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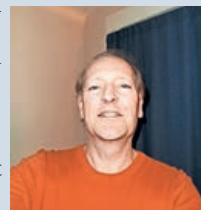
Editorial

Dear Readers: Can you relate? Too often, I don't thoroughly identify and use all available resources for a project or to solve a problem, realising only in hindsight that far more support was available than I initially recognised or thought existed. On pages VI and VII, we'll introduce your newly elected

delegates from the Council of the Swiss Abroad. Why not add these highly qualified and motivated individuals to your list of resources? The delegates are ready to assist and guide you - just send them an email! Speaking of tapping into connections, the *Swiss Review* is currently appealing for

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REGIONAL EDITOR

Your donations to the Swiss Review are more important than ever !

Reader contributions, big and small, are already an important pillar of support for us. Now that the Swiss federal government has announced cuts to numerous subsidies – including those provided to the *Swiss Review* – donations are becoming even more crucial. Our ability to continue to mail out the print edition of the magazine free of charge is becoming increasingly limited. With your help, however, we can secure the future of the *Swiss Review* and continue to pursue the independent, high-quality journalism our editorial team is committed to. Show your support for the *Swiss Review* and make a donation.

MARC LETTAU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Vos dons à la «Revue Suisse» sont d'une importance croissante !

Petits ou grands, les dons de nos lectrices et lecteurs constituent, aujourd'hui déjà, un soutien de taille pour nous. Mais ils vont encore gagner en importance, car la Confédération a annoncé qu'elle allait réduire de nombreuses subventions, notamment celle accordée à la «Revue Suisse». Il deviendra de plus en plus difficile pour nous d'envoyer gratuitement la «Revue» sur papier. Ensemble, nous allons cependant réussir à assurer l'avenir de la «Revue» et à poursuivre le journalisme indépendant de qualité dont l'équipe de rédaction se porte garante. Soyez solidaires avec la «Revue» et faites un geste.

MARC LETTAU, RÉDACTEUR EN CHEF

Ihre Spenden an die «Schweizer Revue» werden noch wichtiger !

Die kleinen und grossen Spenden von Leserinnen und Lesern sind für uns bereits heute eine wichtige Stütze. Jetzt werden Spenden noch wichtiger: Der Bund hat angekündigt, zahlreiche Subventionen zu kürzen – auch bei der «Schweizer Revue». Unsere Möglichkeiten, die «Revue» weiterhin kostenlos zu versenden, werden eng. Gemeinsam mit Ihnen wird es aber gelingen, die Zukunft der «Revue» zu sichern und den unabhängigen Qualitätsjournalismus weiterzuverfolgen, für den das Redaktionsteam einsteht. Setzen Sie ein Zeichen und zeigen Sie Solidarität mit der «Revue».

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Swiss Canadian Mountain Range Association (Metro Vancouver)

The 2025 summer season at the SCMRA was very busy. With the help of numerous volunteers, extensive repair and beautification work was carried out on the property. We also installed bat houses on the trees around the Chalet. It remains to be seen whether the bats will actually move into these!

Sadly, **Erwin Döbeli** - a long-standing and well-respected crossbow member - passed away on June 29. He was an original crossbow club member and the owner of the William Tell, easily one of Vancouver's finest restaurants for many years.

We saw strong participation and attendance at the various shooting matches this summer: the Bob Edward / Bruno Huber Shoot on July 6, the Mountain Range Match on August 3, and the International Match and Founders Cup on August 17.

This year, we honoured **Hans Schwegler** and **Anne Decurtins** († April 16, 2012) as founding members - Hans for the 300 m and Anne for both the crossbow and the 300 m. Both were early and active participants in the club, dating back to 1964. Anne was also Director of the Swiss Choir for more than 10 years. Hans attended the match and was in fine form.

With just over 500 attendees, we had a very large turnout for the 1st of August celebration. The significant crowd did strain resources, but our volunteers ensured that everything ran smoothly. The Vancouver Dorfmusik entertained the guests. We also had many campers this year, and they enjoyed a wonderful breakfast provided by Markus and Christiane Spycher. To see photos of the various events, please visit scmra.ca.

