



NewsLetter

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President's Message

By Arnold Ambiel



Dear Aelplers,

Spring and warm weather can't get here soon enough. Last Sunday we had our first live event of 2022, the Folklore Luncheon honoring Ronnie Scheiber. A great time was had by all. Charlie Schonenberger and helpers made an excellent meal. Look for a write up in our July newsletter.

Our tough winter continues with the passing of Lenard Marchy and Louie Ettlin. Both contributed much to the success of the club and will be missed.

Swiss Park opened outdoors April 1st. Stop by and see how nice it looks. Rentals are in full swing. The Schwinger Platz now has our large tent from the front of the hall next to it.

Our next in person event will be our semi-annual member's meeting on May 1st. We'll serve a light meal afterwards. We will host the meeting in-person in the hall and via Zoom.

The United Swiss will host Swiss National Day at Swiss Park on August 6th this year. We're looking for donations to auction as part of their online auction using the same app as last year. Anything you want to donate; a fondue dinner, a weekend in a vacation home or another event would be appreciated. Our club keeps half of the auctioned price.

Our Fall Schwingfest is shaping up to be a lot of fun. Seven Swiss Schwingers and their friends will be there. We are looking for volunteers and Schwinger prizes. Please help if you can.

Next Trivia Question: Why are there scallop shell trail markers along an old trail from Lake Constance to Geneva? Call/text me the answer at 510-936-2523. We'll draw a winner from the first 3 received. In the last issue, 5 correct answers were submitted, and John Schallberger's name was drawn as the winner. (See answer inside.)

Ich wünsche euch alles Gute,

Arnold

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Semi-Annual Member's Meeting

Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 p.m.

*Come spend the afternoon with us. We
will also host a virtual meeting*

*Jass practice
Sunday, May 8 & June 12, 2022
from 2:00 to approx.. 4:00 p.m.*



*Swiss Kids Camp via ZOOM
June 18, 2022*

*1st of August Swiss National Day
Celebration*

*August 6, 2022
At Swiss Park Newark*

Fall Schwingfest

*September 3, 2022
At Swiss Park Newark*



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

Rosemary Ramsell's 100th Birthday celebration

On February 16, 2022, Aelpler Gruppe Life Member and Sennenmutter, Rosemary Ramsell, turned 100 years old. The following weekend about 150 family and friends helped Rosemary celebrate at a party hosted by her children, Gene Ramsell, Jeri & Jim Kroske, and Marilyn Manchester.

Rosemary was surprised when Steve Meyer and The Golden Gate Boys Choir came and sang several songs for her and later everyone enjoyed the Swiss music we all love with the Gander/Scheiber Orchestra (Ronnie Scheiber and Herbie, Mitchell, and Bobby Gander).



Rosemary likes to say she was manufactured in Switzerland and delivered in Holtville, California, because her mother was expecting when her parents immigrated to the US. Rosemary had one brother, Louis Sessa, who was two years younger than her. They shared a very close bond until he passed away a few years ago shortly after his 95th birthday.

Rosemary married Gene Ramsell on June 14, 1941. They had three children and celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary June 14, 2011, four months before Gene passed away after a short illness.

Rosemary is the oldest member of the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club and the Sennenmutter. She served as Treasurer on the Board for many years and still attends as many Swiss events as possible.

Rosemary would like to thank everyone for all the Birthday wishes sent to her.



Aelpler Gruppe Jass on 2nd Sundays of each month.



NEW – For those **Jass** enthusiasts among us – and anyone else as well – the Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club started 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
Rick Steiner (201) 359-7604

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club hike

A group of Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club members went on a hike at Vargas Plateau on Sunday, March 27th. The morning started out foggy and then the sun came through for a glorious view of the San Francisco Bay and surrounding hills.

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. The next hike is coming in June or July. 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 in with us via the Aelpler Gruppe website and Facebook, and watch for our informational emails.

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



Welcome to our new Consul General of Switzerland in San Francisco, Mr. Balz Abplanalp

To sign-up for the Consul newsletter, send an email to: sanfrancisco.newsletter@eda.admin.ch

Swiss Benevolent Society <http://www.sbsf.com/>

They will hold an outdoor picnic on May 22 at Swiss Park, Newark. Please see information on their website and consider attending the picnic.

Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club will host its 100th anniversary in 2025. The Swiss Park Hall will celebrate its 90th anniversary.



Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club is seeking donations of new Swiss items, restaurant gift cards, lodging or event gift certificates, etc. for our part of the United Swiss hosted on-line auction. The on-line auction will coincide with the United Swiss 1st of August celebration at Swiss Park, Newark. Please reach out to aelplergruppe@gmail.com if you'd like to donate an auction item.

Would you like to Join Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club?

To join; please send your name, email address, postal address, phone number to: Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club
Attn: Membership

5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA 94560

Questions; aelplergruppe@gmail.com or 510-936-2523
<https://www.aelplergruppe.com/memberships/>

Swiss Review, April 28, 2022: A team of researchers have identified a 10 cm long tooth discovered in the Swiss Alps as belonging to a giant marine reptile called the Ichthyosaurus. The incomplete tooth is part of a fossil find of three different Ichthyosaurs found in the Graubünden Alps in eastern Switzerland between 1976 and 1990. According to researchers from the Universities of Bonn and Zurich, one of them could have been as much as 15 meters in length.

Ichthyosaurs appeared 250 million years ago, when 95% of all marine species had disappeared. They were fish eaters and had to surface to breathe like today's dolphins and whales. The sites where these fossils were found in Graubünden are part of a stratigraphic unit in the eastern Alps called the Kössen Formation, which extends to eastern Austria. The sediments were accumulated in the Triassic period (250 to 200 million years ago), when the Thetys Ocean covered large parts of the area.

Swiss Info, April 25, 2022: The Böögg, an exploding snowman with a famed but erratic ability to predict the weather, has returned to Sechseläutenplatz in central Zurich. Last year the effigy was forced to undertake a pandemic-related outing to a gorge in central Switzerland. At 6 p.m. the damp pyre on which the Böögg is positioned was lit. Exactly 37 minutes and 59 seconds later his head exploded, signifying a poor summer – the faster his head goes off, the better the summer. Last year it took just under 13 minutes.

It is the first time since 2019 that the Böögg has exploded in Zurich. In 2020 the whole ceremony, which traces its roots back to 1890, was cancelled, and last year it was held in a gorge, without an audience, in canton Uri. The event was broadcast live on television.

Aelppler Gruppe 2022 Calendar of Events

www.facebook.com/aelpplergruppeswissclub

May 1	Semi-annual members meeting 2 p.m.
June 18	Zoom - United Swiss Soc. Swiss Kids camp
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



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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

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More information at: www.carmelgunclub.com

October Trivia question: "What is the longest downhill race in the World Cup circuit?"

Answer: The Lauberhorn ski race in Wengen, Switzerland.

Winner: John Schallberger

West Coast Swiss Wrestling Association Update:

The USA has been awarded 4 wrestling slots for the 2022 Eidg. Schwingfest in Basel.

The U.S. participants are Steven Widmer, Andrew Betschart, Connor Treat and Grant Widmer. We wish them much success!

Swiss Park 2022 Events

5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272

www.swissparknewark.com

SJVSC, Ripon 2022 Calendar of Events

www.sjvsciponswiss.com Tony Berchtold, President

June 4	Spring Schwingfest
July 30	Buebe/Meitli Schwingfest, Members BBQ and August 1 st 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>

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<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:

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	Aelppler 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/>

Our Folklore luncheon event honored Ronnie Scheiber on April 10th. More to follow in the next newsletter.



Obituary – Louis Baltz Ettlin 1923 - 2022

Aelpler Gruppe Life Member, **Louie Ettlin**, passed away recently. He was born Nov. 12, 1923 to Louis and Karoline Ettlin in Renton, Washington. Two years later his brother, Frank, was born. Louis didn't have an easy early life. His mother died when he was 11. In the mid-1930s times were tough so Louis' father sent him to a diary in Nicholas, where Louis worked for his keep getting up at 4 a.m. to milk the cows and then again when he got home from school. Louis attended East Nicholas high school.



In 1942 at age 18, Louis registered for the draft. He joined the Army where he served as a Surgical Technician, 3rd grade 830th Air Medical Evacuation until his honorable discharge in 1946. Louis was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal as well as an American Campaign Medal during his army tour (including Japan).

