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President's Message

By Arnold Ambiel



Dear Aelplers,

We're entering 2022 better prepared to deal with the pandemic. We've gotten through worse before and we'll get through this also.

Our Metzgete and Christmas Party were both very successful. Thanks to Charlie and Steve for cooking for us. Everyone enjoyed spending time together and left looking forward to our next gathering. Thank you for all the donations for presents and the members drawing. You are very generous members.

It's been a sad couple of weeks with the passing of Walt Haslemann and Mariette Franke. They hadn't even arrived in California when our hall was built, but two people never worked harder...always behind the scenes...to put on events for us all to attend. We were lucky to have them as members and to call them friends.

Due to Omicron we canceled two events and converted our January 23rd annual meeting to a Zoom call. We don't want to delay meeting with you any longer. Call if you're not sure how to use Zoom and we'll use it to bring us together. As we adapt, it's worth a try.

Our next in person event will be our Folklore Afternoon on April 9th honoring Ronnie Scheiber. Kapella Gander Scheiber will perform. Contact me with your favorite stories about Ronnie. We're all looking forward to getting together again.

And next month make sure to watch the USA and Swiss Winter Olympians in Beijing. It's fun to have two flags to root for.

Next Trivia Question: In honor of the Olympics, What is the longest downhill ski race on the world cup circuit? Call/text me the answer at 510-936-2523. We'll draw a winner from the first 3 received. There were no answers submitted in October. Inside is the answer to that question.

Ich wünsche euch alles Gute,

Arnold

***Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club
Annual Member's Meeting
Sunday, January 23rd at 2:00 p.m.***

We will host a virtual meeting

***Save the Date
Folklore luncheon & Spring dance
to honor Ronnie Scheiber
Saturday, April 9, 2022***

***Jass practice
March 13, 2022
at Swiss Park hall
from 2:00 to approx.. 4:00 p.m.***



Swiss Club Hike



***Sunday, March 27, 2022
See our website and facebook page for
updates on location of the hike as the date
approaches***

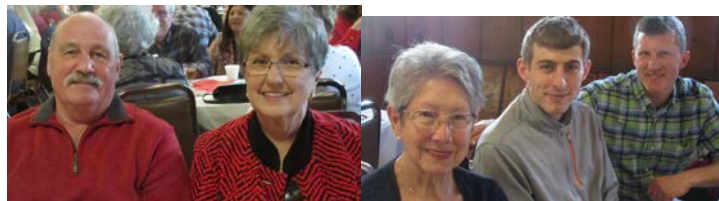
Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Facebook page
www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Christmas luncheon

The Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club hosted their annual Member's Christmas event on December 4th, 2021. In years past the club had the Christmas party in the evening but decided to host it as a luncheon this year instead. Many members helped to decorate the hall for the luncheon while enjoying Christmas music and conversation. The hall and tree were ready by noon when guests arrived!

We all enjoyed visiting with friends and family and sharing a great meal together of Chicken Marsala with polenta and vegetables. We thank Chefs Charlie Schoenenberger and Steve Ambiel for a fabulous treat! The Club sang Christmas songs and very much enjoyed Santa as he took the stage with presents for the children. Many yummy home baked Swiss Christmas cookies were served along with coffee Royole after the luncheon.

We thank Santa's helpers Linda Schaefer and the Kappen Family along with the drawing coordinator Jackie Zuger with her helpers for making the Christmas luncheon truly fun. Of course, our Master of Ceremonies, Arnold Ambiel, worked hard to organize the day, keep it running smoothly, and spreading holiday cheer.



We received lots of requests to publish the yummy recipe of Polenta served at the Christmas luncheon:

Creamy Polenta

2 cup water
1 cup heavy cream
1 oz butter
1 tsp chicken base (or replace water with chicken broth)
½ tsp salt
1 oz unsalted butter
2 Tbsp. parmesan cheese grated
¾ cup cornmeal

Bring all ingredients except the corn meal to a simmer.
Slowly while stirring, add the cornmeal and simmer for 5 minutes.
Serves 6 people

NEW – For those **Jass** enthusiasts among us – and anyone else as well – the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club would like to initiate a monthly **Jass Get-together**.

Meet us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Swiss Park from 2 pm to 4 pm. All interested players regardless of skill level or familiarity with the game are welcome.

