

Zeitschrift: Helvetia : magazine of the Swiss Society of New Zealand
Herausgeber: Swiss Society of New Zealand
Band: 19 (1956)
Heft: [10]

Vorwort: Christmas greetings
Autor: Aubaret, P.-H.

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

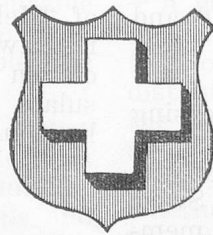
The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 19.08.2025

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

HELVETIA

BI-MONTHLY
PUBLICATION
OF THE



SWISS SOCIETY
IN
NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

GROUP NEW ZEALAND OF THE NEW HELVETIC SOCIETY

20th YEAR.

DECEMBER, 1956.

AUCKLAND.

Christmas Greetings

My Dear Compatriots,

When your President, Dr. Bosshard, kindly offered me the hospitality of this Bulletin to address you on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year, I felt grateful for this opportunity to wish you all a merry rejoicing at this turn of the year, and prosperity and happiness in the days to come. I am thinking of the many compatriots we have had the pleasure to meet, my wife, my colleagues of the Consulate and myself, from the South Island to the Auckland Province, in the Waikato and in Taranaki. I am thinking none the less of those we have not yet met and whom we are looking forward to knowing—particularly of those who do not have the privilege of celebrating the fete among their family, of those also who feel alone and isolated because they are living far out in the country or because they are newly arrived, and last, but by no means least, the aged and the sick. To all, I had at heart to wish a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year, and with you all I wish to express these good wishes to the people of New Zealand, whose generous hospitality we gratefully appreciate, and, of course, to our compatriots at home in Switzerland.

At the time of writing these lines, however, other thoughts are unfortunately besieging our minds: 12 years after what was so much hoped by so many to be the end of a nightmare, the too familiar menace of the turmoil of war is with us again with its ugly procession of tragic consequences we know but too well. Men are fighting, individual and political freedom is being crushed, miserably unhappy hordes of refugees are lost in uncertainty. True, men of goodwill have been quick to help: from those in charge of the highest responsibilities of Government to the men, women and children in the street, who sponsor admirably such actions of humanity as the one led by the Red Cross all over the world. Unprecedented initiatives, so often calling for individual courage and appeals showing an in-

creased sense of world solidarity have been launched, such as that by our Federal Council. We will all hope, we most earnestly hope and pray, that these efforts will finally achieve what, after all, is the call of Christmas to men of goodwill: peace on earth! This will be our common thought on that day, my dear compatriots in New Zealand.

P-H. AUBARET,

Consul-General of Switzerland.

Readers will be delighted to hear of the acceptance of our youngest member in the Swiss Society. She is Miss Annabelle Joy Kaspar, born on August 24th, 1951, in Wellington, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaspar, 39 Apu Crescent, Lyall Bay, Wellington.

SWISS CLUB, WAIKATO

On Sunday, 27th May, 1956, twenty-four Swiss resident in the Waikato District attended the original meeting organised by Messrs. A. Biland and W. Risi and held in the Te Rapa Hall, Te Rapa.

The meeting decided to form a Swiss Club, as a branch section of the Swiss Benevolent Society (now the Swiss Society of New Zealand), for the purpose of sociability and fellowship among Swiss by regular monthly gatherings. As committee members were elected: Mr. A. Biland, president; Mr. W. Risi, vice-president; Mrs. O. Fitzi, secretary; Mrs. Spirig, Mr. and Mrs. Binzegger, Mr. J. Arnet and Mr. Otto Fitzi. At a later committee meeting Mr. T. Loetscher was elected treasurer and reporter to the Head Office of the Swiss Society of New Zealand.

Since its inception the Club has held four social evenings at the Riverlea Cabaret, Hamilton, which were all well attended and proved most enjoyable. Such items as Swiss card games, folk songs and yodels, Fahnenschwingen, popular music, dances and raffles made every