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Local Communications

Message de l'Ambassadeur de Suisse à Canberra

Au moment de quitter définitivement l'Australie, il me tient à coeur de dire combien j'ai apprécié les contacts que j'ai eu le privilège d'entretenir avec mes concitoyens et concitoyennes résidant dans le vaste continent australien, il est vrai à de trop rares occasions vu l'éloignement de la capitale. Je me félicite de l'harmonie qui règne fort heureusement entre eux, restés ainsi fidèles à notre devise "Un pour tous, tous pour un".

Je forme tous mes voeux pour la prospérité de la communauté suisse. C'est avec des sentiments de profond regret que je la quitte et avec la certitude qu'elle voudra bien reporter sur mon successeur la confiance dont elle m'a crédité.

A l'approche des fêtes de fin d'année, je dis encore à tous: "Joyeux Noël et Bonne Nouvelle Année".

M. Grossenbacher
Ambassadeur

Mitteilung des Schweizerischen Botschafters in Canberra

Nachdem meine Zeit in Australien abgelaufen ist, liegt es mir am Herzen zu sagen, wie sehr ich den Kontakt mit meinen Landsleuten in Australien geschätzt habe. Gerne hätte ich noch engere Bande geknüpft; allein, die grossen Distanzen haben dies leider nicht erlaubt. Es war mir ein besonderes Vergnügen festzustellen, welche harmonische Beziehungen unter den Schweizern hier bestehen und zu sehen wie sie dergestalt unserer Devise "Einer für alle, alle für einen" nachzuleben verstehen.

Der schweizerischen Gemeinschaft in Australien wünsche ich weiterhin alles Gute. Es ist mit tiefem Bedauern, dass ich sie verlasse; ich weiss aber, dass sie meinem Nachfolger ebensoviel Vertrauen entgegenbringen wird wie sie dies mir gegenüber getan hat.

Mit dem Herannahen der Festtage wünsche ich allen fröhliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr!

M. Grossenbacher
Botschafter

Message of the Swiss Ambassador in Canberra

The moment of departure from Australia having arrived, I would like to take the opportunity to say how much I appreciated the contacts with my fellow countrymen and women living in this vast continent. Would distances not have been so great I would have enjoyed meeting them more often than I did. It was with pleasure that I witnessed the harmony which reigns amongst them, therefore being faithful to our cause "One for all, all for one".

I wish the Swiss community in Australia prosperity and I must add that it is with deep regret that I leave it behind, knowing, however, that it will put as much trust in my successor as it did in me.

With the Festive Season approaching, I wish all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

M. Grossenbacher
Ambassador

ADELAIDE

SWISS CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
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WAS MACHT SICH IN ADELAIDE?

(Lesen Sie den Text halblaut, dann versteht man auch den Dialekt)

De letscht-jöhrigi Vorstand isch widergwählt. D'Generalversammlung vom 27.9 guet bsuecht gsi. D'Erwartige vom Alphorn-Fond sin erfüllt und mit Freude het de Klub es Darlehe vo de Frau Olga Schleuniger zugestatte chönne; de ansehnliche Betrag het sie im Vorstand wieder i d'Hand ine-druckt und ganz schlicht gseid: "en Spendi fur de Klub!" Für so viel Groszügigkeit möchtid mir alli ufrichtig "Danke-viel-mol" sage. Noch em chalte Büffet überrascht Eus de Alan Boehm mit emene Juwel vo Film ueber das letschtjöhriigi Winzerfäscht. Viele Dank, Alan.

Am 11. Novämber am 11.30 isch die erschi Schweizerstimm offiziell durch de Sudaustralische Aether glosse. D'Schwiizer Radiogruppe besteht us vier Mitarbeiter und operiert unabhängig vom Klub. Verhandlige sind immer no im Gang fur Sendeziite denn mir gond uf

UKW und demnach Qualitaet. Genau Sendeziite chömid im Newsletter. An dere Stell es Chränzli winde isch am Platz, s'ghört im Herr Konsul W. Zellweger für sini aktivi Mithilf im Vermittligsdienst zwüsche Adelaide und em SBC in Bern.