For more information, please contact:
Patricia Schaffarczyk (510) 677-8461
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Would you like to Join Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club?

To join, please send your information to:
Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Attn: Membership
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Questions; aelplergruppe@gmail.com or 510-936-2523
<https://www.aelplergruppe.com/memberships/>

Board of Director Election Results

On Sunday November 21, 2021 the three Judges of the Election all met to count and record the ballots for the two elections we held by mail earlier in the month. The judges had all served previously: Bill Bauhofer, Linda Clausen and Stephen Franke. This was the first year that Walter Haslemann was not an Election Judge in many years.

We received 84 ballots that had arrived on time of the 91 total. Both the Aelpler Gruppe Board of Director and the Swiss Park Board of Director slates were re-elected. There were no write-in candidates.

Aelpler Gruppe Officers elected for a three year term:

Recording Secretary: Julia Dobbel Hester
Corresponding Secretary: Kathi Mathys-Imholz
Director 3, Newsletter: Rose Satariano
Director 5: Schwingen: Dominick Reichmuth

Swiss Park Officers elected for a one year term:

Susanne Cameron, Fremont
Herman Betchart, Fremont
Tom Imholz, Fremont
Carl Ramsell, Newark
Pius (Pete) Zuger, Novato

Our Newsletter from 50 Years ago at Aelpler Gruppe.....

JANUARY 12, 1972

Dear Members & Friends;

The Officers and Committee would like to thank all Members and Friends for their cooperation and support in 1971 and we look forward to more of the same in 1972.

Our Regular Monthly meeting will be on Sunday February 6, 1972 at 2:00 P.M. sharp at Swiss Park, Newark, California .

Our Annual Masquerade Ball will be held on Saturday, February 5, 1972. Grand March will be held at 10:00 P.M. sharp. All masks must be in hall by 9:30 P.M. You must be fully masked to be eligible for free admission and a prize. Admission \$1.50.

SICK LIST:

Frank Sutter of Morgan Hill is still in the hospital at Stockton. Mrs. Anninka Schelbert is feeling better but is still in the hospital .

If you wish to go to Switzerland this summer be sure to send your \$2.00 to the United Swiss House Association. Two trips are planned for departure in June (4 weeks & 8 weeks). Six week trip will depart the end of July if enough are interested, for those who want to take in the Eidgenossches Schwingfest. (2nd week of August). If you want any help with reservations for the United Swiss House Associations trip please contact.... Mrs. Rosemary Ramsell - 57150 Elm Street - Fremont, Calif. 94536 Phone: (A.C. 415) 793-0983.

Welcome to the New Life Members ... Mary Montonye, and Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Reichmuth and Social Members Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Buchanan, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Elkins, Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Sandoval and Gustave Ulrich.

In Memorium;

Life Member John Zwinger of Newark passed away January 10, 1972.

THANK YOU,
THE COMMITTEE

Thank you to outgoing Aelpler Gruppe board member, **Jeri Ramsell Kroske** – Corresponding Secretary.

Welcome new board member **Kathi Mathys-Imholz** as Corresponding Secretary.



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club's first club hike

A group of Aelpler Gruppe and Peninsula Swiss club members went on a hike at Coyote Hills park in Newark back in September. We will have hikes a few times each year and will rotate the hiking areas through the North Bay area, East Bay, South Bay and West Bay areas.

Thank you to Patricia Wipfli-Schaffarczyk and Michelle Ott for organizing the hike! We also appreciate Tom Coroneos who documented our first hike and made a video for all to enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB4MnxwTOiM&t=2s>
produced by Tom Coroneos

The Swiss club hiking dates for 2022 are:

Sunday, March 27
Sunday, June 26
Sunday, October 23

Hikes are from 8:30 a.m. – approx. 1:30 p.m. with a picnic lunch afterwards at or near the trailhead. Hikes will be between 4-6 miles. Please check the Aelpler Gruppe website or Facebook for details on hike locations.



