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SPRING 2022



Herisau Appenzell Ausserrhoden

Christmas Lunch at the prestigious, private Paradise Valley Country Club
Sunday, December 12, 2021



The elegant Swiss Club Christmas Lunch — thanks to Elsbeth and Max Haechler — the sight of Christmas warmed our hearts as we walked in. No Covid rules this season! Jason greeted everyone at the entrance with his huge camera for pictures to remember. Thank you, Jason! The stunningly set tables were ready for 100 members/friends/guests dressed in their finest for the holiday occasion and 15 children. THANK YOU to everyone involved in making it possible for the festivities to go off without a hitch. The children may have had to wait extra time for Samichlaus/Santa to arrive, but when his bell rang in the hallway it put smiles and excitement on everyone.
Some of the highlights, thanks to Pianist Marty Conaghan, the yearly sing-along Christmas Carols and, the Gift Exchange added a touch of new and different. The usual Magic by John Thornton enjoyed by all, let us once more admire John as such an important member of the Swiss Club. Thank You, John! And last, but not least: the excellent Buffet and Dessert table. Again, LIEBEN DANK Elsbeth and Max, (long-time members of the classy Country Club.)

Trudy Wells-Meyer



















Message from Jassen

Hi everyone,

A week ago we had our last event for this winter season. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in a great outdoor setting at Fred and Ursula Gmehlin's residence in Rio Verde. It was a perfect event with great weather, a delicious dinner with gulash, red cabbage, spaetzli and Betty Bossy vanille creme. Thank you so much Ursula and Fred for spoiling us at your place.

We were 12 "Jassers" at 3 tables. Everybody had a good, funny and relaxing time playing cards.

The bad news is that we have not found a host for an April Jass event. This means the season is over and we plan to play again in October or November 2022 for the new Jass season. I will be in touch again by end of September or beginning October to plan the new events. If you would like to host in the fall/winter please let me know. It would be very much appreciated.

I wish you a great spring/summer wherever you may be. Stay healthy and upbeat despite the geopolitical situation here and there. Looking forward seeing you next fall.

Best wishes,

Ueli Zaugg, Jass Coordinator
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Message from the President



After the annual meeting in February, at Four Peaks Brewery Tasting Room, Tempe, AZ, we were able to visit the Brewery. A special professional tour with lots of information. (see a few pictures).

For the next year 2023 the Swiss Club is looking for a new President as well as a Vice President. if you or anyone you know is interested please call or e-mail Anthony Haechler for more information. Thank you!
anthonyhaechler@yahoo.com or 601-405-7767









Culture & Activities in Herisau Appenzell Ausserrhoden



Herisau was first mentioned in 837 as Herinisauva; its church was first mentioned in 907. The town was destroyed numerous times (1084, 1248, and 1249), and in 1401 Herisau joined an alliance with other parishes in Appenzell as part of the Appenzell Wars, obtaining marginal independence in 1433. In 1517/1518, Herisau bought its freedom from the monastery of Sankt Gallen. In 1580, the current church was built. In 1606, the town was destroyed by a fire. The town is the capital of the canton of Appenzell-Ausserrhoden; between 1798 and 1803, Herisau was the capital of the French-established canton of Säntis.
Before 1648, Herisau controlled about twice the land area as is currently part of the parish. In 1648, Schwellbrunn became independent, followed by Waldstatt in 1720.
Herisau is in the former district of Hinterland. It lies at the crossing point of two major routes through Eastern Switzerland: the Sankt Gallen-Toggenburg road and the Gossau-Appenzell road. Currently about 33% of the entire population of Appenzell Ausserrhoden lives in Herisau. Herisau has an area of 25.2 square kilometers (9.7 square miles).

Appenzell started in the 7th and the 8th century alongside the river Glatt. The monastery of St. Gallen was of great influence on the local population. The name Appenzell means cell or estate of the abbot. This refers to the Abbey of St. Gallen, which exerted a great influence on the area. By the middle of the 11th century the abbots of St. Gallen had established their power in the land later called Appenzell. Appenzell Ausserrhoden is a German speaking canton and it joined the Swiss confederation in 1513. It has 20 communities.
Women's right to vote was introduced in 1972 on a local level, but only in 1989 on a canton-wide level.
Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden (Wikipedia)

