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President's Report

Welcome to 2004 - a leap year - I wish every one of you all the best for the New Year ... happiness, prosperity and above all good health.

It appears that summer has finally arrived, and here in Taranaki, all the farmers are very busy getting their hay in ... for some the fine weather has arrived a little late, as crops are well in seed. We are certainly all grateful that the weather, overall, has been good for farming ... a pleasant change to last year when it was so very wet ... then cold ... then dry!!! Let's hope that the season continues to be kind to us!!!

Now the time has arrived for the BBQs and enjoying a little more time outside in the glorious, fine weather. My mouth waters at the smell of cervelats and bratwurst being grilled on the BBQ ... and delicious salads to accompany these Swiss favourites.

I wish you all a pleasant summer, and see you next month.

Regards, Marianne

'Why does a dog get so annoyed when you blow on its face, but when in a speeding car it insists on sticking its head out the window?'

Spruch des Monats

(Gedanken fuer das neue Jahr!)

Kurz, nun war es wieder Weihnachtszeit, der Jahreswechsel, war soweit, verlaufen, mit viel Gemuetlichkeit!

Das neue Jahr, soll gut gelingen, Gesundheit, Glueck und Freude bringen!

Das alte Jahr, hat uns verlassen, so wollen wir alle alten Sorgen, hinter uns lassen!

Ist es denn nicht wunderbar?, geboren ist wieder ein neues Jahr!

So, wenn wir in den naechsten Zeiten, gemeinsam, durch den Alltag schreiten, vergesse alle negativen Seiten, welche uns das Leben kann bereiten!

Und kommst Du manchmal auch ins schwanken, erinnere Dich stets nur an die positiven Gedanken, welche Du Dir zum Jahreswechsel, hast vorgenommen, damit sie auch sicher, Wirklichkeit bekommen!

Stehe fern, von Versuchung und Gefahr und ich bin sicher, Du hast Dir selbst ein gutes und glueckliches, neues Jahr!

Written by Walter Seifert

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To All Our Readers

From all of the team, from the "Swiss-Helvetia-Magazine" for the Leap Year 2004!!!

I wish you even more than what I did the year before!
(The extra hours you get are 24!!!).

To wish you **12 months** of good health is my first priority!

For the **52 weeks** the best of luck and good company!

The **366 days** shall pass, with the least possible stress!

For the **8,784 hours** I wish you heaps of success!

The **527,040 minutes** shall contain lots of peace and harmony!

Combined with **31,622,400 seconds** of happiness and prosperity!

And all the best for ever more throughout the year 2004!!!

Regards, Walter Seifert



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