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REGIONAL INFOS CANADA

Editorial

A happy spring! to the readers of our *Swiss Review*.

Un beau printemps! aux lectrices et lecteurs de notre *Revue Suisse*.

BRENDA ANDRES, "REGIONAL INFOS CANADA"

Central Alberta: Wildrose Yodel Club

We would like to congratulate the organizers of the 40th "NASSA" Singing and Yodeling Festival in Kitchener, Ontario for their efforts and commitment in putting on a first class event. Now we are looking forward to the Saengerfest 2015 in New Glarus, Wisconsin.

Should young or older Swiss fellows in Central Alberta feel like having a fun night out on the town per week, think no more and join us at our rehearsals. We can always use more voices in all registers. Practice is usually held on Thursday nights from September until May at the Bentley School.

The Wildrose Yodelers will host their 16th Annual Spring Fest in Rimbey, Alberta on Saturday, May 4th. Tickets for this event are available from Urs Mueller 403-748-2096.

As most Swiss in Central Alberta are now aware of the annual August 1st party, please remember that everyone is invited to this Potluck event. Feel free to bring your friends to this annual event at the Forshee Hall. It will always take place on August 1st! Details can be found under "Upcoming Events" on the Wildrose website.

For additional information about our choir please visit our website at www.salranch-tours.com/wildrose, details about our national holiday festivities may be found under "Upcoming events".

FRED SALVISBERG, SECRETARY

Calgary: Swiss Folk Dance Club Alpenrösli

We practice every Monday night from 8pm – 9:30pm at the Ramsay Community Hall, 1136 – 8th Street SE, Calgary. After practice we meet for a social. We currently have 13 female members with room for growth. If you are interested you are welcome to drop in at one of our practices, or just contact one of our members.

As a new member you will gain:

- New friendships
- Re-connect with your Swiss heritage
- Great exercise
- Opportunity to wear your *Tracht* (if you don't own one, we will supply you with one)
- A weekly night out with the girls
- Lots of laughs and a good time

We are always open to any event invitations within Alberta or out of Province.

Contact information: president@swiss-dance-group-alpenroesli.ca / www.swiss-dance-group-alpenroesli.ca

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Calgary: *Jodlerklub Heimattreu*

The Jodlerklub Heimattreu had a successful appearance at the NASSA Sängersfest in Kitchener, Ontario last summer. The members are intent on building on this success and to that end, authorized the music committee to explore the possibility of organizing a workshop and/or retreat, specifically designed to address the needs of our group.

Last November the yodelers and our own Musical Director, Marian Jordan-Hamilton, spent a few days at The Banff Centre together with a Swiss coach in an intensive workshop. The culmination of the workshop, "the proof of the pudding" so to speak, was when the entire group traveled to Canmore, Alberta where the refreshed and newly acquired skills of the seminar participants were matched up with the rest of the choir. It was a truly remarkable experience and well worth the effort and expense.

With renewed vigor and confidence, we participated at the concert series held at Calgary's Knox United Church every year during advent. This in turn led to an invitation to participate in an event scheduled for April 20th also at Knox United, when several Calgary based choirs will perform. Look for details in the events calendar.

A very appreciative audience heard us sing a selection of songs from the "Erste Jodlermesse" written by Jost Marty, at the St. Boniface German Church on February 10th and more engagements and public performances are scheduled to the end of the season.

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

April 20/7:30 PM Calgary Sings: Knox United Church, Calgary

May 11 Airdrie Yodel Fest (Tentative):

Town & Country Community Center, Airdrie

June 2/4 PM JK Heimattreu Annual Club Concert:

McDougall United Church, Calgary

For further details, please visit our website at:

www.jkheimattreu.com

PETER STAPFER, SECRETARY

Edmonton: *Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir*

Male choirs are known for their penchant for fun and the Edmonton Swiss Men's choir is no exception. While we do like singing on a pub run after a Tuesday practice, that is not how we attack our singing in concert. To maintain a high standard we undertake serious as well as Swiss folkloric music. To polish both kinds of repertoires we recently asked Maestro Michael Zaugg, the director of Edmonton's Pro Coro chamber choir (an excellent professional ensemble) to conduct a workshop and to give some of us private lessons. We are very fortunate to benefit from his expertise. Although serious and demanding, the workshops are a lot of fun.

In early October we will take a trip to the Okanagan valley where we will present a concert for the Interior BC Swiss Society. We look forward to our sojourn and to performing on October 4th at the Schubert Center in Vernon, British Columbia. The choir continues to seek new members and may be contacted through its website at www.esmc.ab.ca where ESMC's scheduled events and additional information are posted.