Edmonton Swiss Society

The Edmonton Swiss Society (ESS) continues to embrace Swissness. In April, we celebrated the contributions of our long-serving volunteers and elected a new executive:

- Anders Lax (President)
- Carol Brandly (Vice President)
- Kathy Lock (Vice President)
- Monika Kump (Secretary)
- Teresa Clouston (Treasurer).

Spring Brunch was held on April 27 in Sherwood Park, where attendees enjoyed an intimate gathering and a delicious brunch prepared by our executives and volunteers.

In June, the Landsgemeinde was once again recognised at Ol' MacDonald's Resort, with strong participation from our fellow Swiss in Central Alberta and across the province, alongside our Edmonton representatives. Everyone enjoyed the performance by the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir (ESMC) - not only the Swiss attendees but also other campers at the resort.

On August 2, we held a successful Swiss National Day celebration with almost 80 attendees and greetings from Dr. Pamela Farrell, Honorary Consul of Switzerland for Alberta. Attendees enjoyed beautiful weather, a great facility at the Colchester Community League, crossbow shooting, a delicious BBQ sausage and potluck buffet, a performance by the ESMC, and a friendly evening campfire.

Jass players were unfortunately in short supply, but hopefully they enjoyed their time together. We thank the many on-site volunteers. While too numerous to mention individually, thank-you go to the BBQers, the crossbow attendants, the set-up and cleanup crews, our "interim treasurer", and the ESMC!

On the August long weekend, our VP Carol Brandly collaborated with the German Pavilion at the Heritage Days event, setting up a Swiss Society table, a well-received initiative to raise awareness about the ESS.



Our next event will be our Fondue Night on Saturday, November 8. Members will receive details about a month in advance, including information on pricing and reservations.

Questions? Email us at edmontonswissociety@gmail.com.

TERESA CLOUSTON

Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir Association

On June 8, the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir (ESMC) held its Spring Concert at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmonton. The event commemorated **ESMC's 45th anniversary** and was attended by nearly 300 people. The concert was directed by Elizabeth Anderson and accompanied by Irena Tarnawsky; it featured a mix of Swiss, French, German, Italian, Romansch, and Ukrainian songs. Two songs were performed on a pair of alphorns - we thank Michelle Naef and Nial Gorman.

Our special guests – the Archbishop MacDonald High School Choir, conducted by Choir Director Lyndsey Olsen – performed beautifully, showing skill beyond their years. We thank them for joining us. It was inspiring to show the Edmonton area our Swiss culture and to celebrate the art of music. We would also like to thank our event sponsors, notably Kuhlmann's Greenhouse Garden Market, who donated beautiful flowers.

On June 14, the 51st Landsgemeinde – organised by the Edmonton Swiss Society – was once again held at Ol' MacDonald's Resort at Buffalo Lake. Sixteen ESMC singers performed songs in all four Swiss national languages. To conclude, members of the Wildrose Yodel Club and two ladies from the Yodel Club Heimattreu Calgary joined us in performing the yodel *Kamerade*. After the concert, everyone enjoyed bratwurst from Valbella, as well as other treats. The weather cooperated, and a good time was had by all!

THOMAS NAEF

We thank the ESS executive for organising the annual Swiss National Day celebration on Saturday, August 2, at the beautiful Colchester Community Hall in Sherwood Park, AB. Many guests - among them the Honorary Consul of Switzerland for Alberta, Dr. Pamela Farrell and her family - had travelled all the way from Calgary. Everyone enjoyed delicious bratwurst prepared by grill chef Oswald G. Thank you to Oswald and his assistants for a job well done!

Following Pamela Farrell's address, the 2025 National Day greetings from Karin Keller-Sutter, President of the Swiss Confederation, were shared, followed by announcements of the crossbow shooting results. Then, 20 ESMC singers entertained the crowd with eight songs, conducted by First Tenor Walter DiTommaso.



Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. - Ponoka United Church, 5020 52 Ave, Ponoka, AB: The ESMC will perform its Fall Concert out of town. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased from any choir member or from the church;
- Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. - St. Vital Catholic Church, 4905 - 50 St, Beaumont, AB: The ESMC is scheduled to present the popular annual Advent & Christmas Concert.

We're always looking for new members and invite anyone who loves music to join us for one of our rehearsals. No musical knowledge or previous experience is required – just the desire to learn, sing, and have fun. You don't even need to be Swiss.