Alpen Macaroni (Äpler Magronen)

Prep Time 10 minutes
Cook Time 10 minutes
Total Time 20 minutes
Servings 5 servings



Ingredients

- 1 lbs noodles penne or macaroni
- 1 cup milk
- 4 Tbs butter sliced
- 4 medium potatoes peeled, sliced and cubed
- 1 to 2 cups cheese - a mountain cheese is perfect for this (Gruyere/Swiss)
- 1 large onion sliced thin

Instructions

- Take your thin sliced onion and sauté over high heat until nice and crispy.
- In a large stock pot, prepare water to boil
- In the meantime, wash, peel and cube your potatoes
- Shred your cheese and set aside
- When water begins to boil, add your pasta noodles and sliced potatoes to the water together and cook for 8-10 minutes.
- When noodles and potatoes are cooked, drain. Add your butter, milk and cheese. Stir until noodles and potatoes are well combined with this cheesy sauce. Top with the sautéed onions.

Aelpler Gruppe 2022 Calendar of Events

www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub

Jan 23 Via Zoom - Annual Member's Meeting 2 p.m.
March 13 Jass practice 2-4 p.m.
March 27 Swiss Club hike
April 9 Folklore and Spring dance
May 1 Semi-annual members meeting 2 p.m.
June 12 United Swiss Soc. Swiss Kids camp 9 a.m.
June 26 Swiss Club hike
August 6 United Swiss Soc. Swiss National Day
Sept 3 Fall Schwingfest – Swiss Park, Newark
Oct 23 Swiss Club hike
Nov 6 Annual Members Meeting
Nov 12 Metzgete Dinner
Dec 3 Members Christmas dinner



United Swiss Societies

Diane Wagner, President 510-582-0698

www.unitedswissnorcal.org

Peninsula Swiss Club

Contact: Erich Sonnberger 650-505-9802

esonnberger@interorealestate.com

www.peninsulaswissclub.com

Interim Swiss Consulate General, Nicolas Descoedres

Pier 17, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94111

Phone: 415-788-2272

www.eda.admin.ch/sanfrancisco

Contact information for Western US **Swiss Clubs**:

Visit the Swiss Consulate General's website:

https://www.eda.admin.ch/dam/countries/countries-content/united-states-of-america/en/112.0_CHclubsSF.pdf

Swiss Rifle Club Events

Contact: Stephen Hurst at (831) 927-9296

E-Mail: carmelgunclub@outlook.com

More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com

October Trivia question: "What is the difference between Samiclaus and Father Christmas (Santa Claus)?"

Answer: St. Nicholas, who is known as Samiclaus in Swiss German, dispenses gifts of chocolate, nuts, and fruit – as well as sage advice - to children on St. Nicholas Day, December 6th. This differs from the more Anglo-Saxon tradition of Father Christmas, the ubiquitous jolly old man who delivers presents and fills stockings that are opened on Christmas Day.

Winner: None submitted....did we stump everyone?

Swiss Park 2022 Events

5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272

www.swissparknewark.com

SJVSC, Ripon 2022 Calendar of Events

www.sjvscripsonswiss.com Tony Berchtold, President

~~Feb 5~~ Cancelled Fasnacht / Mardi Gras
Feb 20 Jass Party
March 12 Schwinger dinner / dance
April 23 Swiss Echoes spring concert
April 30 Swiss Kids camp
June 4 Spring Schwingfest
July 30 Buebe/Meitli Schwingfest, Members BBQ and August 1st celebration
Sept 10 Fall Schwingfest
Oct 1 Oktoberfest
Oct 15 Fall Swiss club dinner/Swiss Echoes concert
Nov 13 Fall Jass party
Dec 3 Swiss Echoes Christmas dinner
Dec 11 Children's Christmas party

Sierra Swiss Club Calendar

Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

<http://sierraswissclub.homestead.com>

Pro Ticino

<http://www.proticino.ch/>

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association Board

Board President – Arnold Ambiel

Vice President – Urs Gwerder

Treasurer – Don Widmer

Secretary – Chris Schallberger

West Coast Schwingfests are now online at

<http://schlussgang.ch/>

2022 Schwingfest Dates:

2 April 2022 IVSC Schwingfest
4 June 2022 Ripon Spring Schwingfest
11 June 2022 Tacoma Spring Schwingfest
19 June 2022 San Diego Schwingfest (tentative)
2 July 2022 Frances Schwingfest
16 July 2022 Truckee Schwingfest
6 August 2022 Portland Schwingfest
13-14 Aug 2022 Tacoma Schwingfest
3 Sept 2022 Aelpler Gruppe Schwingfest
10 Sept 2022 Ripon Championship

For other updates go to:

<https://esv.ch/>

<https://schlussgang.ch/>

<http://efsv.ch/> Frauen Schwingen

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/luttesuisse/>

Sacramento Helvetia Verein

March 12, 2022 130th Anniversary celebration
They were founded in 1892!

