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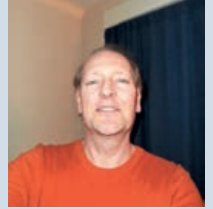
Dear Readers: May your most cherished dreams come alive in 2025!

Looking back on history, we can often see how dramatically our world has been transformed. Yet sometimes, certain aspects remain strikingly enduring. Case in point, I was

surprised to learn that just about 150 years ago, a Swiss social club in Montreal called the Swiss National Society (SNS) successfully petitioned Berne to establish the Swiss Consulate in Montreal. At that time, only a few (eventful) years had elapsed since

Canadian Confederation in 1867. Remarkably, the SNS remains active to this day! Read more on this below.

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REGIONAL EDITOR

Swiss National Society (Montreal)

In 1874, a group of Swiss men from the Montreal area founded the Swiss National Society (SNS) to enjoy friendship and camaraderie. **150 years later** - on November 10, 2024 - we celebrated this commemorative anniversary at Trattoria Mondo in Kirkland, QC. 66 people were present to mark the occasion. Four men among us have been members of the SNS for more than 50 years, including our oldest member, Bruno Halberstadt, who is 98 years old!

Our guest of honour was Mme Anne-Béatrice Bullinger, the new Consul General representing the Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal. After a welcome apéro with Swiss white wine, we all enjoyed a delicious four-course meal of Italian specialties. Throughout the afternoon, we were entertained by wonderful traditional Swiss singing and yodeling by the duo Maria Bütler and Heinz Kessler. Inspired by Maria and Heinz, several attendees gave impromptu performances at the mike, some in German, some in French, and the crowd happily participated in the singing.

Thanks to Peter Fuhrer - who was also our master of ceremonies - we had a display of several original documents dating back to 1874, as well as other memorabilia from the 75th and 100th anniversaries of the SNS. One of the highlights was a beautiful short video about the history of the SNS, created and put together by Peter Fuhrer and Bruno Meli. Everyone enjoyed the celebration and received a commemorative pin, as well as a menu (created specifically for our anniversary) that featured historical events.



The SNS was the catalyst for various other Swiss clubs that branched out over the years. The Club's Founding Fathers were also instrumental in **petitioning Berne to establish the Consulate in Montreal, which happened in 1875**. While our membership today is smaller than in the past, we still meet three to four times a year for a good meal and companionship. New members are always welcome!

SILVIA BÄRTSCHI
PRESIDENT
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Matterhorn Swiss Club (Montreal)

At the end of September, we visited Vergers et Cidrerie Denis Charbonneau in Mont Saint-Grégoire, south of Montreal. A tasting of three different ciders was followed by a delicious lunch in their crêperie. We were then free to wander around, take a wagon ride to the orchard to pick apples, or visit their lovely shop. All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy this outing.

Our next event was a lunch get-together at L'Académie Restaurant in Pointe-Claire. We enjoyed a good lunch ordered from the regular menu, and the club provided the wine. Once again, it was nice being able to see everyone.

Next up will be our AGM in late winter or early spring. This meeting will also include a lunch at an interesting or fun location. Members will be advised when plans are finalised.

We look forward to welcoming our members and guests.

WALTER SPIRIG
PRESIDENT
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Consulat général de Suisse à Montréal
Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal

Chères et chers compatriotes,



En ce début d'année, permettez-moi de vous présenter mes meilleurs vœux de santé, de bonheur et de réussite. Ayant pris mes fonctions en septembre dernier, c'est avec une grande fierté et un profond engagement que je m'adresse à vous pour la première fois dans ces pages en tant que consule générale.

Cette année revêt une importance particulière : **nous célébrons les 150 ans de la présence consulaire suisse à Montréal**, une institution qui a su évoluer au fil du temps pour répondre

aux besoins d'une vaste circonscription s'étendant aujourd'hui du Manitoba jusqu'aux provinces des Maritimes. Depuis 1875, notre mission consiste à accompagner les Helvètes à travers ces nombreuses régions et à renforcer les liens solides entre la Suisse et le Canada.

Nous marquerons également un second événement d'envergure : les 80 ans de relations diplomatiques entre nos deux pays, un partenariat fondé sur des valeurs communes telles que la coopération, l'innovation et la durabilité.

