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Andermatt / UR



1st of August Celebration

Sunday, 08/01/2021, First get together



@ Four Peaks Brewery, Wilson Tasting Room, Tempe, AZ
A successful Swiss celebration — Arizona Style — at a new event space, where Swiss music, sounds from home, sounded better than ever, and Swiss flags and decorations looked amazing greeting everyone with a smile.
The Party Palace, a perfect venue attached to Arizona's largest production company, accommodated 66 members attending, a finally no-mask get-together in red and white.



I heard one member say: this place is a keeper! The menu included Spinach Dip with warm Beer Bread, (yummy) and Kilt lifter Brats with Sauerkraut. The annual quiz awarded prizes to winners, and we all enjoyed Anthony's speech.

Thank you to everyone to find Four Peaks and make it all happen.

Trudy Wells (Writer)





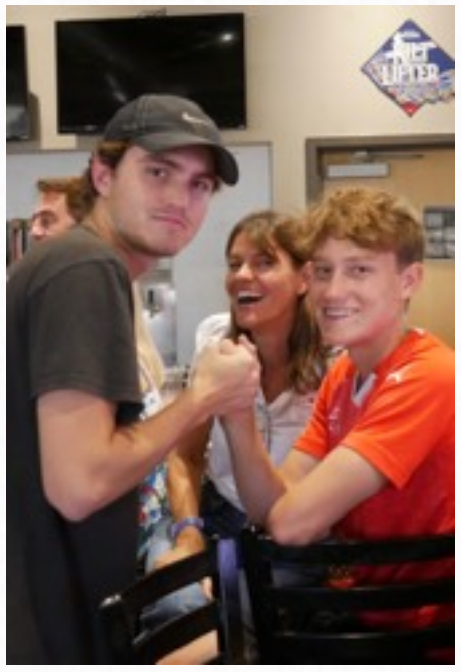














Message from the President





Dear Members and Friends of the Arizona Swiss Society:

We had a wonderful Fall Fest celebration in Fountain Hills last month with over 100 people attending. It was so nice to see all the young children participating at the pumpkin decorating table. They were all provided a pumpkin and were able to take them home when they finished. A very special thank you to Alex and Sibylle Reuter's daughter (Fiona) for not only creating an amazing pumpkin but gifting it to me at the end of the day. It found a special spot on my balcony overlooking Camelback Mountain. The weather was perfect during the Fall Fest, with Swiss music playing in the background, Jason Price & Anthony J Haechler on the Raclette stations, Adam Eckert & Alexander Price on the Bratwurst/Cervelas stations, and all the board and volunteer members' efforts that made the event so enjoyable. Thank you to Helene Block, Sibylle deMarignac, Adam & Amaelia Eckert, Anthony J & Emily Haechler, Heidi Hausmann, Heidi Luedecke, Vreny & Justin Middleton, Susan Oake, Jason & Matys & Alexander Price, Victoria Stuart, and Ted Williams for all your help, appreciated by everyone. We also thank our Honorary Consul Dr. Werner Bonadurer for your report on consular affairs during the event. Congratulations to Claire Leffler, Jacqueline Purwins, and Ian Stepanek, our 2021 Scholarship awards recipients, presented by Max Haechler (thank you). During the Fall Fest we also had a horseshoe tournament, directed by Justin Middleton, and I just loved seeing so many participants, especially Andreas Schwab that still can throw a mean shoe. This brought back some great memories of when Andreas and my dad used to play in my backyard when I was growing up. And the most special members in attendance, to me, were Trudy and Lew Wells, so happy for your speedy recovery from your car accident not that long ago.

Our Christmas party will be on December 12th, 11am, at the Paradise Valley Country Club. Invitations have been sent out and we will send out a reminder shortly, so get your reservations in. This specific event is subsidized by Arizona Swiss Society in the amount of approx. $35 per member. So, if you calculate what the annual cost for membership is ($10 for Seniors and Students, $20 for Individuals & $30 for Family "Parents + Children"), you can see the substantial benefit in becoming a member and attending the Christmas Party. The board is working hard to ensure that you'll enjoy this event. Some highlights will be: **special appearance by Santa, gifts for all the children,** storytelling in Swiss German & English, **magic show, performance by pianist Marty Conaghan with Christmas carol sing-along**, Swiss Christmas Jeopardy game, and a photo booth with props for family Christmas photos taken by our photographer and uploaded to a drop-box for you to download. We will also have an **optional** gift exchange during the event: bring a wrapped gift worth between $10 & $20, draw your picking order number out of a tumbler and grab any gift from the staging table when it's your turn. We also invite any children who'd like to perform at the Christmas Party. Contact me to coordinate their performance into our program.