Louis returned to civilian life and worked in the Manteca area, where he met Martha Betschart. Louis and Martha were married in 1949 and settled in Irvington (later named Fremont). The following year twins Louie Jr and Keri (Caroline) were born. Eleven years later daughter Amy came along. Louis worked various jobs and was a truck driver for Mother's Cookies in Oakland. He retired from there after more than 20 years of service Louis was an energetic and strong worker; he drove an 18-wheeler. When his daughter Amy, visited the factory with him, she recalled that he was racing around the factory showing her everything with enthusiasm.

Louis and Martha became lifetime members of Aelpler Gruppe and celebrated their Swiss heritage. Louis served as president from 1974 to 1977 and again in 1980 to 1981. During this time, he was in the local news advertising Aelpler Gruppe events. He even convinced his daughter and some of her friends to participate as wrestlers at the Schwingfest.

Louie and Martha moved to Valley Springs where they built a new home. Louis was still a bundle of energy, so he started working at a wholesale nursery in 1992 at 69 years old. And he continued working there 2-3 days a week for about 18 years pruning, staking, and potting plants. His employer, Don Urbanos, wrote a moving tribute to him at Louis 90th birthday party. He wrote: Right off, I asked him if he thought he could handle the work. "Who me?" he snapped. "You bet I can!" I was so impressed with Louis, I gave him a raise the first day. Sometimes I would get irritated with Louis, because if work started at 8 a.m., he would show up at my house at 7:30 a.m., ready to go. Except, I wouldn't always be ready to go. Louis was a bundle of energy, I had to have things lined out and ready for him. At age 87, he thought maybe he was slowing down a bit and ought to take it easy.

Louis and Martha divorced and went their separate ways around 1995. Louis always loved to dance, especially German-style dancing. He started going to a dance every weekend. It didn't matter if he had a partner, he would just grab a lady and dance. When Oktoberfest time came, he was in his element. Louie donned his lederhosen and was ready for one event after another. Over the years he had various partners. A picture of Louis and Lorraine Davenport showing off their dancing skills to the crowd at the Oktoberfest celebration in Mount Angel, Ore. was posted in the hall in Newark Swiss Park.

In 2007 Louis met Mary Reichmuth. Mary had been nursing a sick husband for many years and after he died, her family finally urged her to get out and do something. Rosemary Ramsell re-introduced her to Louis. Mary had known Louis since 1947 - perhaps meeting

when he dated her sister. Mary and Louis hit it off in a big way and fell madly in love.

Together, Louis and Mary went dancing everywhere - Swiss, Western, Swing, but mostly German style dancing, throughout the year. They annually hit about 18 Oktoberfests up and down the West Coast starting in September through October. Louis and Mary were icons in Mt. Angel, Oregon where their picture adorned a 25-foot monument that stands in the middle of town. In 2010 they were honored as Mt. Angel's favorite dance couple. Louis attended these events for more than twenty years.

In 2013 Louis threw himself a 90th birthday party at Newark Swiss Park. Hundreds of well-wishers joined Louis for this celebration including his family and many, many dance friends. Louis has boundless energy, dancing every dance and talking a mile a minute with a perpetual smile on his face. His favorite the Gruber Band played at the event.

Mary passed away in 2017. Louis was saddened but he continued to dance and attended Swiss events. Just before the COVID lockdown he and Rosemary Rast attended the Fondue Dinner at Newark Swiss Park. Louis worked in trucking with Fred Rast and the Rasts were good friends and neighbors for many years.

Louis passed away with his family around him and is remembered by many for his enthusiasm, goodwill and life spirit. He is survived by his son, two daughters and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday July 23, 2022 from 2 to 6 pm at the Newark Swiss Hall. The Gruber Family Band, Louie's favorite, will perform. Donations can be made in his honor to Hospice or to Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club.



Passing of individuals in the greater Swiss community:

Nathaniel Battig of Modesto, CA who was a member of the SJVSC, Ripon

Carole Ming of the SJVSC, Ripon

Laura Rothlin of Manteca, member of SJVSC

Schatzi Scheer of Portland, OR

Frederick Gwerder, member of the Lewis-Pacific Swiss Society and Swiss Sportsmen's Club of Tacoma

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/>



Aelpler Gruppe is seeking volunteers to assist at our Fall Schwingfest on September 3rd, 2022. We hope you will call or email us and let us know how you'd like to help. aelplergruppe@gmail.com or 510-936-2523.