D'Wiehnachtsparty findet am 17. Dezember statt uf de Farm vom Janosh und de Rita Toth. Wer meldet sich freiwillig ums Gras z'schnide? S'Rosmarie Copeland hed ifrig i de Schwiiz für euse Wiehnachtsma ikauft. Viele Dank fur d'Mueh und d'Ziit.

Im Januar hilft de Schwiizerklub am Schützelfescht in Hahndorf. Mer hend de Würschtl-Stand und bruchid zwölf bis achtzehn Mithelfer zum de Barbeque und d'Kasse z'bemanne. Bitte, bitte alli Freiwilligi ob Sie, ob Er, bitte an Kuno Keller, 44 82 79 melde.

De Klub wird für euses Mitmache finanziel entschädigt.

Natürli treffid mir eus alli immer no a jedem erschte Dienstag im Monat im Clarice Swiss Restaurant.

Jetzt möcht ich Euch allne viel Glück und Sege wünsche für Feschttag und

viel Erfolg im Neue Jahr. Mit emene Gedanke an alli Schwiizerklubs möcht i schliesse: wie wers wenn mir alli unterenand chli meh Kontakt pflege würdid.... Prosit Neujahr und toi, toi, toi.

Kuno H.L. Keller, President/Secretary

ALICE SPRINGS

In October our Consul General R. Tellenbach and his wife visited Alice Springs. An informal dinner party was held at a local restaurant. It was very well attended and gave the Swiss a chance to meet them personally.

I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tellenbach for the genuine interest they take in our wellbeing. Their efforts have already proved successful, showing in increased communication among compatriots throughout Australia.

The response to my appeal for participation at the Folklorico '78 was very pleasing. Two interstate groups will appear. But more of this in the next issue.

Trudi Luedi, P.O. Box 803,
Alice Springs, N.T. 5750, Phone 52 2425

BRISBANE

SWISS SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

c/o G.P.O. Box 1173, Brisbane, Qld. 4001

First, we would like to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year! We trust that you will all be looking forward to 1979 and, of course, to taking part in the activities of our Club. The new committee has worked very hard to present you with a variety of functions and outings during the coming 12 months. 1978 was possibly not one of the greatest years in this club's history — but let's not "cry over spilled milk" but look forward to making 1979 a tremendous success with lots of new members and a much greater participation at each of the Club's get-togethers!

Members will receive the new programme by mail together with the inevitable membership renewal slip. Please pay your fees promptly to enable our much troubled treasurer to budget ahead.

As mentioned, all details have been sent to the registered members. Those of you who are not members yet but would like to join our Club are invited to write to the SWISS SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND, c/o G.P.O. Box 1173, Brisbane, Qld. or phone 229 1322 during office hours.

Peter Gloor

CANBERRA

"CANBERRA SWISS CLUB"

Die "Canberra Swiss Society" genehmigte an ihrer jährlichen Generalversammlung vom 7. Oktober 1978 mit drei kleinen Abänderungen die vom Vorstand beantragte Teilrevision der Statuten. Die nach aussen wichtigste Aenderung betrifft den Namen unserer Vereinigung, die von nun an "Canberra Swiss Club" heisst.

Der für 1979 gewählte Vorstand:
Präsident: Ernst Carniello; Vizepräsident: Robert Bachmann; Sekretär: Ernst Eichenberger; Kassier: Lisbeth Dueblin; Materialverwalter: Peter Wuermli; Beisitzer: Chris Marugg, Peter Schoenborn, Helen Salzmann, Peter Hari.

Programm bis März 1979:
3.12.78 Samichlaus
23. — 25.2.79 Canberra National Show mit Schweizer Beteiligung
11.3.79 Wiesenfest

HOBART

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF HOBART

The Swiss — Australian Society of Hobart conducted its Annual General Meeting at the Hotel Beltana on the 7th November, 1978.

The meeting elected: President: Mr. Max Zimmerli; Vice-President: Mr. W. Lutz; Secretary: Miss H. Bucher; Treasurer: Mr. Rene Schnitzer; Committee Members: Mr. Paul Bucher, Miss Claire Bucher.

Our next outing will take place at the Palomina Reserve, and will be a Christmas Celebration. Free food and refreshments will be provided by the club. We extend an invitation to all Swiss and friends.

We wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year from Tasmania.

Any inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Max Zimmerli, 12 Catherine Street, Berridale, Tas.

MELBOURNE

SWISS CLUB OF VICTORIA

89 Flinders Lane, Melbourne,
Vic. 3000. Telephone 63 1196

We would like to inform all members and friends that the Swiss Club will again close its doors over the Christmas and New Year period.

It was decided to make Friday, 22nd December, the closing day, so as to enable the Manager and his staff to

come in on Saturday for a final "spring-clean", before their well deserved holiday.

The re-opening of the Club is planned for 24th January and we ask you all to again give us your patronage during 1979.

To all the members and their guests who have visited the Club during 1978 and who have attended the many functions, we would like to express our sincere thanks.

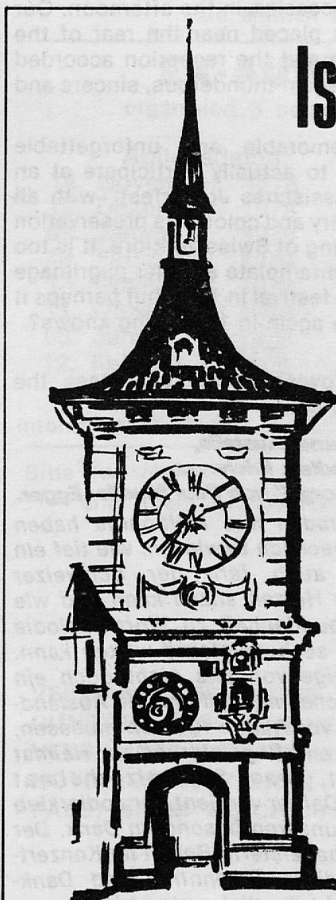
The committee is already planning a few surprises for its members and we again hope to present to you an interesting and varied social calendar.

The committee wishes all members and friends of the Club a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Joe Schibli, President

YODELLERS' SUCCESS IN SWITZERLAND

It will by now be known to most members of the Swiss Club that our Yodellers "did us proud" on their tour of Switzerland. They achieved what they set out to do, by gaining the highest distinction at the festival held from June 30 to July 2 in Schwyz. In having done so, they not only brought great credit to themselves, but also to the Swiss Club and the Swiss community as a whole.



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Much praise for this effort must go to the leader of the group, Hans Brunner, who had the vision to initiate the venture and the tenacity of will and purpose to translate an idea into reality. He and his group worked unstintingly and without complaint for two years to realize this ambition. That success was achieved in the end is also due to the efforts of the Sydney yodellers, who joined in the venture and provided invaluable support. In fact, success would not have been possible without them. Particular thanks are due to Sigi Ackermann. The conductor of the Melbourne group, John Schmidli, was unable to come on the trip; it therefore fell to Sigi to take over the musical direction, welding two separate groups into a viable whole. That he did this with distinction is evidenced by the success the choir achieved.

The party set out from Melbourne on Friday, June 23, together with some of their family members and some friends. On their way to Singapore they picked up the Sydney group.

The party left Singapore on Sunday evening by Swissair and arrived at Klotten airport early on Monday 26th June. The reception was highlighted by an Alphorn rendition by a Zuerich ensemble. The yodellers of course immediately responded by singing, appropriately enough, "Schwyzer Bode".

On to Schwyz on Friday 30 June, the business end of the trip. After being welcomed by the President of the Organizing Committee, taped its competition song, "Baergmorge", for Swiss television. The official competition song was given at a performance on Saturday night. The reception by the audience, which filled the auditorium to such an extent that the overflow was obliged to stand in the aisles, was something the participants will never forget. It must

also have impressed the three judges, since they awarded it the highest grading.

Events were continued on Sunday morning in the town square, where an ecumenical divine service was held. It was a brilliant, hot and sunny day. Swiss Television has kindly donated a videotape of these proceedings.

The festival was concluded with a festive procession in the afternoon. Our group was placed near the rear of the procession and the reception accorded them was again thunderous, sincere and warmhearted.

