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President's Report

Another month has flown by ... and everyone should be enjoying some terrific, sunny weather ... summer is obviously making its' appearance later than usual!!!

May I please remind all Rifle Masters to have their Swiss Society competition results in as soon as possible, but no later than Queen's Birthday weekend, so that we have the beautiful medals here on time for distribution. I encourage all members to participate, age is certainly no barrier ... all clubs would love to see more juniors participating, so come along parents and bring your children with you. The more participants, the more medals that can be won!!! Besides the sporting competitions, the days are usually very social, and well organised by the various clubs.

Another reminder ... please remember that the Swiss Societys' Annual General Meeting will be held Queen's Birthday Weekend in Wellington. I am certain that our Wellingtonian friends will be organising a great weekend for us, so please support them. Besides the AGM, it is a wonderful weekend to catch up with friends from the different clubs, and a neat way to make new acquaintances. I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards, Marianne

Little Bit:

Old Folks are Worth a Fortune

Old folks are worth a fortune - silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a little older since I saw you last, and a few changes have come into my life.

Frankly, I have become a frivolous old girl; I'm seeing several gentlemen everyday.

As soon as I wake up, WILL POWER helps me out of bed, then I go to my LOU. Next it's time for UNCLE TOBY to come along, followed by BILLY TEA. They leave and ARTHUR RITIS shows up and stays with me the rest of the



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Easter Contest!

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Spruch des Monats

Die Grossmacht der Liebe!

Written by Walter Seifert

Es gibt nur eine Grossmacht auf Erden und das ist die Liebe!

Sachkenntnis ohne Liebe, macht dich "Rechtshaberisch!"

Verantwortung ohne Liebe, macht dich "Ruecksichtslos!"

Freundschaft ohne Liebe, macht dich "Heuchlerisch!"

Ehrfurcht ohne Liebe, macht dich "Zimmerlich!"

Freundlichkeit ohne Liebe, macht dich "Laecherlich!"

Erziehung ohne Liebe, macht dich "Widerspruchsvoll!"

Verpflichtung ohne Liebe, macht dich "Verdiesslich!"

Maechtigkeit ohne Liebe, macht dich "Gewalttaetig!"

Klugheit ohne Liebe, macht dich "Gerissen!"

Ordnung ohne Liebe, macht dich "Kleinlich!"

Wahrheit ohne Liebe, macht dich "Kritisch!"

Glaube ohne Liebe, macht dich "Fanatisch!"

Arbeit ohne Liebe, macht dich "Hartnaeckig!"

Ehre ohne Liebe, macht dich "Hochmuetig!"

Besitztum ohne Liebe, macht dich "Geizig!"

Geben ohne Liebe, macht dich "Egoistisch!"

Darum ist ein Leben ohne Liebe, so richtig sinnlos und kann nicht zu einem guten Ende fuehren!

Wehe, jenen Menschen, welche ihr ganzes Leben, mit der Liebe geizig sind!

Sie alle, tragen grosse Schuld daran, dass diese Welt, dann schlussendlich, an einer, unaufhaltbaren!, "Selbstvergiftung!" zu Grunde geht!

Darum bitte ich dich, frage dich doch hie und da, warem bin ich denn ueberhaupt am Leben, wenn ich nicht lieben kann????!!!!???

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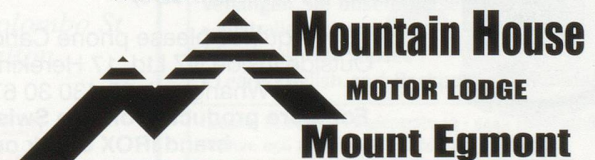
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85th Congress for the Swiss Abroad

The 85th Congress for the Swiss Abroad will be held from 17 - 19 August 2007 in Geneva.

Numbers are required by 30 April 2007.

Should you require further information, please contact either the Embassy of Switzerland in Wellington on 04 4721593 or Marianne Drummond on 06 7628757, or alternatively look up e-mail address: congress@aso.ch.

Little Bit:

Friendship -A Gender Study

Friendship among Women:

A woman didn't come home one night. The next day she told her husband that she had slept over at a girlfriend's house. The man called his wife's ten best friends. Not one of them knew anything about it.

Friendship among Men:

A man didn't come home one night. The next day he told his wife that he had slept over at a mate's house. The woman called her husband's ten best friends. Eight of them confirmed that he had slept over, and two of them claimed that he was still there!!!

News from our Delegate to Swiss Abroad

The Fifth Switzerland is Growing

The latest statistics reveal that last year the number of Swiss Abroad has again increased by about 10,000. The total now stands at 645,010. There has also been a corresponding increase of registered voters to 111,249. The ever increasing numbers will have a positive effect on the upcoming parliamentary elections in autumn (northern hemisphere) as well as on the outcome of referenda. This year the "electronic highway" will take its first step. Wherever possible the Secretariat's newsletter will be sent out by E-mail, speeding up communication and reducing costs.

Election Manifesto

Last year the Swiss Abroad Organisation (SAO) passed a paper based on five principals: politics - mobility - education - Switzerland's international presence - and effective contact with compatriots abroad through the various organisations.

Goals

The most important goals are: to have the Swiss Abroad's needs and aspirations taken into account in the run-up to the elections - a voting participation at least equal to that of the indigenous Swiss - the election / re-election of candidates sympathetic to our needs - ensure that politicians act sensibly - and that the general public is effectively informed of the "Fifth Switzerland's" position.

Availability of Information

The "Swiss Revue" will continue to be an important avenue of information. During the year all the parties and candidates will be highlighted. The following internet sites will be of particular interest: www.aso.ch / www.revue.ch. A new optimal medium is an election forum launched by "Swiss Info" presenting parties and candidates as well as enabling online debates.

So go to it, and make full use of your franchise!!

Heinz Leuenberger

* Reminder...

Telephone numbers in Switzerland are changing

From 1 April 2007 the area code 044 replaces 01

For calls to the Zurich region (Switzerland) the area code +41 1 will not be valid after 1 April 2007. It must be replaced by +41 44.

Example of a call to the Zurich region from abroad: +41 44 765 43 21 instead of +41 1 765 43 21.

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