The ESMC was founded in 1980. We proudly look back on 45 years of memorable performances, wonderful concerts, beautiful trips, and great camaraderie.

For more information about event tickets or on how to join us, visit our website www.esmca.ca, or like us on Facebook under "Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir".

PETER THUT



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Chèr.e.s compatriotes suisses et ami.e.s de la communauté suisse,

La Fête Nationale Suisse du 2 août 2025 au Mont Sutton a été un moment de joie et de partage, avec un temps idéal, des performances exceptionnelles de nos artistes suisses, Silvia Rymann, Peter Rymann et Franz Keller, ainsi que nos artistes locaux. Avec des activités variées comme le tir à la corde, la course en sac et le lancer de pierre.

La présence d'invités d'honneur tels que l'ambassadeur Olaf Kjelsen, la consule générale Anne-Béatrice Bullinger et le consul général adjoint Rudolf Wyss a ajouté une touche officielle à l'événement, tandis que la tombola a permis de récompenser plusieurs participants.

Un grand merci à tous les bénévoles, au comité, aux commanditaires et aux participants pour leur dévouement. Nous remercions Trudi Haas, manager des artistes suisses, pour ses excellentes photos.

Visitez notre site web pour en voir plus, www.fedesuisse.com, sans oublier Facebook www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse.

VOTRE COMITÉ 2025

Dear Swiss Community; Dear Friends:

The Swiss National Day celebrations on August 2 at Mont Sutton were a joyful occasion, with perfect weather and outstanding performances by our Swiss artists Silvia Rymann, Peter Rymann, and Franz Keller, as well as our local artists. Activities included tug-of-war, sack races, and traditional Swiss stone throwing.

The presence of guests of honour, including Ambassador Olaf Kjelsen, Consul General Anne-Béatrice Bullinger, and Deputy Consul General Rudolf Wyss, added an official touch to the event, while the raffle rewarded several participants. A sincere thank-you to all the volunteers, committee members, sponsors, and festival participants for their dedication. We would also like to thank Trudi Haas, manager of the Swiss artists, for her excellent photos.

To see more, visit our website www.fedesuisse.com, and don't forget our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse.

YOUR 2025 COMMITTEE



Swiss Club Thames Valley

In June, the Swiss Choir held its annual Father's Day Picnic, which included a choir performance.

On July 27, we celebrated the Bundesfeier in Monkton, with all Swiss Club groups participating in the event. For adults and teens, the afternoon entertainment consisted of traditional Swiss stone throwing and crossbow shooting. The little ones enjoyed face painting, crafts, and a bouncy castle. Everyone was treated to free ice cream. The day concluded with music and dance.

Our next event is the AGM on November 1.

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Matterhorn Swiss Club (Montreal)

Greetings from the Matterhorn Swiss Club in Montreal!

Our last event took place on a beautiful summer day in August: our annual summer picnic and barbecue, held on the lovely waterfront property of two of our members. We sincerely thank Juerg and Myrtha Hollinger for once again hosting this event! We had a good turnout of members and guests, and everyone enjoyed the socialising and good food. The Club provided grilled sausages, bread, and nussgipfel, while attendees brought a variety of salads.

As in the past, several of our members helped out at the August 1st celebrations at Mont Sutton, QC. They worked in many areas of the festival site, selling tombola (raffle) tickets, cooking and serving food, directing parking, and more. A number of volunteers also worked hard to set up tables, tents, and stages, and then to dismantle everything once the day concluded. We thank all who volunteered on behalf of the Matterhorn Swiss Club!

Members will be advised of our upcoming events.

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Il a occupé divers rôles de cadre et de gestion en ingénierie aéronautique, pétrochimie, startups et technologie, ainsi qu'en finance.

Il est marié (conjoint de fait) depuis 20 ans et a trois enfants de 5 à 11 ans. Il est né et a grandi à Montréal, passant plusieurs étés en Suisse dès son jeune âge.

Sa famille, majoritairement du côté allemand, est maintenant davantage à Bâle et Lucerne. Dans ses temps libres, il pratique plusieurs activités dont le hockey sur glace, le vélo de route, la course à pied, le golf et la batterie.