The memorable and unforgettable thing was to actually participate at an "Eidgenoessisches Jodlerfest" with all its pageantry and colour, its preservation and fostering of Swiss folklore. It is too early to contemplate another pilgrimage to the next festival in 1981, but perhaps it is possible again in 1984. Who knows?

The following article expresses the judge's verdict:

**"Melbourne, Austalia,
Swiss Jodlers Edelwyss
"Baergmorge" von Paul Mueller-Egger.**

Die Kameraden aus Melbourne haben uns eindruendlich bewiesen, wie tief ein Jodellied auch fern der Schweizer Heimat im Herzen sitzen kann und wie diese Verbundenheit zu Wort, Melodie und Jodel so begeisternd wirken kann. Waren einige von uns nicht doch ein wenig beschaemt, weil uns die Ausland-schweizer vor Augen fuehren muessen, was Liebe and Begeisterung zur Heimat ausmacht, was Schweizerheimat bedeutet. Dafuer verdient der Jodlerklub Edelwyss unseren besondern Dank. Der ueberaus begeisterte Beifall im Konzertsaal hat diese Erkenntnis und Dankbarkeit recht deutlich unterstrichen.

Wollte man den Wettvortrag genau unter die Lupe nehmen, so koennte man in aller Objektivitaet feststellen, dass der Vortrag vor allem klanglich, dynamisch und dies auch im schoen geformten Jodel — voll ueberzeugte. Sprachlich waren wohl, begreiflich, noch einige Wuensche offen. Die Klassierung ist trotzdem vollauf berechtigt. Wir sind stolz auf die Kameraden von Melbourne. Moege der Besuch des 17. Eidg. Jodlerfestes in Schwyz ihre Verbundenheit mit der alten Heimat noch vertiefen und in beglueckender Erinnerung weiterleben."

BEWERTUNG: KLASSE 1.

SWISS FOLK DANCE GROUP "ALPENROSE"

The Swiss Folk Dance Group of Victoria is experiencing a very busy year and is performing at the "Alice Springs Folklorico 1978" in November, 1978. The girls in the group will be wearing the new summer "Trachten" for the first time and the effect should be quite colourful.

Peggie E. Schürch-Thornton

LADIES' LUNCHEON

At the Swiss Club of Victoria
89 Flinders Lane, Phone 63 1196

The spinning and weaving course in Mt. Macedon was a very successful event indeed. Fifteen ladies followed the most interesting instructions of Mrs. Speck and showed their skill in weaving and spinning. The hospitality of the Meyer family as well as the lovely surroundings of Ard Rudah made this day such a happy one.

For the last meeting of this year, on November 15, an all time record of over 100 ladies gathered at the Swiss Club to listen to the explanations of Mrs. Olga Eugster about Swiss Christmas Baking.

I take this opportunity to thank once more not only Mrs. Speck and Mrs. Eugster for their contributions but all the ladies who, during the year, have shown their interest in our cause.

Program:

7th March, 1979, at 12.30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. I. Minor, theme: "My marriage to India";

9th May, 1979, at 12.30 p.m.

The guest Speaker and theme shall be announced at a later date.

All Swiss ladies as well as their friends are welcome. Cost of the luncheon, \$5 (wine included). Contribution for babysitter (from 10.30 a.m. — 2 p.m.) \$1 per child. Please make your bookings not later than the day before the luncheon.

Seeing you all again in the New Year, I remain with best wishes for you and your families.
Christine Zellweger

RADIO ETHNIC 3 EA (11.20 kh)

Swiss Radio Program 20th of each month, 2-3 p.m., repeat 9-10 p.m.

SCHWEIZERSCHULE MELBOURNE

Mit der Weihnachtsfeier vom 2. Dezember 1978 wird das vierte Schuljahr offiziell seinen Abschluss finden.

Mit einer Beteiligung von 25—30 Kindern an den zweimal im Monat stattfindenden Zusammenkünften hat sich "unsere" Schule auch 1978 wieder bewährt. Um dieser Institution Bestand zu verleihen sind Richtlinien ausgearbeitet worden, die sich mit den Grundsätzen und der Organisation befassen. Diese Richtlinien werden am 11. Dezember an einer Elternversammlung im Hause von Konsul Werner Zellweger besprochen werden.