Reformed Church Herisau



This is the Protestant-Reformed church in Herisau, the capital of the Swiss canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden. It is owned by the municipality, is under monument protection and is included in the list of cultural assets of national importance in the canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden.
In 1529, Herisau was the last parish in the outer Rhodes of Appenzell to join the Reformation.
In 1559 a fire broke out in Herisau. The church and the adjoining part of the city were destroyed by the flames. In 1606 Jakob Mittelholzer and Kaspar Germann rebuilt the church.
Johannes Grubenmann from Teufen created the church tower in 1741, which he put on an octagonal helmet and added a broad bell room.
From 1782 to 1783 the church was completely renovated in the Rococo style by the architect Andreas Moosbrugger. The previous wooden ceiling was replaced in favor of a plaster vault and decorated with rich stucco work. The local master carpenter Hans Jakob Knellwolf built a continuous gallery on the west and north side of the church interior.
In 1807 the bell of the Salem monastery, which was dissolved in the course of mediation, was brought to Herisau and added to the bell tower. The first organ was installed in the church choir in 1879.

Ruin Rosenburg / Castle Rosenburg



Picturesque ruins of a small clearing castle on a steep hill about 2 km west of Herisau. Presumably in the early 13th century. The complex that was founded belonged to a branch of the Lords of Rorschach and was destroyed in 1403, together with the neighboring Rosenburg Castle, by the rebellious Appenzellers. You can see the preserved wall remains of a residential tower, the ring with gate and a larger building in the courtyard. A rather rare structural detail was the 9 meter deep well inside the building.

Historical Museum





The Herisau Museum is the historical museum for the canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden. The permanent exhibition provides a colorful bouquet of insights into everyday life, politics and culture on the topics of knights and castles, mobility and transport, mills in Appenzellerland, medicine and spas, school history, the life and work of the writer Robert Walser (1878-1956), Ausserrhoder Wohnen - and music culture. There is a separate museum tour for children.

Robert Walser Room



Much in Herisau is reminiscent of the Biel writer Robert Walser, who spent the last twenty-three years of his life in Herisau and is also buried here. The Robert Walser Room in the Herisau Museum provides information on the author's life and work. Original sources from his medical history and guardianship dossiers are on display. Valuable dedication editions and first prints of novels, prose texts and poems by Walser attest to the multifaceted work.

Altes Rathaus Schwänberg Museum



The Schwänberg is the oldest documented location in Appenzeller-land. The name was first mentioned around 821 in a document from the St. Gallen monastery.
The oldest building relicts come from a mansion of the late Middle Ages. In the 1620s, an actual celebrity residential area developed. This stately half-timbered building was built between 1627 and 1630, during the Thirty Years' War, for the doctor and mercenary captain Hans Conrad Zuberbühler.
The building has never served as the town hall. Despite being used in a variety of ways over the centuries, many valuable elements have been preserved: from grisaille paintings to inlaid portals and lavishly decorated door fittings. Old Appenzell furniture and historical showpieces give the house a very special touch.

Olympic Games Beijing 2022



“Passion at the Olympics is not measured by the slopes they ski on . . . it is measured by the heart that beats for their country." — Anonymous

GOLD Beat Feuz, Bern, at 34, turned 35 after he raced the Downhill, a course designed by Bernhard Russi (11 Knee operation during his career)

GOLD Lara Gut-Behrami, born in the Tessin, 30, skied for Gold in the Super-G

GOLD Marco Odermatt, Hergiswil, Nidwalden, Switzerland’s new Wunderkind, at 24 with nerves of steel, the last one to run a Giant Slalom course with low visibility and snow flurries. Bernhard Russi calls him the Gold König.

GOLD Mathilde Gremaud, Fribourg. Olympic Freestyle in Slopestyle at 22 amazed the judges with one run that brought her Gold. Mathilde’s first run had put her last in 12th place (3 runs allowed)

GOLD Corinne Suter, born in Schwyz, 27, won in Downhill

Gold Michelle Gisin, Samedan GR, 28, Women’s Combined (won also in 2018)

Gold Ryan Regez, born in Interlaken, 29, grew up in Wengen, Ski cross Gold winner

Silver Alex Fiva, Dual Citizen born in Newport Beach CA, at 36, Ski Cross

Silver Wendy Holdener, Unteriberg, Canton Schwyz, 28, medaled in Alpine Skiing, Women’s Combined

Bronze Michelle Gisin, Women’s Super G, Alpine Skiing

Bronze Lara Gut-Behrami, Women’s Gian Slalom

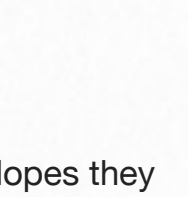
Bronze Mathilde Gremaud, Freestyle Skiing Big air

Bronze Wendy Holdener, Women’s Slalom

Bronze Jan Scherrer, Wildhaus, Alt Sankt Johann, 27, Snowboarding Halfpipe

Congratulations to all the Swiss Olympic Athletes Winter Olympics winners in Beijing. Moments of brilliance, we remember forever and, rooting for Athletes we never heard of excited beyond when we saw the Red and White.

