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Message from the President

Dear Members,

Summer is in full swing, and I hope all of you are having an enjoyable and relaxing time while trying to stay out of the heat.

If you live in the Valley, and have not had a chance to escape the scorching temperatures, this year's First of August celebration may be just the ticket. The summer event has taken us to Payson many times, and to very positive reviews. Therefore it will be held in Ramsey Park again – this year on July 30th. Kurt Schittli has planned multiple activities, including the always popular horse shoe tournament. The kids will be able to roam and have a blast with the park's extensive play equipment, or at the lake shore.

This year's fall event will be dedicated to fundraising for the Arizona Swiss Foundation. The Foundation's goal is to offer educational scholarships to young Swiss students in Arizona. These grants are given based upon both a financial need, as well as prior scholastic record. Please continue to support this wonderful charity fund which has been one of the most meaningful accomplishments of the Arizona Swiss Society.

In closing, I would like to enlist your help. The board is currently looking for people who would like to participate in a short-term workgroup. This group will make recommendations to the board as to the best use of funds the Arizona Swiss Society has accrued on behalf of our members. If you are interested, or have further questions, please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you on July 30th for the Swiss Independence Day.

Sincerely,

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News from Switzerland

Swiss Roots in American Football

Pittsburgh Steelers Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger will embark on a journey of a lifetime, traveling to Switzerland to uncover his family's ancestry in the Bernese Emmental region (the cheese capital of Switzerland). Not only is Ben making a 'pilgrimage' to the land of his forefathers, but he'll also be promoting American football and officiating at a local Swiss league game. Ever since Ben became the spokesperson for swissroots, 'Roethlisberger fever' has hit Switzerland in a big way and the quintessential U.S. sport is suddenly generating a lot of attention.

You may think Switzerland's greatest exports are cheese, chocolate, fine watches, Saint Bernard dogs and army knives but if you look at contemporary U.S. culture, Swiss influences are everywhere. The Swiss have left their mark on the food we eat and the people we admire, like Superbowl 2006 MVP quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, automobile pioneer Louis Chevrolet, and Adolf Rickenbacher, the inventor of the electric guitar. Actress Renée Zellweger, prolific film maker George Lucas, singer Jewel, chocolate maker Milton Hershey, President Herbert Hoover, museum magnate Meyer Guggenheim and singer Cyndi Lauper all have Swiss Roots.

The swissroots program, headquartered at the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York is a cultural phenomenon designed to engage people with 'Swissaffinity' to learn more about the country and to make contact with Swiss citizens. It also serves as a platform for an exchange between Switzerland and the U.S. in areas such as politics, economics, culture, education, research and tourism. The program's flagship is an innovative community website - www.swissroots.org - developed in association with IgoUgo and Swissinfo.

Launched in March 2006, www.swissroots.org combines technology with icons of pop culture (like Ben Roethlisberger), cutting edge events and genealogy to create an interactive web community, bringing people in the U.S. and Switzerland together to share their interest and passion for Switzerland. Join Ben (virtually) as he gives www.swissroots.org users a daily account of his travels and experiences in Switzerland.



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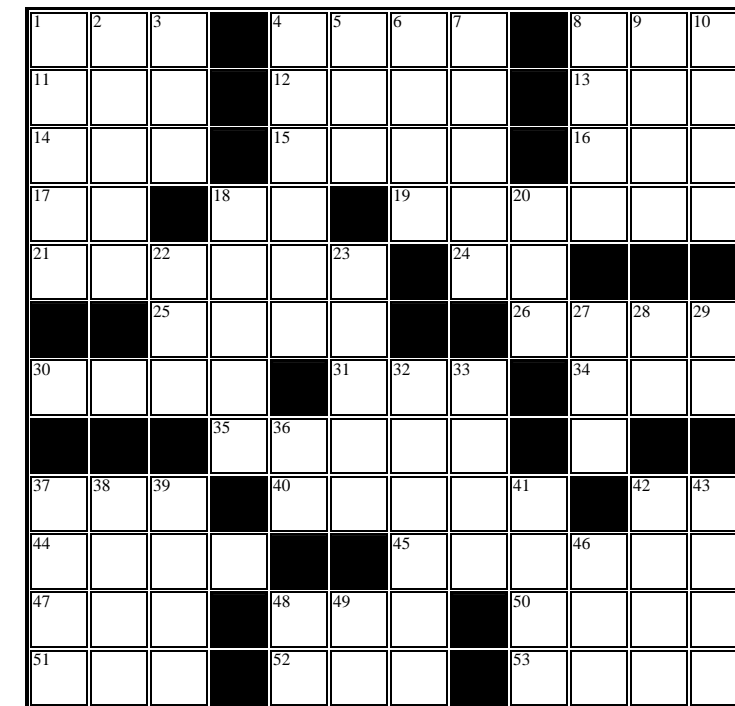
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ACROSS