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« Un café avec Philippe Magnenat »

Originaire de la Suisse et militaire de carrière, c'est ici qu'il a rencontré Lyne, celle qui partage sa vie depuis plus de 35 ans. Après avoir passé plusieurs années en Suisse, le couple et leurs deux enfants sont venus s'établir au Québec, à Blainville. Dès son arrivée ici, Philippe s'est impliqué à fond dans le hockey mineur et dans de nombreuses autres organisations, comme il l'a toujours fait dans son pays d'origine. Il a d'ailleurs reçu la Médaille d'honneur du gouvernement du Canada pour son implication au niveau communautaire, en 2017.

Puisqu'il a été adjudant instructeur pour l'artillerie mécanisée et spécialiste dans la conduite des véhicules blindés et en télécommunication, Philippe a un intérêt marqué pour les nouvelles technologies. De plus, il adore les sports et il pratique le vélo dans ses temps libres. Mais ce

qu'il aime par-dessus tout, c'est être au service de sa ville. Depuis son élection en 2021, il a contribué à la réalisation de trois projets chers à son cœur : l'adhésion de Blainville à la Coalition des municipalités inclusives de la Commission canadienne pour l'UNESCO, la création du budget participatif et l'établissement d'un pacte d'amitié avec la ville suisse de Neuchâtel.

Ce passionné des relations humaines se dévoue corps et âme pour ses concitoyens. « Quand je me couche le soir, je suis fier de ma journée. Personne ne peut me reprocher de ne pas avoir essayé de faire quelque chose pour améliorer notre belle ville de Blainville », mentionne-t-il avec émotion ... Un exemple? Il répond à tous les messages qu'il reçoit, mais, si la situation est plus complexe, il n'hésite pas à se déplacer au domicile du citoyen, afin de discuter en personne.

Quand il ne veille pas au bien-être de ses concitoyens, Philippe aime bien faire de la popote. D'ailleurs, son premier emploi a été celui de cuisinier! Sa spécialité? Le filet de bœuf Wellington. Il aime aussi gâter ses collègues en leur faisant des biscuits ou en leur apportant des pâtisseries, le vendredi. De plus, il passe du bon temps avec ses deux petits-fils, qu'il adore visiblement. « On les garde de temps en temps et quand on ne les veut plus, on les rapporte! », conclut-il en riant. Philippe Magnenat : un homme de cœur!

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Guido Bühlmann-Miyake was born in Lucerne in 1970. He studied construction management and IT in Switzerland and earned federal diplomas and certification as a Microsoft Systems Engineer. An entrepreneur for over two decades, he founded and managed various SME companies in the field of architecture and IT.

His projects were based in Switzerland but extended internationally, including construction in Europe and Malaysia, and IT work in the USA, Japan, and France. Guido also trained apprentices, taught adults, and supported athletes worldwide.

A Swiss citizen with Canadian residency since 2017, Guido speaks six languages: Swiss-German, German, English, Spanish, French, and Japanese. Married in 2002, he has three children - Luca, Miki, and Nana. In his free time, Guido enjoys sports, nature, and family life.

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Né et élevé à Montréal, Brendan a également vécu en Suisse, où il a dirigé un camp de langues international, et a passé plusieurs années à Vancouver. Outre son travail professionnel, il est bénévole au sein du comité d'éthique de la recherche de l'hôpital Montfort et actif à l'Ottawa Valley Swiss Club et à la Swiss-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

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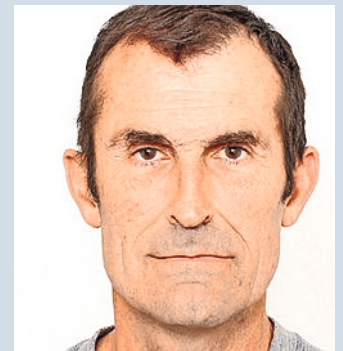


Born in Biel / Bienne, Thomas Arn has been living in Canada since 1990 and currently resides in Vancouver. After completing his Matura in Biel, he earned a Master of Science from the University of Berne. His mother tongue is German, and he is fully fluent in English, with a working knowledge of French and Italian. Thomas has a daughter, Sierra, who recently commenced her PhD studies at the University of Basel.

As an entrepreneur, he owns and operates SBO Distributors Ltd. (www.swissbo.com) - a wholesale distribution business - as well as a retail company, Stories-by-Swissbo (www.stories-by-swissbo.com). Thomas' extensive worldwide travels have provided him with invaluable cultural and business insights, enabling him to offer authentic and meaningful products and build responsible businesses.