Tout au long des mois à venir, des initiatives exceptionnelles et des projets marquants mettront à l'honneur ces anniversaires. Nous espérons que vous serez nombreux à y participer et à célébrer avec nous ces jalons historiques.

Je vous invite à suivre nos actualités sur [SwissInTouch](#) pour rester informés du programme complet et contribuer à faire de 2025 une période inoubliable pour notre communauté.

Avec mes salutations les plus cordiales,

ANNE-BÉATRICE BULLINGER
CONSULE GÉNÉRALE

Dear fellow Swiss citizens:

As we welcome the new year, I am pleased to extend my warmest wishes for health, happiness, and success in 2025. Having assumed my role in September, it is with great pride and dedication that I write to you for the first time in these pages as Consul General.

This year is especially meaningful: **We commemorate the 150th anniversary of Switzerland's consular presence in Montreal**, an institution that has continually adapted to serve the needs of a broad jurisdiction now spanning from Manitoba to the Maritime provinces. Since 1875, our mission has been to support Swiss citizens across these regions and to nurture the strong and lasting bonds between Switzerland and Canada.

We also celebrate another important milestone: 80 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, a partnership rooted in shared values such as cooperation, innovation, and sustainability.

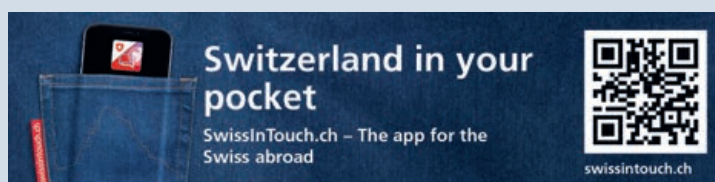
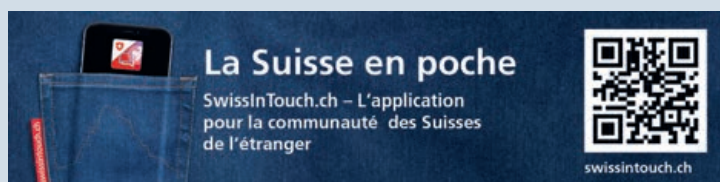
In the months ahead, we will host a variety of exciting initiatives and memorable events to mark these anniversaries. We hope you will join us as we highlight these historical milestones together.

For all the latest updates and event details, stay connected with us on [SwissInTouch](#).

We look forward to sharing this remarkable year with you and making 2025 truly unforgettable for our community.

With my warmest regards,

ANNE-BÉATRICE BULLINGER
CONSUL GENERAL





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Présence renforcée à Halifax : au service de la communauté suisse et à l'initiative de nouvelles collaborations

Ces derniers mois, l'équipe du Consulat général s'est rendue à Halifax à deux reprises pour répondre aux besoins de la communauté suisse des Maritimes et établir des liens prometteurs avec des partenaires locaux.

Un service de proximité pour nos compatriotes

Lors de notre première visite, une session de biométrie mobile a été organisée, facilitant les démarches administratives de près de 150 Suisses et Suissesses vivant dans les provinces maritimes. Grâce au travail remarquable de Teresa Chejlava Nkundwa, cheffe des affaires consulaires, de Jean-François Recordon, responsable des documents d'identité, et de l'équipe en soutien depuis le consulat, une station biométrique a été déployée avec succès, permettant à de nombreux compatriotes d'éviter un déplacement jusqu'à Montréal. Nous remercions également notre consul honoraire, Dieter Gautschi, pour son soutien logistique dans l'organisation de cette session.

Rencontres et partenariats inspirants

Quelques semaines plus tard, notre équipe culturelle, composée du consul Rudolf Wyss et de Sara Bagdasarianz, directrice des affaires culturelles, a rencontré des membres de la communauté suisse et des acteurs locaux influents. Parmi eux, Hans Peter Stutz (Grand Pré Winery), Peter et Ruth Kunz, ainsi que les artistes Alex Pfaff et Jacqueline Steudler. En parallèle, des contacts stratégiques ont été noués avec des institutions culturelles et économiques telles que l'Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax Partnership et Halifax Public Libraries. Ces échanges ouvrent la voie à des collaborations futures, renforçant les liens entre la Suisse et les Maritimes.

Prochains rendez-vous !