1. The compass point midway between south and southeast.
4. Open-heart surgery in which the rib cage is opened and a section of a blood vessel is grafted from the aorta to the coronary artery to bypass the blocked section of the coronary artery and improve the blood supply to the heart.
8. Used of a single unit or thing.
11. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.
12. An Indian nursemaid who looks after children.
13. Something that remunerates.
14. General term for any insect or similar creeping or crawling invertebrate.
15. A member of an Iroquoian people formerly living on the south shore of Lake Erie in northern Ohio and northwest Pennsylvania and western New York.
16. A federal agency established to coordinate programs aimed at reducing pollution and protecting the environment.
17. A radioactive element of the actinide series.
19. 1 species.
21. A songbook containing a collection of hymns.
24. A hard gray lustrous metallic element that is highly corrosion-resistant.
25. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.
26. Type genus of the Alcidae comprising solely the razorbill.
30. A software system that facilitates the creation and maintenance and use of an electronic database.
31. A master's degree in business.
34. Having undesirable or negative qualities.
35. Someone whose business is advertising.
37. An associate degree in applied science.
40. A woman of refinement.
44. A detailed description of design criteria for a piece of work.
45. Wild ginger.
47. Headdress that protects the head from bad weather.
50. A ruler of the Inca Empire (or a member of his family).
51. A period marked by distinctive character or reckoned from a fixed point or event.
52. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from aba cloth.
53. The cardinal number that is the fifth power of ten.

DOWN

1. A region of Malaysia in northeastern Borneo.
2. Characterized by a lightly pert and exuberant quality.
3. A cgs unit of work or energy.
4. Conqueror of Gaul and master of Italy (100-44 BC).
5. A port in southwestern Scotland.
6. The Tibeto-Burman language spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan.
7. Port city in northwestern Belgium and industrial center.
8. An organization of countries formed in 1961 to agree on a common policy for the sale of petroleum.
9. Chevrotain somewhat larger than the kanchil.
10. An unfledged or nestling hawk.
18. Squash bugs.
20. A plant hormone promoting elongation of stems and roots.
22. A member of a Mayan people of southwestern Guatemala.
23. A subsidiary proposition that is assumed to be true in order to prove another proposition.
27. 36th President of the United States.
28. A white metallic element that burns with a brilliant light.
29. A public promotion of some product or service.
32. A member of an agricultural people of southern India.
33. Type genus of the Anatidae.
36. Diabetes caused by a relative or absolute deficiency of insulin and characterized by polyuria.
38. South American armadillo with three bands of bony plates.
39. Stalk of a moss capsule.
41. The bags of letters and packages that are transported by the postal service.
42. (of upper front teeth) Projecting outward.
43. A woman hired to suckle a child of someone else.
46. A nucleic acid that transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm.
47. A radioactive transuranic element that is similar to uranium.
48. An official prosecutor for a judicial district.
49. The blood group whose red cells carry both the A and B antigens.

*** Want the answers? Visit www.azch.org and click on the Newsletter link ***

Recipe you should try...

Blueberry-risotto with boletus (cep)

Yield: 4 Servings

Ingredients:

- 250 g Fresh Boletus (Cep) 8.75 oz -- cleaned trimmed and -- sliced
- 1 sm Onion finely chopped
- 20 g Butter 0.75 oz
- 140 g Risotto rice unpolished -- 5 oz
- 150 g Blueberries 5.5 oz
- 1/2 dl White wine dry 1/4 cup
- 4 dl Bouillon 1 3/4 cup
- 3/8 dl Olive oil 1/4 cup
- 1 Twig thyme
- 1 pn Garlic mashed
- 60 g Butter 2 oz

Instructions:

In a saucepan heat the butter and saute the onion. Stir in the rice and the blueberries saute briefly. Moisten with wine cook until absorbed; moisten with bouillon and cook until tender. Stir continuously if necessary add some bouillon. Season with salt and pepper. In a skillet heat the oil saute mushrooms garlic and thyme. Stir the butter into the risotto. Transfer to warm plates and decorates with mushrooms.