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Propriétaire de cabinet à la retraite, il est médecin conseil à l'Hospice Général pour les immigrants. Il a été expert fédéral aux examens universitaires, lieutenant de l'armée suisse lors de la mission de l'ONU en Namibie, président de l'Association romande de Coeliakie et membre du comité de l'Association genevoise des médecins-dentistes. Il est aujourd'hui officier de contrôle antidopage pour l'ITA. Pascal est binational suisse-canadien.

Il s'implique dans la Swiss Cultural Society, le marathon, Wellspring et la revitalisation du village Edelweiss. Marié depuis 35 ans à une Canadienne, il a trois fils à Genève, Toronto et Calgary, et est devenu grand-père en 2024. Il pratique ski, course, e-bike, randonnée et alpinisme.

Ottawa Valley Swiss Club

On July 27, the Ottawa Valley Swiss Club (OVSC) hosted its annual Swiss National Day celebration at the beautiful and historic Billings Bridge Estate in Ottawa. We were overjoyed to celebrate this day with a fantastic group of old pals and new faces. Many hands assisted in keeping things running smoothly. We're grateful for our many creative and helpful members!



Everyone enjoyed delicious bratwurst, cervelats, and various kinds of mouthwatering Swiss wähen and nussgipfel. We were treated to the festive music of Duo Oz, who delighted the crowd with Swiss and Slavic tunes. It all made for a sunny and happy summer's day!

The kids enjoyed field games like tug-of-war and sack races - even our Ambassador joined in the fun (and won, of course)! A Swiss scavenger hunt was a big hit, as was the buzz wire circuit game using a silhouette of the Alps. The kids destroyed a sweets-filled piñata in the shape of Switzerland's iconic wooden toy cow, and our yearly traditional Swiss stone-throwing event challenged young and old alike. New this year were exciting door prizes including delicious Swiss treats, hotel and restaurant gift cards, various goodies, traditional embroidered shirts and bookmarks, and even a raclette machine. We're very grateful to our local business sponsors!

Swiss Club Saskatoon

On June 29, we again held a BBQ at Ronny Zimmermann's acreage just north of Asquith, SK, a short drive from Saskatoon. The event had been scheduled for a week earlier, but due to predicted inclement weather, we postponed it. We had been tracking dark clouds coming toward us but failed to notice a dark cloud behind us. A wonderful, tasty lunch, followed by visiting and lazying around, thus ended abruptly. It thundered, and we scrambled to load chairs, coolers, and tables. The skies opened, and large raindrops turned into a downpour.

On Sunday, July 27, the Bundesfeier was again hosted by Dora and Max Hug at their acreage. Attendance was a bit smaller than usual. We had plenty of room, with tables set up in a large garage to stay out of the wind and sun. The Club provided sausages, some salads, and bread at no charge, and attendees brought more salads, sides, and desserts to share, as always. Because we had ordered extra bratwurst and cervelats, we had plenty to sell to members at cost.



Following a speech by Ambassador Olaf Kjelsen, the Montagna Singers choir sang the Swiss National Anthem, and a toast of Swiss wine was offered in honour of the nation's birthday. To end the evening, the children gathered for the traditional Swiss lantern parade at dusk, winding their way through the estate. It was magical to see the light-filled lanterns bobbing among the trees!

Want to stay in the loop about OVSC events and news? Check out our website www.ottawavalleysswissclub.ca.

OLIVIA CRAFT AND KARIN FREEMAN

Our next two gatherings:

- Sunday, October 26: Our AGM, which includes a meal, will be held at the Skychef Restaurant in Warman, SK;
- Sunday, December 7: The Santa Potluck Party will take place at the Neuanlage Community Centre in Neuanlage, SK.

Both get-togethers are at the same locations as last year. More event details will be published in our next club newsletter.

If you would like to receive information about our club and its activities, contact us at swissclubsaskatoon@hotmail.com, or call or text me at 1 - 306 - 260 - 8030. New members are always welcome, and membership is free the first year. Even though our name is Swiss Club Saskatoon, we welcome Swiss from anywhere in Saskatchewan.

ELISABETH EILINGER, PRESIDENT

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