Nous continuerons à explorer de nouvelles opportunités et à offrir des services adaptés à votre région. Une nouvelle session de biométrie mobile est notamment envisagée à Toronto au courant de 2025. Toutes les informations seront partagées sur nos canaux habituels. Nous sommes fiers d'être à vos côtés et de contribuer au dynamisme des relations canado-suisse.

Consulat général de Suisse à Montréal Consulate General of Switzerland in Montreal

Strengthened Presence in Halifax: Supporting the Swiss Community and Fostering New Collaborations

Over the past few months, the team from the Consulate General of Switzerland has traveled to Halifax twice to address the needs of the Swiss community in the Maritimes, and to establish promising connections with local partners.

Bringing services closer to our fellow citizens

During our first visit, we organised a mobile biometrics session to simplify administrative procedures for nearly 150 Swiss citizens residing in the Maritime provinces. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Teresa Chejlava Nkundwa, Head of Consular Affairs, Jean-François Recordon, in charge of Identity Documents, and the behind-the-scenes support from our team at the Consulate, the biometrics station was successfully deployed, sparing many the need to travel to Montreal. We also extend our gratitude to our Honorary Consul, Dieter Gautschi, for his logistical support in coordinating this session.

Inspiring meetings and partnerships

A few weeks later, our cultural team, consisting of Consul Rudolf Wyss and Sara Bagdasarianz, Director of Cultural Affairs, met with members of the Swiss community and key local stakeholders. Among them were Hans Peter Stutz (Grand Pré Winery), Peter and Ruth Kunz, as well as artists Alex Pfaff and Jacqueline Steudler. Additionally, strategic connections were established with cultural and economic institutions such as the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax Partnership, and Halifax Public Libraries. These exchanges pave the way for future collaborations, further strengthening ties between Switzerland and the Maritimes.

Looking ahead

We remain committed to exploring new opportunities and providing tailored services in your region. A new mobile biometrics session is currently being planned for Toronto in 2025, with details to be shared through our usual communication channels. We are proud to support you and contribute to the dynamism of Swiss-Canadian relations.

Swiss Club Thames Valley

Recent events include our AGM on November 2, a Swiss Farmers Band concert on November 17, and our Adventsfeier on December 1. On December 10, as well as on January 10, we had our first two Spielnachmittage in Listowel.

Special news: Two of our members will turn 100 this year: Hanni Meier on January 9, and my grandma Joan Stadelmann - a founding member of the Swiss Club Thames Valley - on February 9! Please visit our Facebook group "Thames Valley Swiss Club" and our website <https://swissclubtv.wixsite.com/swiss-club-thames-va>. Have a great day!

CHRISTINE HEIMPEL



Halifax 2024

Swiss Club Toronto Theatre Group

Theateraufführung 2025

„ Alte Lügen rosten nicht “

Schwank in zwei Akten von Nick Hasler

The play is in Swiss-German and will be performed by the Toronto Theatre Group at the following locations:

- **Moorefield:** Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 1:00 pm;
Maryborough Community Centre.
🎵🎵🎵 Contact: Hansueli Sturzenegger at (519) 526 - 7381
Email: hanstrudi83@outlook.com
- **Toronto:** Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 3:00 pm;
Humber Valley United Church, 76 Anglesey Blvd, Toronto.
🎵🎵🎵 Contact: Maggie Hess at (905) 508 - 8014
Email: walter.brunner@sympatico.ca



Two scenes from the 2024 play "En heisse Droht"

Important changes to note:

The play in Moorefield is on a Saturday. In Toronto, we are at a new location (parking is available), and the play starts at 3:00 pm. We won't be able to serve lunch but will make beverages and pastries available.

The Theatre Group is once again looking forward to seeing you at one of the performances. We hope to make it an exciting event! For more details, please contact your local Swiss Club representative. For reservations in Toronto, call / email Maggie Hess or Walter Brunner.

WALTER BRUNNER

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FÉDÉRATION DES SOCIÉTÉS SUISSES DE L'EST DU CANADA FEDERATION OF SWISS SOCIETIES IN EASTERN CANADA

Merci de tout cœur à tous les Suisses et les ami.e.s de nos compatriotes qui étaient présents à la Fête Nationale Suisse au Mont Sutton cet été. Ce fut une belle fête et nous avons eu une journée magnifique en votre compagnie. Vous trouverez quelques photos et vidéos de la Fête 2024 sur notre site web www.fedesuisse.com et notre page Facebook : www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse.