Obituary – Walt Haslemann
February 23, 1938 – December 20, 2021

Aelpler Gruppe Life Member, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, **Walt Haslemann**, 83, of San Jose sadly passed away from cancer on December 20, 2021. Walt was born in Rain, Switzerland, on February 23, 1938 to Josef and Josefine Haslemann-Burkhart.



His family immigrated to the US in 1951 and settled in San Jose. He graduated from San Jose High School in 1957, and did basic training at Fort Ord. Walt married Maggie Haslemann at the Mission San Luis Obispo on September 16, 1961, and graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1962 and was simultaneously commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. Walt stayed in the military for 30 years and had many military assignments including in Texas and Germany before retiring in 1987. When living in Germany, Walt and his family made many trips to visit his relatives in Switzerland, and created strong bonds with the relatives. Walt was a real estate agent in San Jose for 18 years before retiring in 2005.

Walt was also past president of the West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association. He loved to take notes and send out emails with all of the results from the Swiss wrestling events, and was also a member of the Aelpler Gruppe, San Joaquin Valley and Peninsula Swiss Clubs.

Walt is survived by his wife, Maggie; his children, Ann Marie, Cecilia (Greg), David (Michele), Suzanne (Willy), Tom (Joy); his son-in-law, Kevin; his sister, Mariette; and 11 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Becky; granddaughter, Emma; brother, Joe; and sister, Josie.

Services were held on Saturday, January 8th, at St. Francis of Assisi followed by the burial at Oak Hill Memorial Park with an honor guard.



Passing of individuals in the greater Swiss community:

Rick Adams of Manteca, CA who was a member of the SJVSC, Ripon



Whom to contact when a Swiss Club member is deceased:
Please e-mail our Corresponding Secretary, Kathi Mathys-Imholz at 56kmathys@gmail.com or call 530-949-1872

Memorial Fund donations thru the Aelpler Gruppe website: <https://www.aelplergruppe.com/donations/>

Obituary – Mariette Franke
July 11, 1934 – January 10, 2022

Life Member **Mariette Franke**, 87, recently of Santa Clara, passed away from complications from Parkinson's Disease on January 10, 2022. Mariette was born in Rain, Switzerland on July 11, 1934 to Josef and Josefine Haslemann-Burkhart.



Her family immigrated to the United States in 1951 and settled in San Jose. Her first job was working as a nanny/housekeeper for a doctor's family in San Jose where she learned English by watching television. She met and married her husband, Stanley, in 1960, and were married for 58 years. Mariette was the bookkeeper for Newark Swiss Park and held various positions, including Treasurer, with the Aelpler Gruppe. She was an active volunteer at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, her children's schools including PTA President and other positions, and Cub/Boy Scouts. Mariette loved greeting people and making them feel welcome.

Mariette is survived by her children, Stephen and Julie, and grandchildren, Dwight, Leslie, Megan, and Marisa. She is preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, and siblings, Josie, Joe, and Walter.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 11:00 am at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 81 N 2nd St., San Jose. Please RSVP to Julie Franke at Julie.m.franke@gmail.com so parking instructions can be sent. A light lunch will be served following.

In lieu of flowers, a charitable donation of time or money to an organization that has meaning to you or to Parkinson's Foundation for further research is much appreciated.



Memorial Fund Donations - We are grateful for donations to the Memorial Fund to honor members who have passed.

In Memory of **Mariette Franke** donations from:
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Swiss Review – December 2021 edition articles: "Swiss scientists calculate the most exact pi number ever". The University of Applied Sciences of Grisons made global headlines by calculating pi to 62.8 trillion decimal places – a new world record. The scientists behind this result were simply testing the performance of their supercomputer for the purpose of beneficial research.