Hopp Schwyz!



Trudy Wells-Meyer



Magda Schwerzmann, guest artist and Elizabeth Buck present music for multiple flutes.

Magda Schwerzmann has performed for us at a Christmas Lunchon and returned to Phoenix for a concert. She played on February 6 (17h00) at ASU with her colleague Elizabeth Buck.

Welcome back!

Advertise in the Valley eCHo

Business card size	$ 10.00 per insert,	(no discount)
¼ page	$ 25.00 per insert,	pay 4 and get 10% off
½ page	$ 50.00 per insert,	pay 4 and get 10% off
Full page	$ 100.00 per insert,	pay 4 and get 10% off

ARIZONA SWISS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

The scholarship program of the Arizona Swiss Foundation is designed to stimulate and encourage the academic success of members and children of the Arizona Swiss Society.

The Arizona Swiss Foundation hopes to take a role in encouraging tomorrow's leaders by providing scholarship support to deserving students. Scholarships awarded by the Arizona Swiss Foundation have helped many young people achieve their educational goals. High emphasis will be placed on scholastic or vocational merit.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicants must either be Swiss nationals or of Swiss descent, with at least one grandparent or great-grandparent being a Swiss national
2. Applicants must be a member or a legal dependent of members of the Arizona Swiss Society
3. Applicants must be enrolled or plan to enroll in a college or vocational/technical school for the coming academic year as full-time or part-time students (minimum 6 credit hours per semester)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please download the scholarship instructions and application for 2022-2023 from **Arizonaswisssociety.com**
Send the completed application and supporting materials, including transcripts, to

Lisa White
3034 Dawa Ovi, Flagstaff, AZ 86005
Tel. 480 980 3468 e-mail arizonasun74@gmail.com

For questions, contact Lisa White. If you cannot reach her, please contact Anthony P. Haechler
Tel. 602 405 7767 anthonyhaechler@yahoo.com

Contact Lisa White if you did not receive a confirmation email by August 3rd of receipt of your application and all necessary documents.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2022

Emphasis will be on a complete and timely submission of the application. Applications for 2022-23 will be available after May 15, 2022.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a scholarship, please complete and submit the scholarship application form with the following documents:

1. Essay (maximum two pages), covering the following points:
   a. Educational and career goals
   b. Ties to Switzerland and the Arizona Swiss Society
   c. Community involvement and service
   d. Personal interests
   e. What it means to you to receive this scholarship
2. Official transcripts of all course work completed at the college or university level
3. Graduated High School Seniors only: Official High School transcripts including grades for the Senior year. After a year of study at the college level, a High School transcript is no longer required
4. Copies of the ACT, SAT or other college level entrance examination (High School Seniors only)
5. Letters of recommendation from two unrelated individuals, stating the relationship to the applicant. Recommendations must be from the current year. Copies of previous recommendations are not acceptable.

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2022

AWARDS

A total between $3000 and $4000 will be distributed to three qualified students. The recommendation of scholarship recipients is at the sole discretion of a panel of Arizona educators independent of the Arizona Swiss Society. Successful applicants will be notified before the annual Fall Picnic. They will be recognized at this event and are expected to be present for the occasion. Award checks will be made payable to the applicant's

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Arizona Swiss Society **2021 Annual Quiz**

Answer in bolt and red

1 Whitch National Park is bigger in square miles?
A) Grand Canyon NP is 1,904 square miles B) Swiss NP has 65,75 square miles

2 Whitch National Pakr has the higest top elevation?
A) Gran Canyon NP higest elevation 6,804 Ft **B) Swiss NP higest elevation is 10,413 ft**

3 What native American tribe lives in the Grand Canyon?
A) Navajo **B) Havasupa** C) Hopi

4 Flagstaff, AZ is the city with the higest elevation in Arizona. Juf Graubünden is the higehst village with permanent resistents in Europa. Whitch one has the higest elevation?
A) Flaggstaff elevation 6,909 feet **B) Juf Graubünden 6,975 feet**

5 To which Swiss Canton did the city of Mooutier vote to belong this year?
A) Bern **B) Jura** C) Solothurn

6 Which natural cavern has more miles of udergound length?
A) Kartchner Caverns, Arizona, 2.5 mi **B) Hölloch, Switzerland, 129.24 mi**

7 Wolves, bobcats and bears are al living 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 wild Jaguar cats and cars**

