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# NEWSLETTER

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## Aelpler Gruppe Folklore Luncheon

On April 26th, Aelpler Gruppe held its yearly Folklore Luncheon. This year, the honoree for the event is life member Bill Bauhofer, along with his family. The Bauhofer family goes back five generations in the United States. Joe Bauhofer Sr. came from canton Uri to the United States in 1903 and went into the milk business in Alameda. In 1921 Joe Sr. and a partner opened the Innes-Cloverdale Dairy; a milking and processing facility in Centerville.



Another Swiss, John Wipfi Sr. immigrated from canton Uri to the East Bay (California) in 1882. He married Caroline Herger and by 1920 they bought and settled on a dairy in Irvington. The families became good friends and eventually, Bill Bauhofer Sr. married Frieda Wipfli in 1938. A year later Bill's sister, Lily married John Wipfli Jr.

A few months after Bill and Frieda wed, the Cloverdale Creamery was opened. Two years after the creamery opened, Bill Jr. was born, and sister Carol came two years after that. The Cloverdale Creamery was a gathering place for family, friends and the greater community.

Bill worked at the creamery often. He liked the business part of working and was also good at heading up building maintenance projects. It was a 12-hr. day/7 days a week job. Cloverdale Creamery closed its doors for the last time in 2001. It was the end of an institution in Fremont, after 63 years of service at the creamery and 80 years of Cloverdale in Washington Township.



Watch the video from Aelpler Gruppe's May Folklore Luncheon honoring Bill Bauhofer here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVIOxhUN5I>



**United Swiss Societies  
 Swiss National Day  
 August 5th  
 At Swiss Park Newark  
 11-4 pm**

**Aelpler Gruppe Fall  
 Schwingfest  
 Swiss Park Newark  
 August 26th**



### Jass Practice

**2nd Sunday of each month  
 from 2-4 p.m.  
 at Swiss Park Hall**



## Save the Dates:

### Annual Members Meeting

November 5

### Metzgete Dinner

November 11

### Members Christmas Lunch

December 2



**Interested in becoming an Aelpler Gruppe  
 Swiss Club member? Visit our online  
 application site for more information!**

<https://www.aelplergruppe.com/memberships/>

**Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Facebook page**

[www.facebook.com/aelplergruppesswissclub](https://www.facebook.com/aelplergruppesswissclub)



## President's Message By Arnold Ambiel

Dear Aelplers,

Summer is finally here. The Park looks beautiful thanks to the reseeding done this spring. Growing rentals are keeping the Swiss Park team very busy. The new WiFi works well.

Our April Folklore event that honored Bill Bauhofer was very successful. The program told the story of three generations of Bauhofers in the Bay Area and the impact they had on the Swiss Community. It was also great to listen to friends of Bill make testimonials. Attendees learned a lot and had a great time.

At Swiss Kids Camp, sponsored by the United Swiss, we had 35+ kids. Thanks to the Aelpler Gruppe members and Swiss Park for donating the lunch, snacks, and volunteers.

Swiss National Day is August 5th in Newark. Make sure you sign up for the online auction that helps support the Aelpler Gruppe. You can find it on <https://m.biddingforgood.com/> from your computer or smartphone. Have anything you want to donate for auction? Email us with the details.

Our Fall Schwingfest will be held on August 26th. Save the date. Contact us with any donations for the Schwingers. At least one Schwinger from Bern will attend.

Lastly, the changes to our Bylaws overwhelmingly passed in May. Thank you for the surveys you returned. Look for more info this summer. And if you are a social member who's paid their dues, you'll be able to vote in our November board elections.

Next Trivia Question: What do Roger Federer and Trevor Noah share in common?

Call/text me the answer to 510-936-2523. We'll draw a winner from the first 3 received.

There were 6 correct answers in March. Art Gwerder won. He will receive two tickets to our Schwingfest. Check inside for the last question and answer.

Ich wünsche euch alles Gute,

Arnold

## Aelpler Gruppe 2023 Hikes:

**Sunday, July 23**

Sanborn County Park

**Sunday, October 22**

Baltimore Canyon Open Space Preserve

Questions/RSVP: Michelle Ott 408-687-7708



**View our hike of Tilden Regional Park's Inspiration Point in this video by Tom Coroneos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDLYlivgEj4>



**Jass** enthusiasts please come to the Swiss Park Hall and join Aelpler Gruppe Swiss club for our 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 text:  
Patricia Schaffarczyk (510) 677-8461  
Rick Steiner (201) 359-7604  
rrsteiner1@outlook.com

**Dates:** October 8  
July 9 **Oct 29 - Tournament**  
August 13 **(New Date)**  
September 10 November 12



United Swiss Societies is hosting an online auction for the 1st of August celebration! It opens on August 1 and closes on August 13, 2023. Get ready to place those bids!