We are seeking helpers for Saturday morning set-up, prize table set-up, Heritage booth/souvenirs, lunch preparation, front gate, lunch servers, BBQ crew, ticket sales, Lunch runner, wrestling judges, and Steinstossen help.

Obituary – Lenard Marchy Sept. 13, 1939 – January 26, 2022

Aelppler Gruppe Life member, Lenard Marchy, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side. Born September 13, 1939 in Hayward, California to Louis Sr. and Minnie Marchy. Known for playing his Swiss landler music, for his unique storytelling, and sense of humor, Lenard brought much laughter to those around him, and brightened many faces with smiles. He loved his Swiss heritage, especially playing his Swiss accordion known as a Schwyzerörgeli, and loved how much joy it brought to all who listened to him play his music.



Lenard grew up on the family's dairy farm in Newark, California on the Patterson Ranch, along with his siblings Louie Jr, John and Elly. This is the place where Lenard's Swiss traditions were cultivated with passion through his father who emigrated from Switzerland, which included the many lessons of hard work at a very young age, and learning about his Swiss heritage that included dancing, wrestling, rifle shooting, sausage making and playing landler music.

Lenard became a resident of Ceres, California in 1960 when the family moved to Ceres and formed a partnership in the dairy business with his father and two brothers known as Marchy & Sons. He was a Life Member of the Aelppler Gruppe Swiss Club, the San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club, the Sierra Swiss Club, as well as the Feldschuetzen Verein Shooting Club of Newark and Ripon.

Lenard will be greatly missed by his wife Margaret Ann, sons Gary Marchy, Bob (Lori) Marchy, and his grandsons, Bobby, Cole and Billy Marchy all from Ceres. Also, he is survived by his brothers Louie Jr, and John Marchy and his sister Elly (Martin) Steiner. He was preceded in death by his son, William (Billy) Marchy in 1977.

Obituary – Emil Zollinger February 20, 2022

Aelppler Gruppe Social Member Emil Zollinger passed away at the age of 93 on Sunday, February 20th holding the hand of his beloved wife of 67 years, Caroline.

Born in Gossau, Zurich in Switzerland to Emil Sr and Hermina along with 4 brothers and a sister (Otto, Fritz, Jacob, Hans, and Marta), Emil journeyed to San Francisco in 1961 where he worked hard to establish a new life and successful career as an accomplished painter.

Emil was known for his love of people, sharing of stories, endless generosity, his passion for books, and frequent visits to local pubs for a glass of wine or a beer. As active participants in their Swiss clubs, Emil and Caroline were frequently known to provide a wonderful melody with Caroline singing and Emil playing the harmonica.

Loved by so many family and friends who he found in his life through his homeland, work, neighborhood, wine country, Swiss clubs, and his vacations to his home country and Puerta Vallarta, Emil (Migg as he was known to Caroline) will be greatly missed by his loving wife and all who knew him.



Memorial Fund donations thru the Aelppler Gruppe website:
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Memorial Fund Donations - We are grateful for donations to the Memorial Fund to honor members who have passed.

In memory of Lenard Marchy:

Connie & Karen Grass	Dave & Margrith Reichmuth
Kurt & Linda Clausen	Pius & Jackie Zuger
Dan & Lynn Vogt	Antoinette Betschart
Heidi Ambiel	Cathy Baxter

In memory of Mariette Franke:

Gene Boscacci	Dan & Lynn Vogt
Margaret Peter	Antoinette Betschart
Agnes Reed	Heidi Ambiel
Mary & Joseph Russo-Campbell	

In memory of Walt Haslemann:

Agnes Reed

In memory of Elsie Holdener:

Heidi Ambiel

In memory of Pieter Groenveld:

Heidi Ambiel

In memory of Emil Zollinger:

Heidi Ambiel

In memory of Willy Ostertag:

Heidi Ambiel

In memory of Carol Ming:

Dan & Lynn Vogt

In memory of Louis Ettlin:

Leo & Charlene Ott
John & Marie Schallberger
Kurt & Linda Clausen
Gene Ramsell
Cathy Baxter

Our recently deceased Life member, Walter Haslemann, wrote an article in 1999 about Swiss style wrestling; aka Schwingen.