Max Haechler has already raised over $2,600 in a raffle fundraising drive over the past few months which benefits the Arizona Swiss Foundation. The two raffle prizes are: a genuine Swiss Army knife currently issued to all Swiss Army soldiers, and a limited-edition Swiss Swatch watch (contributed by our Swiss Consulate General's office in San Francisco). This raffle will take place during the event. Cost is $25 per raffle ticket and will be available at the event or contact me if you can't attend but would like to contribute. Winners do not need to be present to win prizes.

Although the Paradise Valley Country Club does not implement any specific COVID-19 restriction we will have hand sanitizers available throughout venue, face masks available at check-in desk, and we are coordinating with PVCC to seat less people at each table and have tables spread out more, to include optional outdoor patio seating with heaters. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our efforts to keep you safe.

If you can't attend the Christmas party but would like to have a special home appearance by Santa please contact me to coordinate.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

- Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 13, 2022, (Time/Location TBD)
- Spring Picnic, Saturday, April 9, 2022, (Time/Location TBD)

Love the "Valley eCho" newsletter, special thank you to Sylvia Brunner Reichen and Trudy Wells-Meyer.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Wishing everyone a joyful and safe celebration with family and friends.

With kindest regards,

Anthony P. Haechler
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Culture & Activities in Andermatt Kanton Uri



Andermatt is the beautiful authentic Alpine village, situated in the Swiss Alps.

Andermatt is a village in the Ursern Valley. A cable car offers access to Gemsstock ski area and a chairlift links the village with Nätschen's gentler slopes. To Andermatt's north, the path leading to Devil's Bridge, which spans the sheer gorge of Schöllenen-schlucht, is one of many trails. The village's narrow streets are lined with traditional chalets, one housing the folk museum, Talmuseum Ursern.



Skiing Andermatt-Gemsstock
Perfect deep snow, challenging steep slopes, descending over 1,500 meters in altitude. Deep snow professionals get their money's worth in the Andermatt-Gemsstock ski area. At almost 3,000 meters above sea level, the Gemsstock is the ideal place for off-piste fun in the Gotthard region. Here, from November to May, free-riders will find the perfect lines in deep snow-covered slopes. The courses at the Avalanche Training Center ensure a safe deep snow experience. Show your own skills on the ski slopes on the glacier run and on the trail of an Olympic champion at the Bernhard Russi Run.



Children's Slopes
In Andermatt, children happily learn to ski. The colorful kids arenas in Andermatt with their mascots, the lovingly designed children's areas and the child-friendly lifts make the kids forget that all beginnings are sometimes not that easy. If you still need a break, stop by one of the family restaurants with play areas and special children's menus.

Cross-Country Skiing
Andermatt is the right place for you if you want to move from one magnificent cross-country ski run to the next. Thanks to the unique location with four Alpine passes, three river sources and four cantons, every cross-country skiing offer has its own characteristics. Be it cross-country skiing, be it scenic, be it culinary. One thing can be assured: so varied - and with guaranteed snow! - you have never been on a better cross-country skiing holiday.





Snowshoeing
Do you love deeply snow-covered forests, crunching snow, peace and seclusion? When snowshoeing you are in no time far from the ski lifts and slopes. In and around Andermatt, many routes are signposted and easy to reach.



Teufelsbrücke / Devil’s Bridge

The Devil’s Bridge is between the towns of Göschenen and Andermatt. The first wooden bridge (built ca. 13. century) was replaced with stone about 1585. During the Napoleon War (1758-1815) the bridge was heavily damaged. In 1820 they could start a new bridge who took 10 years to build.
According to a legend, the first devil's bridge was built by the devil. The people of Uri repeatedly failed to build a bridge. Finally, a landammann called out in despair: "Do sell der Tyfel e Brigg bue!" He would build the bridge and in return he would get the soul of whoever crossed the bridge first. After the devil had built the bridge, the clever Urners sent a billy goat over the bridge. The devil was very angry about this trick and got a stone the height of a house with which he wanted to smash the bridge. But he met a pious woman who carved a cross on the stone. The devil was so confused by the sign of God that when he threw the stone he missed the bridge. The stone fell down the entire Schöllenen Gorge to below the village of Göschenen.
A must see when you are in Andermatt!