Veillez noter cette date dans votre agenda, car la prochaine fête suisse aura lieu **le samedi 2 août 2025 à Sutton !**

La Fédération des sociétés suisses de l'Est du Canada est à la recherche de nouveaux administrateurs et administratrices pour rejoindre le comité organisateur et de plusieurs bénévoles pour l'organisation de la fête suisse à Sutton.

Le comité organisateur est le cœur et l'esprit de la Fête nationale suisse à Sutton. Il est le gardien du savoir et de la connaissance afin de préserver la mission et la pérennité de la Fête Nationale Suisse.

Pour information: fedesuisse@gmail.com.

Nous espérons que vous avez passé de belles Fêtes de fin d'année et au plaisir de vous revoir bientôt!

VALÉRIE MARTINEZ
VICE-PRÉSIDENTE

AU NOM DU COMITÉ DE LA FÉDÉRATION DES SOCIÉTÉS SUISSES DE L'EST DU CANADA

Our heartfelt thanks to all the Swiss people and to the friends of our fellow citizens who attended the Swiss National Day celebrations at Mont Sutton last summer. It was a wonderful event, and we had a splendid day in your company. You can find some photos and videos of the 2024 festivities on our website www.fedesuisse.com, as well as on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Fedesuisse.

Please mark this date on your calendar: the next Swiss National Day celebrations will take place **in Sutton on Saturday, August 2, 2025 !**

The Federation of Swiss Societies in Eastern Canada (FEDE) is looking for new directors to join its Organising Committee, as well as several volunteers to help organise the Swiss National Day celebrations.

The Organising Committee is the heart and soul of the Swiss National Day in Sutton. It is the guardian of the knowledge and expertise required to preserve the mission and to ensure the continuity of the Swiss National Day celebrations.

For further information, email fedesuisse@gmail.com.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you soon!

VALÉRIE MARTINEZ
VICE PRESIDENT

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Council of the Swiss Abroad

Last Call for Applications - Your chance to shape the future of the Swiss Abroad – apply for the Council now! **For the first time, delegates will be elected directly.**

Why the CSA? The Council of the Swiss Abroad (CSA) is the highest body of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad, serving as the voice of Swiss citizens abroad to the Swiss authorities. By applying, you can represent the interests of around 800,000 Swiss abroad and help shape political dialogue between Switzerland and Swiss citizens living abroad.

Last Chance to Apply - The application deadline is January 31, 2025 – this is your opportunity to be part of this historic change. As a delegate, you will not only represent your region but also the values of the Swiss community abroad, such as responsibility, engagement, and dialogue.

Values that Matter - The CSA is based on the principles that have always characterized Switzerland: responsibility, dialogue, and commitment to the common good. These values are at the core of the work of a delegate. It's not only about representing the interests of an individual but also about meeting the needs and concerns of an entire community that feels connected to Switzerland, even while living abroad.

A Delegate's Role - CSA Delegates take on an important role. They are not only representatives but also advisers who engage with Swiss authorities and bring the voice of the Swiss abroad into political discussions. Tasks include:

- Participating in constructive debates and developing policy recommendations that bring the interests of Swiss citizens abroad into political discourse;
- Fostering dialogue with Swiss parliamentarians and other decision-makers;
- Organising networking activities and strengthening the connection between Swiss citizens abroad and their homeland.

Who Should Apply? We are looking for motivated individuals who meet the following qualifications:

- Fluency in German or French to perform successfully in the Council;
- Willingness to attend at least one annual session in Switzerland (at your own expense) and to participate in regular online meetings;
- A strong commitment to the Swiss community and the ability to represent its concerns and needs effectively.

How to Apply - Visit [SwissCommunity.org](https://www.swisscommunity.org), or contact:

- East: Valérie Martinez at vmburkardt@gmail.com;
- Centre: Charlotte Mariller at charlottemariller@gmail.com;
- West: Timo Theisen at timo.theisen@outlook.com.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2025



TIMO THEISEN

Conseil des Suisses de l'étranger

Dernier appel aux candidatures - Façonnez l'avenir des Suisses de l'étranger. Postulez pour le Conseil dès aujourd'hui! **Pour la première fois, les délégués seront élus directement.**

Pourquoi le CSE ? Le Conseil des Suisses de l'étranger (CSE) est l'organe suprême de l'Organisation des Suisses de l'étranger et sert de porte-parole des Suisses de l'étranger auprès des autorités suisses. En postulant, vous aurez l'occasion de représenter les intérêts de quelque 800 000 Suisses de l'étranger et de contribuer au dialogue politique entre la Suisse et ses citoyens à l'étranger.