"Swiss style wrestling takes first place when you consider that it is one of the oldest sports. From history, we know that already in early Greece, there were matches between individuals to test the capabilities of individuals. How and when Swiss style wrestling came to Switzerland is not known. We know that there were Schwingfests in the mountainous valleys of the Berner Oberland, Emmenthal, Entlebuch, and in Central Switzerland for hundreds of years.

Historical Schwingfest locations such as Napf, Luedern, Rigi, and Bruenig are still maintained today. In approximately the year 1750, the famous Easter Monday Schwingfests in Bern began. There the best wrestlers from Emmenthal, Oberland, Entlebuch and Central Switzerland (Innerschweiz) came to determine a champion through many matches.

Two historical Schwingfests occurred in the year 1805 and 1808 in Unspunnen by Interlaken. Representatives of foreign governments, kings and queens, writers, and all types of important people were invited to attend. From these Schwingfests came the 167 Pfund (367.4 pound) Unspunnenstein (rock) that is still used at all Eidgenoessischen Schwingfests today.

A TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND WHO LOVES TO WORK

By Don Urbanos

I hired Louis Ettlin in 1992 when he was 69 years old. My daughter had just been born and I needed help in my wholesale nursery. Louis had come highly recommended by a friend. He was a little Swiss guy, and he was 69! That seemed a bit old to do nursery work and heavy lifting. Right off, I asked him if he thought he could manage it. "Who me?" he snapped. "You bet I can!" I was so impressed with Louis; I gave him a raise the first day.

Sometimes I would get irritated with Louis, because if work started at 8 a.m., he would show up at my house at 7:30 a.m., ready to go. Except, I wouldn't always be ready to go. A bundle of energy, I had to have things lined out and ready for him. He worked for me two to three days a week for four hours a day for 18 years - pruning, staking and potting plants. At age 87, he thought maybe he was slowing down a bit and ought to take it easy.

My only problem was sometimes Louis would get things mixed up. Finally, after I questioned why he had mixed up my brown and green watering spitters, he admitted that he was color blind.

Louis didn't have an easy early life. His mother died when he was 11. His father boarded him on a dairy where Louis had to work for his keep getting up at 4 a.m. to milk the cows and then again when he got home from school. He ended his military service in 1946 in the Medical Corps stationed in Japan. He had a long career working for Mother's Cookies, still doing a driving run once a week well into his 70's.

When Louis first started working with me, he was in a lousy marriage. It was often a topic of discussion. He struggled with it for years and then finally got a divorce. That's when he really started blooming. Louis always loved to dance, especially German-style dancing. It seemed like he was going to a dance every weekend. It didn't matter if he had a partner, he would just grab a lady and dance.

Then Louis met Mary. Mary Reichmuth had been nursing a sick husband for many years. After he died, she kind of sat around not doing anything. Her family finally urged her to get out and do something. Six years ago, she went to Swiss Park in Newark where Rosemary Ramsell introduced her to Louis. She had known Louis since 1947 - perhaps meeting when he dated her sister. Just a youngster at seven years younger than Louis, they hit it off in a big way and fell madly in love.

Together, Louis and Mary have been going dancing - Swiss, Western, Swing, but mostly German style dancing, throughout the year. They annually hit about 18 Oktoberfest's up and down the West Coast starting in September through October.

Louis has been going to Mount Angel's Oktoberfest in Oregon for 15 years - five of those years with Mary. Town residents asked if they could take Louis and Mary's picture and use it for a thing they were going to do. They agreed. After all, lots of people liked to take their picture. To their surprise, the next year a beautiful 25-foot monument was erected in the middle of town to celebrate Oktoberfest. Louis and Mary's picture was on two sides of the monument. The town presented them with a plaque honoring them as Mount Angel's "favorite dancing couple." During the four days of the Oktoberfest, they had to pose numerous times in front of the monument as people recognized their pictures.

Louis just had his 90th birthday party at Swiss Park in Newark. He had been planning it for at least three years, maybe longer. I know he had been saving up money to pay for it. We had a blast at the party. I haven't danced that much in years. The only problem was that my wife kept putting her foot under my foot and suggesting that I take too big a step. Nonsense.