Museum and Galerien



Talmuseum Ursern

This small museum, to Urschner home decor around 1780/1800, is set in a magnificent Patrizierbau of 1786. On September 25, 1799, It had served the Russian Field Marshal Suvorov as the headquarters, so the building was called the valley population long Suworow. Other topics that will be shown in the permanent exhibition are valley and cultural history, tourism, military, alpine farming, Alpine animals and flora, and the mule transport. There are also regular special exhibitions.



Galerie Art 87

The gallery in the center of Andermatt exhibits objects by artists from all over the world. At the same time there are regular workshops, readings, concerts and film screenings.



Alpine Music Enjoyment

Andermatt Music brings classical music to Andermatt. The carefully compiled program is aimed at fans of classical music of all ages. The festival series in this unique alpine location have an international appeal and are presented by top-class musicians. Various music cycles characterize the concert year in Andermatt. The Young Artists Concerts focus on up-and-coming talent, while the Gotthard Classic Festival focuses on chamber music. The Andermatt Music Festival and the Swiss Alps Classics complete the program.

Tina Turner, welcome to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame



Tina Turner, singer and actress is a Swiss citizen since 2013, and living in Küsnacht Zürich. She gave up her US citizen.
She was finally inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this year.
Although she was welcomed into the Hall of Fame with Ike Turner in 1991, she had to wait until her solo career had been honored.
In 2010 she won the Swiss Award in the Show category at a gala event in Zürich.
She was so proud to have received the award at that time as a non-Swiss citizen.

Tina Turner deserves it, and Switzerland is proud to have such a famous citizen.

Freedom of the Confederation



The **Freiheitstrychler** (a Swiss tradition with Swiss bells) are on the move across Switzerland for freedom and our democracy. The sounds of the bells are so powerful as the will of our forefathers.

Their Confession
We want to be a united nation of brothers and sisters,
In no need to separate us and in danger.
We want to be free like the ancestors were,
Rather death than living in bondage.
And we don't fear human power.
We want to trust in the highest God.
Amen.

Freely based on Friedrich Schiller



https://freiheitstrychler.ch

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Full page	$ 100.00 per insert,	pay 4 and get 10% off

Fall-Fest



Golden Eagle Park, Fountain Hills

On a perfect Arizona October day with pleasant temperatures in the shade of the Saguaro Ramada. Fall colors missing, but not Swiss Music, the home-sick-kind, thanks to Jason. Beer arrived a bit late, but thanks to Adam, the Beer runner, and Ryan, they saved the day and were greeted with happy faces. The original Swiss Raclette had new “cheesemakers”, Anthony’s son and Jason. They acted like regulars serving the long line. I was so busy watching the two I never saw the salad. 2 regular members were missed: John Thornton and Kurt Schittli.
Another PERFECT Swiss Club function to remember. A heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers.

Trudy Wells (Writer)























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For everyone who did not attend the August first Party. Do you know the answers without google?

You will get the answers in the next Valley eCHo

Arizona Swiss Society
2021 Annual Quiz

(Group) Name:

1	Which National Park is bigger in square miles ? A) Grand Canyon NP B) Swiss NP (Schweizer Nationalpark)	
2	Which National Park has the highest top elevation ? A) Grand Canyon NP B) Swiss NP	
3	What native American tribe lives in the Grand Canyon ? A) Navajo B) Havasupai C) Hopi	
4	Flagstaff, AZ is the city with the highest elevation in Arizona. Juf GR is the highest village with permanent residents in Europe. Which one has the higher elevation ? A) Flagstaff B) Juf C) Both about the same	
5	To which Swiss Canton did the city of Moutier vote to belong this year ? A) Bern B) Jura C) Solothurn	
6	Which natural cavern has more miles of underground length ? A) Kartchner Caverns, Arizona B) Hölloch, Switzerland	
7	Wolves, bobcats and bears are all living wild in Arizona and Switzerland. A) True B) False	
8	Can wild Jaguar cats be found in the wilderness of Arizona ? A) only the cars B) Both	
9	Through how many Swiss cantons does the Glacier Express train go ? A) 1 B) 2 C) 3 D) 4	
10	If you were traveling through Arizona in 1870, it would have been a: A) U.S. state B) U.S. territory C) Mexican territory	
11	What is the Swiss Great St Bernard Pass known for ? A) Dogs B) Romans C) Napoléon D) All of them	
12	2018 was the 100th anniversary of: A) Battle of Bear Valley in Arizona B) Swiss General strike C) Both	
13	Who starred in John Ford's 1939 movie "Stagecoach" in Monument Valley ? A) John Wayne B) Henry Fonda C) Thomas Mitchell	
14	Where did the Swiss tradition of burning the Böögg happen this year ? A) As usual in Zürich B) Uri C) cancelled like last year	

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max 14 points Total

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THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE . . . You know who you are . . .
A car accident roll over in Monument Valley put me in the hospital in Flagstaff for 8 days and Rehab close by. A laundry list (Doctor's words) of broken bones have healed, 15 in my upper body (5 in my neck) Bones you can't see oh but feel . . . my age not helping to speed up the healing. Thank God Lew bruised only.