[Click Here to See Auction Site](#)



**Aelpler Gruppe is looking for ideas on how to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Club in 2025. Anyone have any ideas? Let us know!**

**100 YEARS**

The Swiss Park Board of Directors is looking for any life member that might have an interest in joining the Board. If interested or seeking information about what we do please contact Tom Imholz @ (510)517-8312 or [tjimholz@comcast.net](mailto:tjimholz@comcast.net).



## **Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!**



### **Stacie Kit Yee May**

Stacie is the youngest granddaughter of Trudy May-Moesch. She graduated from Lincoln High School in San Francisco where she has been a 4.06 student and played defense on the varsity soccer team. She plans to attend California State University at Long Beach majoring in Interior Design and Business. (Stacie [at age 15] produced the video segment for Swiss Club Tell for the Telly award-winning 2021 USS National Day online presentation.)



### **Audrey Gemperle**

Audrey, graduate of Turlock High School, will be attending UC Riverside and studying business.

She is the daughter of Mike and Kristi Gemperle, Grand daughter to Gery and Rosemary Wagner, the late Ernie and Annemarie Gemperle and Step Grandmother Maria Gemperle.



### **Lydia Watson**

Lydia recently graduated with an Associate of Art degree for Transfer in Art and another AA-T degree in Art History from Foothill Community College. While attending Foothill College, Lydia was a member of the Honors Scholar Program and was recognized at graduation as a recipient of the President's Medal. Lydia will be transferring to U.C. Berkeley in the Fall as an Art Practice major. Parents are Bret Watson and Monica Ulrich. Proud grandparents are Lois Ulrich and the late Walter Ulrich.



### **Camille Watson**

Camille has graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience from the University of California, Los Angeles. While at UCLA, Camille spent 5 months shadowing a respected surgeon in Beverly Hills and also served as the Director of Workshops for Active Minds, a mental health advocacy group on campus. Parents are Bret

Watson and Monica Ulrich. Proud grandparents are Lois Ulrich and the late Walter Ulrich.

## **Welcome to our new**

### **Sennenmutter Heidi Ambiel!**

She has dedicated many years to the success of Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club including being our club president from 2002-2004. She also served on Aelpler Gruppe's board of directors for many years and is our best dessert maker! We sincerely thank Heidi for being such an integral and supportive part of our club.



Aelpler Gruppe wishes a big happy birthday to Pete Zuger and Guido Rock! Enjoy your special day!



**Our club members over 70 that are celebrating their birthdays between July and September of this year!**

Ernst L.  
Lester S.  
Tom W.  
Cathy B.  
Frank M.  
Peter V.

Rosemary A.  
John M.  
Agnes R.  
Edgar S.  
Frank Z.  
Robert D.

Louie M.  
Linda C.  
Conrad G.  
Fred H.  
Camille D.  
Nina G.

## **Aelpler Gruppe 2023 Calendar of Events**

[www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub](http://www.facebook.com/aelplergruppeswissclub)

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| August 5    | USS - Swiss National Day   |
| August 26   | Fall Schwingfest in Newark |
| October 29  | Jass Tournament            |
| November 5  | Annual Members Meeting     |
| November 11 | Metzgete Dinner            |
| December 2  | Members Christmas Lunch    |

Jass practice - 2nd Sunday of each month (see email updates)

Club hikes - See Newsletter, email updates, Facebook page



### **United Swiss Societies**

Diane Wagner, President 510-582-0698

[www.unitedswissnorcal.org](http://www.unitedswissnorcal.org)

### **Peninsula Swiss Club**

Contact: Erich Sonnberger 650-505-9802

[esonberger@interorealestate.com](mailto:esonberger@interorealestate.com)

[www.peninsulaswissclub.com](http://www.peninsulaswissclub.com)

**Swiss Consulate General**, Balz Abplanalp  
Pier 17, Suite 600, San Francisco, CA 94111  
Phone: 415-788-2272

[www.eda.admin.ch/sanfrancisco](http://www.eda.admin.ch/sanfrancisco)

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

Visit the Swiss Consulate General's website:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/usa/en/home/living-in/clubs.html>

### **Swiss Rifle Club Events**

Contact: Stephen Hurst at (831) 927-9296

E-Mail: [carmelgunclub@outlook.com](mailto:carmelgunclub@outlook.com)

More information at: [www.carmelgunclub.com](http://www.carmelgunclub.com)

**April Trivia question:** What tunnel connects the cantons of Uri and Ticino?

**Answer:** The Gotthard Base Tunnel, which is the world's longest railway tunnel at 57 kilometers long. Built in 1882, the tunnel is the first flat route through the Alps which eliminated the need to go over the pass to trade with Italy.

