

# What is a senior citizen?

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- **Ruth Dreifuss** is 58 years old, she lives in Geneva and took over on 1st January 99 from last year's President, Flavio Cotti. She is the only Lady in the federal council and was elected a member in 1993. Ruth Dreifuss represents the 'political left' in the multi-political composition of the Swiss federal council.

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A man walks into a dentist's surgery and asks how much it would cost to extract wisdom teeth?

*Eighty dollars* says the dentist!

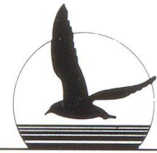
*That's far too dear* says the man; *is there a cheaper way?*

*Well* says the dentist; *If I don't use anesthetics, I can do it for \$ 60.*

*Still far too dear,* said the man.

*Okay,* said the dentist, *If I save on anesthetics and only use the pliers to pull them out, I can charge only \$ 20. !* *Nope,* moans the man; *it's still too much!* *Hm..* says the dentist scratching his head; *If I let one of my students do it as an experience, I suppose I could charge just \$ 10.*

**Marvellous,** says the man; **book my wife in for next Tuesday!**



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### WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN ?

A 'senior citizen', is one who was here before the pill, before television, frozen foods, credit cards, and ball point pens. For us "Time-Sharing" meant togetherness, not holiday-apartments and a 'Chip' meant a piece of wood. 'Hardware', meant hard-ware, and 'Soft-ware' was not even a word. Teenagers never wore slacks. We, were before party-hose, drip dry clothes, dish washers, clothes-dryers and electric blankets. We got married first, and then lived together, and thought cleavage, was something butchers did. We, were before Batman, disposable diapers, "QE Two", jeeps, pizza, instant coffee. And 'Kentucky Fried' wasn't even thought of !

- In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, pot was something you cooked in, a 'Gay' person was the life of the party, while 'Aids' meant beauty lotions, or help for someone in trouble.

- We are today's 'Senior Citizens', a hardy bunch when you think of how the world has changed, and the adjustments we have had to make.

thank you to Bert Flühler for this contribution.