What a magical time to find out how many people showed their caring and compassion for me oh, and Lew! A massive THANK YOU, from our hearts, for all the cards — flowers — texts — e-mails — calls — visits — food — desserts, carrot cake (Sybille, time to sell them!) But most of all: Thank you for your countless prayers! To be remembered in prayer is to be lifted up to God in a very special way.

"Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open."— Anonymous.



A special thank you to Anthony, stopping in Flagstaff from Vail, on the way home, with flowers and a beautiful gift from the Swiss Club Sunshine Committee. Truly a special delivery!

Always with LOVE, Trudy and Lew Wells

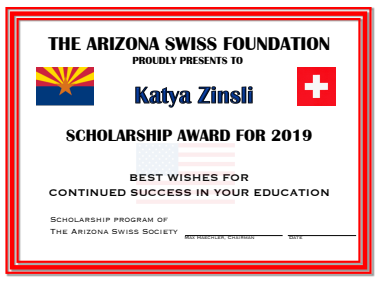


The Jass Season has started

November 20	at the Zaugg residence in Fountain Hill
December 18	at Max and Elsbeth Haechler's residence in Paradise Valley
January 2022	at the Anthony Haechler's Place in Scottsdale
March 19, 2022	at Fred and Ursula Gmehlin

If you have any questions, please contact Ueli Zaugg, 602 999 3835

Hello Max and Elsbeth,



I heard that you returned from CH recently! I hope you had a wonderful time! I miss Switzerland so much and I hope to finally take my husband there in February to meet my grandmother and celebrate her birthday.
I've been keeping busy though. This summer I went the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, WY for an art conservation internship. It was a fantastic museum and I was able to explore that area of the country. It's gorgeous. This September I started an year-long internship as part of my graduate program with the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington DC. I am specializing in objects conservation and plan to work on a painted weathervane, an archaeological glass vase and a marble medallion on the coming months. The museum houses the Lunder Conservation Center which, at the time it was created, was the first public-facing conservation lab in the country. This means that the work we do is easily accessible and viewable by the public. I've been enjoying it so far!
This was not possible without the help of the Arizona Swiss Society. I would be happy to help other students achieve their goals, just as I have, in any way I can. I can be reached atkatyazinsli@gmail.com
Thank you and I hope you both are doing well and enjoying the changing weather in AZ!

Best regards,
Katya

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Gratulations

Jacqueline Purwins, Claire Leffler, and Ian Stepanek

have been awarded a 2021 Scholarship from the Arizona Swiss Foundation.

We are proud of these young well educated people.

Keep up the great work!







Happy 98 Birthday

Urs Schwank

born on August 27th 1923 in Bern

Our best wishes for many more happy and above all healthy days.
He is real content at Morningstar Assisted Living Home in Fountain Hills



Easter visit at Urs's home

We Welcome New Member and returning Member

Heidi Hausmann
Antonella and Mauro Saladini with Mattia and Emanuele

New Lifetime Member
Carolin Gey and Joe Ellis with Christoph

Upcoming events

RESERVE THE DATE

Christmas-Party
December 12, 2021

Annual Meeting
February 20, 2022







Children's page

and young at heart



Christmas cookies: Mailänderli

One of the most popular Christmas cookies in Switzerland!



Ingredients:
250 gr. (9 ounces) Butter soft
250 gr. (9 ounces) Sugar
1 Scoop of vanilla sugar
3 Eggs
1 Pinch of salt
1 Lemon peel grated
500 gr. (18 ounces) Flour

1 Yellow of an egg yolk and 1 tablespoon of cream for spreading the biscuits

Direction: Stir the butter until foamy. Gradually add all ingredients and mix well with the mixer. Add flour into the mixture and quickly work everything into a smooth dough.
Cover the dough and let rest for about 2 hours in a cool place.
Cut dough in parts and roll out on a flat, with flour covered surface, approximately 5 mm (0.2 inches) thick. Put out different shapes and put them on a baking sheet covered with baking paper. Let cool for about 15 minutes. Before baking, sweep with the yellow of an egg



Preheat: 10 min at about 400 F
Bake: about 13 min in the middle of the preheated oven

Enjoy!!!



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