Dernière chance pour postuler - La date limite de candidature est le 31 janvier 2025 – c'est votre chance de faire partie de ce changement historique. En tant que délégué, vous ne représenterez pas seulement votre région, mais aussi les valeurs de la communauté suisse à l'étranger, telles que la responsabilité, l'engagement et le dialogue.

Des valeurs qui comptent - Le CSE repose sur les principes qui ont toujours caractérisé la Suisse : la responsabilité, le dialogue et l'engagement envers le bien commun. Ces valeurs sont au cœur du travail d'un délégué. Il ne s'agit pas seulement de représenter les intérêts d'une personne, mais aussi de répondre aux besoins et préoccupations d'une communauté entière, qui se sent connectée à la Suisse, même en vivant à l'étranger.

Le rôle d'un délégué - Les délégués du CSE occupent un rôle important. Ils sont non seulement des représentants, mais aussi des conseillers qui dialoguent avec les autorités suisses et font entendre la voix des Suisses de l'étranger dans les discussions politiques. Les tâches comprennent :

- Participer à des débats constructifs et à l'élaboration de recommandations politiques qui intègrent les intérêts des Suisses de l'étranger dans les discussions politiques.
- Favoriser le dialogue avec les parlementaires suisses et d'autres décideurs.
- Organiser des activités de réseautage et renforcer les liens entre les Suisses de l'étranger et leur pays d'origine.

Qui devrait postuler ? Nous recherchons des personnes motivées qui possèdent les qualifications suivantes :

- Maîtrise de l'allemand ou du français pour réussir au sein du Conseil.
- Volonté d'assister à au moins une session annuelle en Suisse (à vos frais) et de participer régulièrement aux réunions en ligne.
- Un engagement fort envers la communauté suisse et la capacité de représenter efficacement ses préoccupations et besoins.

Comment postuler ? Si vous êtes intéressé par une candidature, visitez [SwissCommunity.org](https://www.swisscommunity.org) ou contactez vos représentants régionaux :

- Est: Valérie Martinez, vmburkardt@gmail.com
- Centre: Charlotte Mariller, charlottemariller@gmail.com
- Ouest: Timo Theisen, timo.theisen@outlook.com

Date limite de candidature: 31 janvier 2025



TIMO THEISEN

Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir Association

On October 4 and 5, 2024, the Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir (ESMC) was honoured to perform at the 125th anniversary celebration of the Canadian Pacific Railway hiring Swiss mountain guides in Western Canada. This celebration of 125 years of Swiss mountain guiding in the Canadian Rockies (1899 – 2024) was held at the Swiss Edelweiss Village, as well as at the Civic Centre in Golden, BC.

Our journey began early Friday morning when a Golden Arrow coach collected us in Edmonton. We made our first stop in Red Deer to enjoy coffee at Tim Hortons, pre-ordered by Fred, the trip's main organiser, and in Canmore, we savoured a delightful, pre-arranged buffet lunch at Chez François.

Upon arriving in Golden, we checked into a motel and donned our new uniform shirts. Despite light rain, the outdoor celebration at the Swiss Edelweiss Village was filled with enthusiasm. The event featured speeches, alphorn music, and performances by our choir.



Saturday morning allowed for individual exploration of the town and nearby hiking trails. The official public celebration commenced in the afternoon at the Golden Civic Centre. Following engaging presentations and interviews, our choir delivered two well-received sets of songs.

Edmonton Swiss Society

On October 8, Consul General Thomas Schneider hosted a very enjoyable cocktail reception. The Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir presented a selection of music that was enjoyed by all.

Our fondue event sold out - 65 attendees enjoyed this delicious Swiss tradition together. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who started early, worked hard, and stayed late, it was a cosy and happy evening!

Youngsters (and the young at heart) celebrated the arrival of Samichlaus, with an indoor / outdoor event in a park. They enjoyed crafts, cookie decorating, and marshmallows around the fire.

