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## President's Report

Well ... another month has passed ... looking at the date on the last Helvetia magazine ... you would think that we're repeating the same issue!!! ... sorry about the error on the front page advising that we had printed the December / January issue instead of the November issue ... a communication error, and we do apologise for the mistake. It doesn't seem long ago that we were printing the last Christmas issue, and here we are at it again!!! One wonders where the time has gone ... yet we have all put a lot into the past twelve months!!!

I hope that all the Swiss Clubs in New Zealand enjoy good participation at their Christmas functions, and that above all, families take part in this special time. All the Swiss club committees try to make their Christmas functions special, and they only succeed if you, the general public, go along to these events and take your children and/or grandchildren. So please, do support your local club in these well-organised activities.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas, all the best for the New Year, and above all good health to enjoy what the year ahead has planned for us.

Regards  
Marianne

## Spruch des Monats

### (A Special Friend Is Someone to Cherish)

A special friend is a rare find ...  
someone who shares your joy and happiness,  
someone who cares enough to show love and kindness,  
someone who is a comfort to spend time with,  
someone who is honest and thoughtful.

A special friend is a wonderful person ...  
someone who offers understanding when life is difficult,  
someone whose smile is enough to brighten any day,  
someone who accepts you and is glad that you are you,  
someone who forgets mistakes and is gentle and trusting.

You are this special friend to me.  
Our times together are treasured in my heart.  
And at this special time of year,  
I wish you love, laughter,  
and all of life's most beautiful things.  
I wish you health and cheer,  
and more of everything that makes you happy.  
And I wish that we will always be special friends.

Donna Levine  
Contributed by Walter Seifert

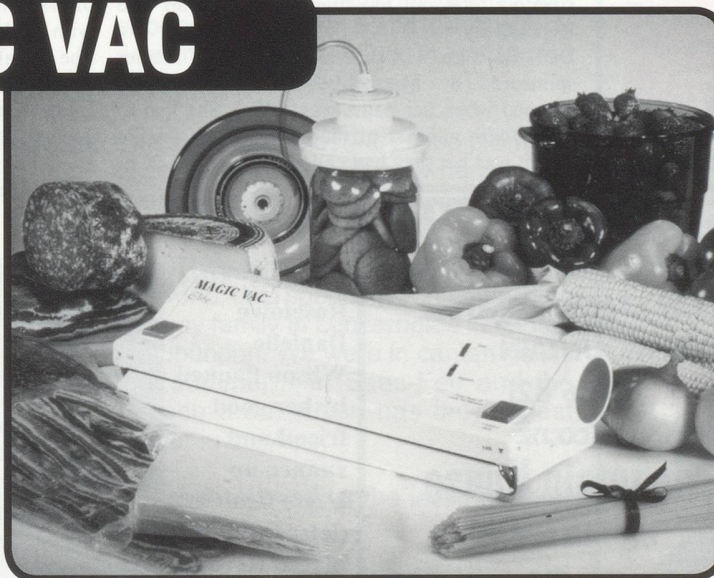
*Four reasons for not drinking: the head is clearer, the health is better, the heart is lighter and the purse is heavier.*

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