Ueber den Schulbeginn im neuen Jahr werden die Eltern später direkt unterrichtet. Interessenten können sich auch immer ans Konsulat in Melbourne (Telefon 267 2266) wenden.

Den Lehrerinnen, Frau Esther Läng and Frau Rosmarie Moser, aber auch Herrn Hans Ochsenbein gehört unser Dank für ihren Dienst an der Heimat.

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PERTH

SWISS CLUB OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

P.O. Box 7154 Cloisters Square Perth, W.A. 6001 Tel: (09) 276 5751 (AH)

Nous approchons la fin de 1978. Le picnic annuel dans les collines de Perth a été un succès, et nous remercions notre Consul Honoraire, Mr. Rudi Abplanalp, ainsi que la Midland Brick Company de nous avoir laissé utiliser leur terrain. Nous avons eu une messe en plein air par le Père Erwin Worth qui

est en visite-échange ici à Perth. Les enfants du Club se préparent maintenant pour la St. Nicholas; notre fête aura lieu le 9 Décembre et sera la cloture de nos activités pour 1978.

En 1979 Western Australia fêtera le 150ème anniversaire de sa colonisation. Le Club Suisse de Western Australia participera à la célébration. En organisant le passage à Perth du Groupe Folklorique Suisse qui donnera une performance à l'Entertainment Centre le 19 octobre 1979.

Beaucoup d'autres activités prévues par le Club sont en chantier. Un programme détaillé sera publié dans le prochain numéro de "Swiss Review". Cette année nous avons eu la visite de parents, amis, et membres de la communauté suisse des Etats de l'est: nous espérons que le caractère spécial de l'an '79 don-

nera encore plus de raison pour nos compatriotes de "l'Est" de venir nous rendre visite. Si de plus amples informations sont nécessaires, ECRIVEZ-NOUS; nous nous ferons un plaisir de vous fournir les renseignements demandés.

Nous nous réunissons le premier mercredi de chaque mois au Chalet Rigi. Suisses romands de Western Australia et visiteurs, joignez le groupe — toujours plus large — de romands dans notre Club.

Cette année nous avons eu notre premier "Metzgete". Ce fut un tel succès que le Metzgete fera maintenant partie de nos activités annuelles.

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Année à tous nos lecteurs.

Jean-Paul et Diana Dimier

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Der Aufenthalt kann aber bis zu 180 Tage ausgedehnt werden.

Informationen senden wir auf Ihren Wunsch gerne an Ihre Schweizer Bekannten.

Bitte Ausschneiden.....
und Ihrem nächsten Brief an Ihre Verwandten und Freunde in der Schweiz beilegen.

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SYDNEY

THE SWISS CLUB OF NEW SOUTH WALES LIMITED

regularly meets on Monday nights at the Ratskellerstube, Concordia Club, Stanmore Road, Stanmore. (opposite Newington College; good parking facilities).

Every first Monday of the month: "Kegeln", and on every Club Evening our "Jass" competition continues.

On the last Monday of the month a dance evening is held with Swiss music and entertainment by Max Mueller and Rolf Aerni.

For enquiries ring the President, Armin Roth, at home on 669 1749 or write in for an enrolment form to join the Club and obtain the Swiss Club News, published by-monthly: Box 3713 G.P.O., Sydney 2001.

COMING FUNCTIONS

Monday, 4th December
Club Evening at Concordia Club with "Jass" and "KEGELN"

Saturday, 9th December
CHILDREN'S SANTA CLAUS picnic at Lane Cover River Park.

Monday, 11th December
Final Dance Evening of the year Santa Claus and Prizегiving ceremonies: "Jasspokal" — "Preisjassen"

SWISS SMALL BORE RIFLE CLUB

Four of our members took part in the "Manly Prize Meeting" on October 15th, finishing with excellent results as follows:

Kurt Nievergelt, D Grade, 557 points

Bruno Zosso, C Grade, 560 points

Hans Schaeppi, B Grade, 581 points

Urban Gmuer, A Grade, 587 points

Congratulations!

Members of the Swiss Club who would like to try, test, cultivate or maintain their shooting skills are always welcome to join the Rifle Club Section.