Puzzle Fun

Sudoku

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		6	8	5				3
2		4	6				7	
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9								4
				7	2	1	3	5
	6				1	2		7
4				2	8	9		
7	5		4				8	

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News from Switzerland, continued

Swiss Female Ordained as Priest

A theologian has become the first Swiss woman to be ordained a Roman Catholic priest, despite Church laws decreeing only men can enter the priesthood. Monika Wyss, a divorced mother of four, feels she has the right to become a priest even though she will probably be excommunicated. The ceremony, organized by the West European Roman Catholic Womenpriests organization, took place on Saturday on board a passenger ship on Lake Constance between Switzerland and Germany.

In addition to Wyss, two other women joined the priesthood: Regina Nicolosi, a German living in the United States, and Jane Via, an American. Another woman from the US, who wishes to remain anonymous, was ordained a deacon, a rank below a priest. For Wyss, currently a deacon, becoming a priest has been a lifelong ambition. "It was an idea that came to me at the age of 12," she told swissinfo. "At the time, my brothers could be Mass servants but I couldn't, so I played the priest at home and they were my servants."

Women have been ordained Catholic priests in the past. In 2002, a group of seven women from Germany, Austria and the US entered the priesthood after a ceremony on a Danube cruise ship. Two male bishops oversaw that ordination. This time it will be three female bishops leading the ceremony.

Rome has not shown any Christian tolerance to women priests. All those who have been ordained – including the three women bishops – have since been excommunicated on the basis that canon law only allows baptized men to enter the priesthood. These sanctions were overseen by Joseph Ratzinger, the current pope, when he was head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the guardian of Catholic dogma. Wyss said, however, that without women, the Church would decline. And like many proponents of women in the priesthood, she said her ordination was both normal and not a rebellion against the Church.

"In Christ's time, women were accepted in the Church," she added. "It was only when it came under Roman [Empire] influence that they were excluded." The women's bishops have said they do not wish to split the Church and would like to avoid any escalation of the spat with Rome. There seems little doubt though that the Vatican will issue further excommunications.



Tourists who visit Zurich can take a new souvenir home with them – a Zurich Wasserflasche, made out of metal and filled with fresh drinking water from Zurich for the price of 25 Swiss francs (\$19 US). The purpose is, according to Frank Bumann from Zurich Tourism, that the bottle constantly reminds the tourists to come back to visit the city again, and if it is only to fill their bottle with pure Zurich drinking water again.

News from Switzerland, continued

World Cup Fever



The Swiss football team have expressed their pride at reaching their target of qualifying for the World Cup knockout stage after beating South Korea. The 2-0 victory in Hanover on Friday ensured that they qualified at the top of their group without conceding a goal and now meet Ukraine in the round of 16.

Man of the Match Alex Frei, who scored the second goal against the Koreans, said he was satisfied with the way the team cleared the first hurdle of the tournament in style.

"I am extremely proud that Switzerland has got through to the next round and can now be counted as one of the top 16 countries in world football," said the striker who has now netted twice in the tournament.



Why did the Swiss originally emigrate to the US?

Swiss emigration to the United States was largely due to people seeking their fortunes in new pastures, migration expert Leo Schelbert. Schelbert, who was recently awarded this year's Swiss expatriate prize in recognition for his work on Swiss emigration to the US, says poverty was not necessarily the driving factor. Around one million people who live in the US are estimated to have Swiss roots. Many are descended from settlers who emigrated to the country in the 19th century. They mostly went to Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, as well as in the Midwestern states. Some communities, such as New Glarus in Wisconsin, still bear witness to their Swiss origins. Schelbert, who is emeritus professor at University of Illinois at Chicago, has lived in the United States for more than 40 years.

Schelbert did an informal study of 5,000 Swiss names and their professions registered in the US in 1915. Around three per cent were wealthy and 40-50 per cent were middle class. However, emigrants were often robbed in port towns and during the crossings and in the end arrived penniless.

