheritance will be given to the known heirs.

Court of Locarno-Campagna, Piazza Grande 168, 6601 Locarno (Switzerland)

The Judge Luca Losa Locarno, March 2024

Arizona: Tucson Swiss Club

The Tucson Swiss Club held its annual Spring Picnic at the Catalina State Park on the outskirts of Tucson. The Ramada with its view over the Santa Catalina Mountains is the ideal venue for a Spring event. In late afternoon, some of the members took advantage of the warm weather to hike on one of the many trails to walk off all the food.

The Tucson Swiss Club will gather next on August 4th to celebrate Switzerland's Birthday at Mt. Lemmon. At an altitude of about 7,000 ft it gives a respite from the hot Arizona Summer.

All of our events are open to all native Swiss, people with Swiss heritage, and anyone who loves Switzerland. Details are posted on the www.TucsonSwissClub.com web site. Should you visit Tucson, don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to meet you

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