In early spring, we will hold our AGM and annual brunch. On our Facebook page, we look forward to sharing more information on these events with our membership and the public. The ESS is always keen to welcome new club members and new executives. At our AGM, all positions will be up for election. We thank and celebrate a couple of very long-serving executive members for their service as they "retire." A thank-you also to ArrKann RV for providing secure space for the ESS storage trailer!

The day concluded with a delightful dinner at the nearby Island Restaurant, where we were joined by additional guests. True to tradition, the combination of satisfied singers, good food, and drinks led to an endless outpouring of songs.

On October 6, we returned to Alberta, arriving at Fred's Ranch in Falun where Fred and his neighbour treated us to a wonderful barbecue. Perfect weather complemented this great finale to our trip, which was filled with wine, song, and camaraderie. Our heartfelt thanks to Fred for hosting a memorable dinner!



During Advent, we were active performing several Christmas concerts. The highlight was again the afternoon concert on December 15 at St. Vital Church in Beaumont. The people very much appreciated the concert, and the church was able to forward all food and cash donations to the Leduc Food Bank.

For more information about future events and on how to join the choir, visit www.esmca.ca. On Facebook, kindly like the ESMC under "Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir".

PETER THUT



Wishing you all a Happy New Year and the best of winter!

TERESA FOR THE ESS EXECUTIVE TEAM

Swiss Club Saskatoon

Our AGM was held on October 27, 2024, in Warman, SK, in the Sky Chef Restaurant's banquet room. Rather than having a set menu, we were able to order whatever we wanted from the menu. All attendees were responsible for paying for their own meals and beverages.

Our elections were brief. No names were submitted for positions. All of the incumbents let their names stand, and all were declared acclaimed: Elisabeth Eilinger, President; Marc Schwendemann, Vice President; Georg Nievergelt, Treasurer; Hayley Schwendemann, Secretary; and Barbara Wingeier, Social Convenor. Manfred Gerber has been our in-house appointed Auditor for many years. Kevin Kocher was acknowledged for his assistance in transporting our 1st of August sausages from Calgary to Saskatoon, at his own expense.



Ottawa Valley Swiss Club

Samichlaus Brings Festive Cheer to Ottawa

On November 30, the Swiss community in Ottawa gathered at the Church of St. Columba for our annual Samichlaus Party, a cherished tradition that brought warmth, laughter, and festive spirit to all.

The event featured a delicious lunch prepared by our talented chefs – Joe, Josef, and Jürg – whose culinary skills delighted the crowd. Treats from the bakery of Heidi and Willy added an extra layer of indulgence, with the iconic Christmas-time Grittibänz as a standout favourite.

The party was filled with joy and community connection. A few courageous children showcased their musical talents, charming the audience with their performances. At the craft table, little hands busily created walnut and apple Santas and decorated gingerbread cookies, channeling their creativity into holiday masterpieces.

Of course, the highlight of the day was the visit from Samichlaus, who delighted all the boys and girls with thoughtful gifts. Schmutzli made an appearance, too, though many preferred to keep their distance from his rather scary demeanour! The Samichlaus Party was a resounding success, bringing together Swiss families, friends, and neighbours to celebrate the season in true Swiss style. We are grateful for the volunteers, organisers, and participants who made this event possible. It was a wonderful reminder of the joy of coming

Our Santa event was held on December 7, 2024, at the Community Centre in Neuanlage, SK. About 36 were in attendance. We had a sumptuous potluck feast of cold cuts, cheese, garlic cheese bread, salads, other dishes, and many, many desserts. Santa found us and visited with each of the children, giving them a bag of peanuts, chocolates, a mandarin orange, and other treats. We then held a children's raffle with items provided by the club and members. Each child won at least one prize, with tickets purchased by parents and grandparents.



A raclette lunch at the Neuanlage Community Centre will be our next event. The date has not yet been set, but it is usually in March or April. Information about this and other upcoming events will be included in our next newsletter.

To find out more about us, please contact us at swissclubsaskatoon@hotmail.com, or by phone at 1 - 306 - 260 - 8030.

ELISABETH EILINGER
PRESIDENT, SWISS CLUB SASKATOON



together as a community to share in traditions, laughter, and the holiday spirit. We look forward to next year's celebration and to keeping the spirit of Samichlaus alive for generations to come! :)

KARIN FREEMAN