**Winner: Art Gwerder**



### **Congratulations!**

Aelpler Gruppe member, Paris Sewegen-Imholz (Alex's daughter) had a baby girl in February 2023. We wish the new parents health and happiness on their wonderful journey.

## **Swiss Park 2023 Events**

**5911 Mowry Avenue, Newark 510-793-6272**

[www.swissparknewark.com](http://www.swissparknewark.com)

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| Mondays   | Bingo Monday             |
| July 22   | Mid Summer Days Pop-Up   |
| August 5  | Swiss National Day Event |
| August 12 | CSDAA Silent Auction     |

## **SJVSC, Ripon 2023 Calendar of Events**

[www.sjvsciponswiss.com](http://www.sjvsciponswiss.com)

Tony Berchtold, President

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| July 29     | Members BBQ and Buebe/Meitli Schwingfest |
| September 2 | Fall Schwingfest                         |
| October 7   | Oktoberfest                              |
| October 21  | Swiss Echoes Fall Concert                |
| November 12 | Fall Jass Party                          |
| December 10 | Children's Christmas Party               |

## **Sierra Swiss Club Calendar**

Contact: Urs Gwerder 530-587-8316

[Sierraswissclub.org](http://Sierraswissclub.org)

## **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 online at

<http://schlussgang.ch/>

July 1-2 Lewis-Pacific Swiss Club – Frances, WA

July 15 Sierra Swiss Club – Truckee, CA (Championship Schwingfest)

August 5 Portland Swiss Club – Portland, OR

August 11-14 Tacoma Swiss Club – Bonney Lake, WA

August 26 Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club – Newark, CA

September 2 San Joaquin Valley Swiss Club – Ripon, CA

TBD Tillamook Swiss Club – Tillamook, OR



For other updates go to:

<https://esv.ch/> <https://schlussgang.ch/>

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





## Obituaries

### Agnes Duffner (nee Spichtig)

June 4, 1928-June 9, 2023

Agnes was 95 years old when she passed with her two sons by her side. She was born in 1928 in the alpine village of Alpnach, Switzerland to parents Valentin and Oliva. She was the middle child of 9 siblings.



Agnes worked in restaurant service through the early 1950s in Switzerland. She worked as a nanny in Lausanne, Switzerland from 1944 to 1946, and then in England in the early and mid-1950s. Agnes then emigrated to the United States with her best friend Erika in 1956, arriving by ship in New York City and then eventually moving to the California Bay Area. Agnes took a job with the Bauhofer Family at the Cloverdale Creamery in Fremont.

Agnes met Josef Duffner, a German immigrant, at the Swiss Park, circa 1959 and married in 1960 in Reno. She had two sons, Mark and Dirk, and stayed in Fremont with her family until the death of her husband in 2004. After Josef's passing she moved to Redwood City to be closer to her grandchildren.

To her grandchildren, she was lovingly known as Grossi, a Swiss-German nickname for grandma. Her grandchildren will remember her warm hugs, her slew of quirky hats, and the many snacks she would keep stocked for visits. She will be forever remembered for her wonderfully crafted outfits with colorful matching scarves, purses, and hats.

She will be deeply missed by those who knew her. Her family and friends are grateful for the time they had with her and the memories shared with her will forever be cherished.

She is survived by her sons, Mark with wife Jeanne, and Dirk with wife Marjorie, and by her three grandchildren, RJ with wife Tessa, Taylor and Mackenzie, and by her great-grandson, Liam.

She is also survived by her beloved caregivers, Ronnie and Dina who for many years provided Agnes with wonderful care and companionship and to whom the Duffner Family will be forever grateful. We are also blessed to have had Lilia and neighbor, Mollie, who provided friendship and support for our Grossi.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday September 23, 2023 beginning at 11:00 am at The Swiss Park in Newark, California.



Bob Dobbel,  
Reed Kappen,  
Frank Del  
Fiorentino

## Obituaries

### Rosemary Tootle (January 2, 1943 to June 6, 2023)

Aelpler Gruppe social member, Rosemary Tootle, passed away June 6, 2023, after a massive stroke. She was born in San Francisco to parents Joe and Rosa Fuchslin. The family moved to Fremont in the 1960's, and her dad, Joe Fuchslin, became the manager of Swiss Park in Newark.

Rosemary was very proud of her Swiss heritage and passed that down to her children and grandchildren.

