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Last words from the President

My very last president's report – where has the time gone? It was quite a ride, the last 4 years, and even though it was stressful at times, I felt honoured to experience amazing events and functions and especially to meet and get to know so many special and fascinating Swiss people all over New Zealand.

Since I pretty much had to read every single *Helvetia* front to back, believe me I learnt quite a lot about Switzerland! My list of things to do there in the years to come certainly keeps growing! We always put a lot of effort into the *Helvetia* to make it an interesting read for you all – I hope there is something for everyone to enjoy and that you appreciate our Swiss magazine here in NZ.

Honestly sometimes it can be such a good laugh researching articles that we want to write about. I've been meaning to read up about the Swiss Navy for ages since I find it amusing that Switzerland actually has a Navy – but then again, aren't we also pretty much the best sailors in the world even though we are a landlocked country? Anyway, googling "Swiss Navy" gets you nowhere unless you're looking for pleasure... "Swiss Navy" is apparently a very famous lubricant – according to the first 5 pages of Google (no kidding!)

Anyway, back to more serious stuff: Yes it's no joke, Switzerland has a Navy! I found an old newspaper article from 1957 that informs New York readers that their colourful figure of speech "as non-existent as the Swiss Navy" will have to be dropped from the language since it's been confirmed that Switzerland does in fact have a Navy.

It didn't turn out to be a very interesting article after all - simply because there isn't much to it (a few boats on a few lakes – no cool submarines). But if you do want to read up about the Swiss Navy, I suggest you go straight to page 6 on Google...

I would like to thank all of our readers and Swiss Society members for your

support and trust that you have given me during my 4 year term. Without your subscriptions there would be no *Helvetia*, so YOU are the core. A massively huge thank you goes to every single person that helped and supported the Swiss Society during the last 48 months. I have done a small farewell on pages 4 & 5 – it was an amazing team effort and I'm proud of what we have achieved together.

*It has been an absolute pleasure to be your president and *Helvetia* editor and I feel the experience made me grow into a better person.*

For the last time, Tschüssli




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