"What to do with your old Swiss banknotes": The Swiss National Bank (SNB) recalled its eighth-series banknotes as of 30 April 2021. As a result, these notes are no longer regular tender. And the interim period during which these old banknotes were still accepted as tender at the public counters of Swiss Post and Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) expired at the end of October. However, the banknotes can be exchanged for an unlimited period at the SNB in Berne or Zurich or at any one of the SNB agencies in Appenzell, Chur, Fribourg, Geneva, Glarus, Liestal, Lucerne, Sarnen, Schaffhausen, Schwyz, Sion, Stans and Zug. Please note that certain agencies have limits with regard to such exchanges. Visit the SNB website – www.snb.ch – for further information.

"Apprenticeship or university?": Swiss abroad can also benefit from the excellent and diverse range of educational opportunities available in Switzerland. Around two thirds of all young people choose the path of a vocational apprenticeship after completing compulsory schooling. Some of them complete the apprenticeship with a vocational baccalaureate, which opens direct access to a university of applied sciences at university level. For more information: info@educationsuisse.ch

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Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, Inc.



Invites you to:

Swiss Folklore Luncheon & Dance

Honoring Ronnie Scheiber

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Newark Swiss Park

5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA

12:00 Noon: No-Host Bar

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Luncheon & Dessert

Bratwurst or Vegetarian Pasta

Cost: \$ 25.00

Childrens meal \$10.00

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Program

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm:

Dancing to Kapelle Gander Scheiber

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CHECK MEAL PREFERENCE OF *BRATWURST (BW)* OR *VEGETARIAN PASTA (VP)* BELOW

Adult(s) _____ BW: _____ VP: _____

Name(s) _____
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Make checks payable to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

Mail reservation form above and check to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club

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General Information

Aelpler Gruppe Board of Directors Meeting

First Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors Meeting

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Newark Swiss Park unless otherwise notified

Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors

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Vice President	Pete Zuger
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Assistant Secretary	Herman Betchart

Swiss Park Manager Robert Fuchslin

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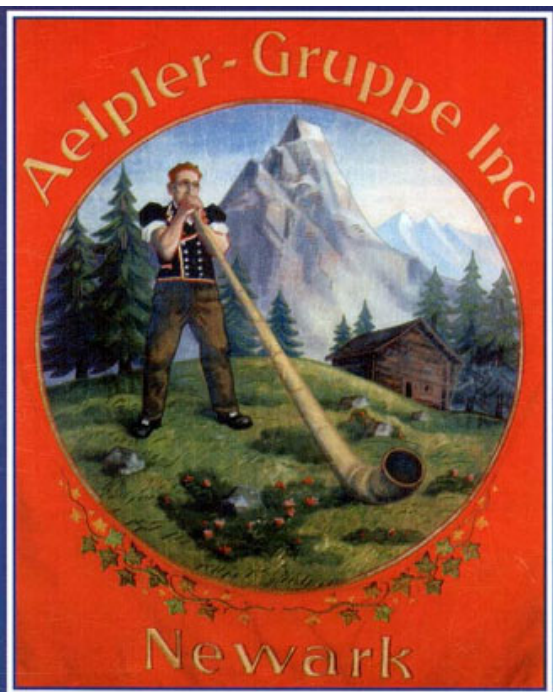
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Officers

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Board of Directors for 2022

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As reported on swssinfo.ch: Reuters 1-19-2022

A group of over 100 members of the global super-rich have called on governments to rewrite tax laws to make taxation fairer to help tackle the gulf between rich and poor. They made the call on the occasion of the World Economic Forum's virtual WEF Davos Agenda 2022 conference. Over the course of the two years of the pandemic, the fortunes of the world's 10 richest individuals have risen to \$1.5 trillion (CHF1.37 trillion) – or by \$15,000 a second – a study by Oxfam revealed. A WEF spokesperson told Reuters that paying a fair share of taxes was one of the forum's tenets, and a wealth tax – as exists in Switzerland, where the organization is based – could be a good model to deploy elsewhere. According to a study by the Patriotic Millionaires together with Oxfam and other non-profits, a progressive wealth tax starting at 2% for those with more than \$5 million, and rising to 5% for billionaires, could raise \$2.52 trillion. This would be enough to lift 2.3 billion people out of poverty and guarantee healthcare and social protection for individuals living in lower-income countries.