Louis and I converged while I was looking at his scrapbook of pictures. He mentioned how happy I looked with my wife LeeAnne (now married two years), and I wholeheartedly agreed. I told him that we both started late getting the ladies we wanted. He looked at me and said, "I have never been more in love."

Louis is my hero. When I grow up, I want to be like him. His sheer exuberance and love of life is contagious like some reformed Scrooge unchained. I remember how he went to a dance unannounced dressed up like Santa Clause and gave every woman a flower. I looked around at his friends and family and how they all love him. But mostly I think they love him because he loves life. A hip replacement in his 80's barely slowed him down. In no time he was back on the dance floor. I called Louis up to invite him and Mary to dinner some months back, but he wasn't there, so I left him a message to call me. He was concerned. He wasn't sure if he was in good enough shape to work, but he didn't want to disappoint me either. I had to laugh. How many 90-year-olds do you think would worry about going back to work?



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Message from United Swiss Societies: "We are excited to announce we will be celebrating Swiss National Day on-site at Swiss Park in Newark, CA, on Saturday, August 6, 2022. We invite you to celebrate with us by attending, being a sponsor, or donating to our online auction benefiting our clubs. The United Swiss Societies of Northern California (USSNC), founded in 1912, is an umbrella organization for Swiss Clubs, Swiss Organizations and Swiss Societies in Northern California. Our mission is to connect Swiss communities by promoting, facilitating, and organizing educational and cultural activities for Swiss, American-Swiss, and friends of Switzerland in Northern California. We have over 3,000 members in our communities located in Northern California. We focus on two major events every year: Swiss Kids Camp on June 18 and Swiss National Day on August 6, 2022.

Sponsorship opportunities are available online, such as website advertising, along with opportunities on site at our events. Another marketing option is donating to our online auction, which gives you great exposure and benefits our clubs.

The link to donate is:

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**** Save the Date ****

Fall Schwingfest Weekend

Friday and Saturday, September 2nd and 3rd, 2022

A Swiss Group with 7 Schwingers are confirmed to wrestle in Newark

**Friday: Afternoon Silicon Valley Tour
Evening Schwinger Dinner**

Saturday: Gates Open at 10 a.m.

Wrestling starts at 11 a.m.

The Gander Scheiber Kapelle will perform

Schwinger Prizes are being collected. Please contact us at numbers below if you would like to donate one.

Volunteers are needed watch for club emails this Spring

If you would like to spend the night next door to Swiss Park, please reserve early by calling Comfort Inn at (510) 795-7995, mentioning discount code "Schwingfest" for the rate of \$89/night plus taxes, breakfast included. Limited rooms have been reserved for Friday and/or Saturday.

Watch our website and facebook page for more information.

www.aelplergruppe.com



For more information please either call (510) 936-2523 or

email aelplergruppe@gmail.com

Newark Swiss Park, 5911 Mowry Ave., Newark, CA

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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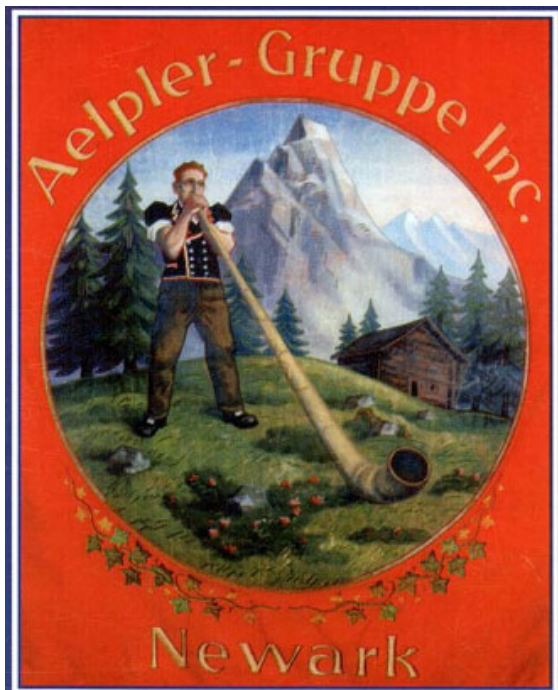
Have you moved?

Please forward your new address to Kathi Mathys-Imholz, Corresponding Secretary, via e-mail to: aelplergruppe@gmail.com Thank you.

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