The history of emigration is always interpreted as a crisis phenomenon, with poverty as its cause. In Schelbert's opinion this is wrong, as the poor did not emigrate as they didn't have the money. People who have lost their positions emigrate, for example in Glarus when the home textile industry collapsed.

Because the Swiss, like many other people, sought out to take advantage of opportunities abroad. For the wealthy it was the entrepreneurial possibilities, for the middleclass and especially in 18th century where in Switzerland and in Europe mechanization was destroying the artisan culture, it was a way of finding jobs.



Swiss Stories Needed

Do you have an interesting story you would like to share about Switzerland or your life in the United States? Please send an email to azswiss@cox.net.

Special appreciation to the following members who made donations during the recent membership drive...

Anna Centura	Andre Cuenoud
Donald Dugan	Max & Wally Flueckiger
Hans & Rohani Glauser	Urs & Marlene Graetzer
Frieda Graham	Max & Elizabeth Haechler
Ruedi Hahnloser	Herbert & Doris Johnson
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Domenica Richardson (in memory of James Richardson)	Urs Schwank
Guido & Jutta Suter	Werner Wettstein



FYI...

"For 25 years I've helped to facilitate the Swiss Jass group. We meet once a month at different homes. We lost some members who moved away and are looking for new players. It is fun, and it is like an extended family... please join us."

Mary Strasser
480-948-6378

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Club News

Spring Picnic

On April 2, 2006 Swiss from Phoenix and Tucson met at Picacho Peak State Park for our Spring Picnic. This was the second year the Arizona Swiss Society and the Tucson Swiss Club joined up for the spring potluck. As you can see from the photos, fun was had by all.



Someone to Know- Kurt Schittli, Activity Chair of the Arizona Swiss Society



Karen Krauss and Kurt Schittli

Why am I in Arizona? I met my wife Karen about six years ago here in Scottsdale, when I was invited to see friends in Phoenix. Shortly after that I've been deeply in love with Karen and Scottsdale, and I decided to stay.

Well, so far so good. Trouble began, when I started to realize that Americans are crazy – the American way of life, their thinking, their habits... just crazy! Every now and then, we had guests from Switzerland or Germany, and it was such a treat for me to speak to somebody “normal” and in my mother tongue again. That was the time when I started attending the Arizona Swiss Society events. Over those few years I felt so supported and welcome, it helped me tremendously to overcome my personal crisis – thank you all!

In Switzerland I worked for twelve years as mechanical engineer, later I changed my career and studied esoteric therapy techniques and lead groups in self-growth and tantra before I came to the US. Karen happened to be and still is a spiritual teacher to others and to me, she is running a shamanic supplies store and is involved in a spiritual group with native American roots. This is feeding my soul, and is making the bridge to the west.

Since I didn't want to continue and repeat in the US what I had done in my past, I started learning again. For example I've learned the constant use of the Internet and email, evaluating and trading stocks (sometimes the hard way), and I've learned the trade of house painting and remodeling. For now I'm working on my own as handyman, Swiss quality of course.

I love the desert, the heat and the wilderness in Arizona. I love the frontier spirit here of unlimited possibilities, to have the freedom to do and create whatever I want, I'm learning to stay flexible and adaptive at all times (not the easiest thing for a Swiss). I admire the Americans, being so friendly, forgiving and uncomplicated, and now I'm even learning to understand and to love the crazy Americans!

When I was asked to serve in the activity chair early this year, I accepted it with pleasure. It's time for me to give back to the Arizona Swiss Society, what I have received.

Kurt Schittli

Welcome New Members:

Brock Marlyse	Brunschwiler Michael
Diersbock Gunther	Fox Jim & Geneva
Geyer Thomas & Kellie	Graetzer Urs & Marlene
Hahnloser Ruedi	Kuhweide Willy & Irma
Kasper Susan	Reinfried Rolf & Edith
Sandoz Christopher & Ken	Steadman Marc & Tami
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From the Sunshine Committee:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Schuermann family. In June, Kurt and Margrith Schuermann moved back to Switzerland so Kurt could receive specialized medical treatment. Sadly, on June 30, 2006 Kurt passed away. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the Arizona Swiss Society. We will forever keep his memory with us.