Rosemary is survived by her husband, John Tootle, daughter Emaline McDaniel, son Joe Tootle, sister Christine Ciardella, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all who love her very much.

**Emmely Dittman** passed away on March 8th, 2023, at age 96. Emmely was a member of the Tell Verein, The SF Swiss Singing Society and was an Aelpler Gruppe Life Member.

**Carlita Senn** (1935-2023), the wife of Life Member Walter Senn passed away Monday April 17th. Carlita is survived by her husband Walt, daughter Julie and family and son Gary.

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Passing of individuals in the greater Swiss community:

**Fred Burri** of Confederation of Oregon Swiss Inc. Famously known as the Disneyland Yodeler for the Matterhorn ride.

Obituary Linked [Here](#), Photo Slideshow Linked [Here](#)

**Wendell Houck**, member of SJVSC passed away at age 102. Obituary Linked [Here](#)

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**Memorial Fund donations** can be sent in through the Aelpler Gruppe website: <https://www.aelplergruppe.com/donations/>  
We are grateful for donations to the Memorial Fund to honor members who have passed.

#### In memory of **Rosemary Ramsell**

Barbara Harman & John Carnes  
Frank Schmidig Jr.

#### In memory of **Mariette Franke**

Barbara Harman & John Carnes

#### In memory of **Lloyd Harman**

Barbara Harman & John Carnes

#### In memory of **Carlita Senn**

Frank & Diane Fries Family  
Robert & Mary Alice Montonye  
Dave & Margrith Reichmuth  
Gene Ramsell  
Geraldine Betschart  
Antoinette Betschart  
Gery & Rosemary Wagner

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#### **Whom to contact when a Swiss Club member is deceased:**

Please e-mail our Corresponding Secretary,  
Kathi Mathys-Imholz at [56kmathys@gmail.com](mailto:56kmathys@gmail.com)  
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## 2023 Sharks Swiss Heritage Night

Hosted by the United Swiss Societies of Northern California, we said farewell to former San Jose Shark, Timo Meier, after 6 years on the team. He is now part of the New Jersey Devils hockey team.



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**Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club, Inc.**

## **Fall Schwingfest**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

**Gates Open at 11 a.m.**

**Wrestling starts at 11:30 a.m.**

**Boys and Girls are invited to wrestle**

**The Gander Scheiber Kapelle will perform**

**Steinstossen and Games during the day.**

**Cervelat and Hot Dogs available for a "Schwingers Lunch"**

**BBQ Chicken Dinner. Dance to follow.**

**Accommodations next door to Swiss Park: please reserve early by  
calling Comfort Inn at (510) 795-7995 and asking for the**

**Swiss Park discount**

**Watch our website and facebook page for more information.**

**[www.aelplergruppe.com](http://www.aelplergruppe.com)**

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

**email [aelplergruppe@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

## Newark Swiss Park Board of Directors

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| President           | Thomas Imholz Jr. |
| Vice President      | (Vacant)          |
| Treasurer           | Carl Ramsell      |
| Secretary           | Susanne Cameron   |
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**Swiss Park Manager** Robert Fuchslin

**Newsletter Editor** Rose & Lauren Satariano  
[aelplergruppe@gmail.com](mailto:aelplergruppe@gmail.com)

**Videographer** Tom Coroneos

**Memorial Fund Chairperson** Jackie Zuger

## Have you moved?

Please forward your new address to Kathi Mathys-Imholz, Corresponding Secretary, Via e-mail to: [aelplergruppe@gmail.com](mailto:aelplergruppe@gmail.com) Thank you.

# Officers

## Aelpler Gruppe Swiss Club Board of Directors for 2023

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| Director 5 - Wrestling         | Dominick Reichmuth         |
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| Sennenvater                    | Pete Zuger                 |
| USS Delegate                   | Arnold Ambiel              |

## Limited Edition Swiss Coins

Switzerland is issuing commemorative, limited edition coins to mark the 175th anniversary of its Constitution and the founding of the modern state.

On September 12, 1848, Switzerland stepped into a new federal era with the adoption of a Constitution, which laid down the principles of how the country would be run.

Switzerland's initial birthdate is given as August 1, 1291, but it wasn't until 1848 that the Alpine starting bearing a resemblance to the way the country is run today.

To mark the event, 10,000 silver coins weighing 20 grams will be minted at a face value of CHF20 (\$22).

The coins will feature two angels bearing the Swiss coat of arms and the preamble to the Constitution on the reverse side.

Some 5,000 gold coins, worth CHF50 on release, will also be minted.

On July 1 and 2, 2023, the Swiss National Bank will open its doors to the public for a tour of its headquarters in Bern.

The commemorative coins will be released to the public on the same weekend.