9 Through how many Swiss cantons does the Glacier Express train go?
A) 1 B) 2 **C) 3 cantons** D) 4

10 If yoou 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. Bernhard Pass known for?
A) Dogs B) Romans C) Napoleon **D All of them**

12 2018 was the 100th anniversary of:
A) Battle of Bear Valley in AZ B) Swiss General strike **C) Both**

13 Who starred in John Ford's 1939 movie "Stagecoach" in Monument Valley?
A) John Wayne B) Henri Fonda C) Thomas Mitchell

14 Where did the Swiss tratition of burning the Böögg happen this year?
A) As usual in Zürich **B) Uri** C) candelled like last year

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Club News / Sunshine Committee

Annual Meeting, February 13, 2022



"Vielen Dank" for offering your time to the Swiss Club's Sunshine Committee.
WELCOME Brigitte!

A huge **DANKE to Elsbeth Haechler** the one and only, for all your caring and time during the years on the Sunshine Committee, for all the visits and cards you wrote with love and compassion.
All of us that received them wish Elsbeth the best of everything and Thank You from everyone for the sunshine in your heart!



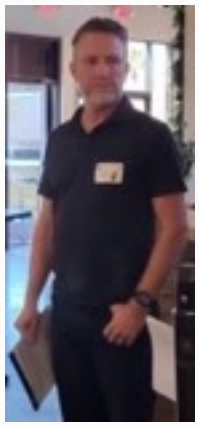












Jason Price, Vice President resigned his VP position due to professional demands in a new advisor job with time-consuming hours. However, he is still an activities chair and hiking coordinator. Oh, and taking pictures at our events.

A special DANKE from all of us.

All the Board of Directors with one new
Vice President Roland Ulrich are reelected.
We all thank the Board for the hard work they are doing during the year for our AZ Swiss Society!





Spring Picnic

Desert Breeze Park in Chandler
April, 9th 2022



We Welcome New Members

Roberta & Daniel Fahrni,
Monika Barbier,
Carolin Gey and Joe Ellis,
Antonella & Mauro Saladini,
Mary Beth & Ron McCullagh,
Heidi & Norbert Dalhof-Zurbuchen
Rita Gurski
Angelica & David Cipullo
Ellen & Remo Tartaglia
JoAnn Garner
Antoinette Krebs

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Swiss and Austrian Club Members Hike at Papago Buttes, Sunday, January 9, 2022

A first of the new year, a hike with no worries to get hot (not the Arizona way) on a clear blue sky day, even a cool breeze at times. A desert trail with views of the downtown skyline. 14 of us met at the Phoenix Zoo Parking Lot at 9:30.









Swiss and Austrian Club Members Hike at Spur Cross Dragonfly Loop, Sunday, February 20, 2022















Moving Information

Charlene Klumb had to relocate recently to a group home in Scottsdale because continuing Parkinson's health issues.
She has been a member of the Arizona Swiss Society for many years and was involved briefly with the annual scholarship selection committee.
We wish Charlene happy days.

New Address: Torbrook Manor, 6221 E. Shea Blvd, Scottsdale 85254





Cook's page
for everyone



Gâteau de Pâques Façon Suisse, Swiss-style Easter Tart



Recipe

Ingredients:

400 ml	milk
1/2 tsp	salt
80 gr.	round-grain rice, carnaroli
1	short crust pastry, rolled-out round, diameter 32 cm
50 gr.	apricot jam
3	eggs
1	lemon
150 gr.	full-fat quark
200 ml	full cream
100 gr.	almonds, blanched, ground
60 gr.	sultanas
8	marzipan carrots
	icing sugar



Directions:

(1) Put the milk and salt into a pan and bring to boil. Add the rice and simmer over a low heat, stirring occasionally, until the rice is cooked. Leave the rice mixture to cool down.
(2) Line the baking tin with the shortcrust pastry and trim away any excess. Prick the base of the pastry case all over with a fork and bush with apricot jam. Put in the refrigerator to chill. Put the baking tray in the cooking space to preheat.
(re-)heat cooking space to 175 Celsius whit Pizza Plus
(3) Separate the eggs. Zest the lemon. Put the egg yolks, lemon zest, quark, cream, almonds, sultanas and cooled rice pudding into a mixing bowl and mix well.
Beat the egg whites with the sugar until stiff peaks form, then gently fold into the rice. Turn the rice mixture into the pastry case. Put the baking tin on to the preheated baking tray in the cooking space. Bake. Put the food in Pizza Plus 175 Celsius for 45 Minutes.
(4) When done, leave the cake to cool down before dusting with icing sugar and decorating with marzipan carrots.

Enjoy! En Guete!

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