Practise shooting takes place every Friday night at the Manly Small Bore Rifle Range, Campbell Parade, Manly Vale. For enquiries ring the Captain: Bruno Zosso, on 888 7122.

CHILDREN'S SANTA CLAUS PICNIC

Saturday, 9th December, at Lane Cover River Park.

SANTA will again be visiting our young folk, and no doubt his bag will be full of surprises — if they were good children during the year — which surely they were!

A special picnic ground will be reserved at Lane Cover River Park for the whole day. Please watch out for sign displayed at entrance of park near Collector's office for number and name of picnic area occupied by the Swiss Club.

If the weather is good it will be an ideal place for a day's family outing. SANTA CLAUS usually arrives *just after 2 p.m.*, so make sure you don't miss him!

If anyone has a transport problem, please advise anyone of the committee members, and we may be able to arrange for a pick up. Buses come to the entrance of the park via Fullers Bridge.

Cost per child is \$3.50. For enrolment form please ring Mrs. Roth on 669 1749 no later than 17th November.

TEN PIN BOWLING (KEGELN)

To give our Club members more opportunities to meet one another in a playful, friendly atmosphere, we have booked the two lanes of the Concordia Club's Ten-Pin Bowling Alley (Kegelbahn) for every first Monday of the month. This would basically allow our members to play from about 6 p.m. onwards till approx. 11 p.m. The hours we expect to play however would be from about 8 p.m. till 10.30 p.m.

With 2 lanes there should be ample room to allow various groups to play at various times, and a basic charge of \$1 per player would be levied. Time will tell whether a team or teams will be formed which would want to take ten-pin bowling up as a regular sport.

We welcome all to this new attraction.

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During the forthcoming period of programming Oliver will broadcast his last program with Esther. Oliver intends to leave our shores to return to Switzerland. We shall miss his "Eusebius Meckerle" and the special swing that he brought into the Swissgerman program. It is hard to find a suitable way to thank for his outstanding efforts in this column. "Oliver — thank you on behalf of all your listeners and your fans in particular!"

That the "show" will go on can be seen from the preview of the Swiss programs for the next three months. It

Notice to the Clubs

Please send your articles for the next "Swiss Review" **before 10 February 1979 to:**
Consulate of Switzerland
425 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne
Vic. 3004.

should give us pleasure to welcome the new voices: 1) the new partner for Esther ⁵ Raphael — to be heard the first time on Thursday 7th December and 2) Primo — to be heard the first time on Thursday 14th December. Good listening!
Radio Onkel

Dezember

7. Erstes Programm von Esther & Raphael: Unterhaltung & Cabaret

14. 800 Jahre Stadt Luzern: Christine & Primo

21. Weihnachtsprogramm: Christine & Primo

28. Sylvesterprogramm: Esther & Raphael

Januar 1979

4. Unterhaltung & Cabaret: Esther & Raphael

11. Die Schweiz im Jahre 1978: Ein Rueckblick: Christine & Beat

18. Unterhaltung & Cabaret: Esther & Raphael

25. Das Alphorn (mit Einschluss der Alphorngruppe Sydney unter Leitung von Hausi Kaufmann) Christine & Beat

Februar

1. Unterhaltung & Cabaret: Esther & Raphael

(Programmaenderungen vorbehalten)

SWISS SENIORS LUNCHEON (N.S.W.)

The Swiss Seniors Luncheon is an informal occasion which is held from time to time at a selected convenient meeting place.

Our Swiss Community is most grateful to Mr. Kaspar Vetsch who is the originator of this group which has been in operation over the past 2½ years. Kaspar has gathered an enthusiastic following which offers a wonderful opportunity for our senior members and their friends to get together.

Just ring Kaspar at 43 3382 and he will be delighted to advise the date and place of the next luncheon as well as any other information that may be requested.

Consular Communications

My staff and I, while thanking all those members of the Swiss communities in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory who have been graciously lending us their help throughout this year, wish you all a joyous Christmas as well as happiness and good health throughout 1979.

All those in need of advice or help should know that we at the Consulate General consider it our pleasant duty to afford them of our guidance at all times.

Raymond Tellenbach