DAVE LEIGH, EVENTS DIRECTOR AND PETER THUT, SECRETARY

Toronto: *Swiss Club Toronto*

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Swiss Club Toronto Theatre Section

Theaterauff  hrung 2013

"Lueged emol verbii" – Kom  die in 3 Akten von Ulla Kling

The play will be performed in Swiss German on the dates and at the locations listed below:

April 13 – 7pm in Ottawa. Contact: Daniel Stripinis
613-526-4888 / Daniel.stripinis@cic.gc.ca

April 27 – 2pm and 8pm at the Estonian House, 958 Broadview Ave. in Toronto. Drinks and *Nussgipfel* will be available and dinner is possible as of 6:30pm. Contact: Maggie Hess 905-508-8014 / magdalena.h@sympatico.ca

The Theatre section will offer an enjoyable evening and hopes that *Swiss Review* readers will attend its performances. For additional information, please contact a local Swiss club representative or call Maggie Hess or Walter Brunner at 905-508-8014.

Swiss Club Toronto Theatre Group

- April 13 Get-Together Dance: Milverton Rec. Complex
- May 26 Swiss Style Farmers Brunch: Milverton Rec. Complex
- July 28 Bundesfeier: Moncton Arena
- Aug 25 Seniorentreff: Location to be announced
- Sept 21 Jodler Stubete: Moorefield Community Centre
- Nov 2 Generalversammlung, Swiss Club Thames Valley: Milverton Legion
- Nov 16 Konzert Swiss Famer Band: Milverton Rec Complex
- Dec 8 Advents Feier: Milverton Legion

If you have any questions, please contact Walter Burhardt at 519-393-5211 or walterb@quadro.net.

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Consultez régulièrement notre site web pour connaître les prix de la Tombola 2013, la date de vente des billets et autres nouvelles: www.fedesuisse.com.

RAPHAËL DELACOMBAZ, PRÉSIDENT

Federation of Swiss Societies
of Eastern Canada

The preparations of our National Day celebrations at Mont Sutton on August 3rd are well under way. Wonderful surprises await you throughout the day.

In association with the Fede clubs, we are looking for volunteers for the day. Please contact the President of your club/association to advise of your availabilities or write to info@fedeswiss.com.

Visit our website regularly for news items, for the 2013 Tombola prizes and date of ticket sales: www.fedesuisse.com.

RAPHAËL DELACOMBAZ, PRESIDENT

Matterhorn Swiss Club

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Terra Mare Restaurant where we enjoyed another delicious dinner. Our committee for 2013 remains unchanged: President: Walter Spirig, Vice-President: Christian Walz, Treasurer: Gilbert Berthoud, Secretary: Joanne Spirig, Member-at-large: Annelise Oppliger.

This year marks the Matterhorn Swiss Club's 60th anniversary, and to celebrate we have planned a special day trip for early summer. We will travel by bus to Rockport Ontario to enjoy a Thousand Island Cruise where we will also tour Boldt Castle, followed by a nice dinner together.

We organize 5 to 6 events or outings each year and are pleased to report that they are always well-attended. We continue to welcome new members to our club as well.

WALTER SPIRIG, PRESIDENT, 514-694-3718

Männergesangsverein Harmonie

After a very eventful 2012 with over 10 concerts and singing engagements, a Silver Medal award at the "Sängerfest" in Kitchener in June, of the North American Swiss Singer Alliance (NASSA), a new season has begun with the first rehearsal on January 27.

On February 28, we had our General Assembly in Hemmingford. The Spring Dance and Concert will take place on April 27, in St. Bernard de Lacolle, followed by our annual Candlelight Concert on June 14, in the historic Odelltown Church in Lacolle.

We are always looking for new good voices to join our Swiss Men's choir. For additional information please contact: Heiri Morf, President 450-246-3797 or Othmar Haehni, Secretary 450-247-2870 / ohaeni@aol.com

Société Suisse Romande

Manifestations prochaines:

Pique-nique familiale, dimanche le 16 juin.

Fête Nationale au Mont Sutton, samedi le 3 août.

Nous recherchons aussi des bénévoles qui pourront offrir du temps, selon leur disponibilité, lors de cette fête et de son organisation - écrivez à societesuisseromande@gmail.com

Raclette, dimanche le 8 septembre.

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InteressentInnen können sich am Facebook über uns orientieren: PiccB'ois - Fifres et Tambours à Montréal / www.facebook.com/group/107056106003711; oder direkt bei Sandrine 514-489-3736, sibracco@gmail.com

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