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Word from President and Editor

Dear Readers,

How are you all coping with this summer heat?

What a great summer it has been. I hope you have all enjoyed good food, great companionship and had a great summer break and consumed all those Christmas Chocolates.

AND hardly have we closed the lid on the Christmas chocolates and we open the Easter ones, seems the year has become one chocolate feast after another. I am very partial to chocolate but it is not partial to me!!!

This year my brother Kurt and I are planning a trip to visit our brother Peter and help him celebrate his 70th and participate in the celebrations planned for his CD launch.

I am also compiling a list of all the things we have had in the Helvetia which I wish to go and see such as Gemler Funicular, Stoosbahn, Bruder Klaus's resting place and St Beatus Caves to name a few. I might even get to Switzerland's only National Park situated near the village of Zernez. It is featured in this magazine.

We also have another wonderful life story, this time Juerg and Ursula Stucki, as well as an article from Vitus Achermann on his wonderful time in the Jura (he assures me he wrote it all himself!!...well done).

These personal stories seem to be well received by you, the reader. We are looking for a few more to fill our magazine for the next year. Please do not be afraid to come forward and share your life and or experiences and give the readers that same thrill as those who have shared theirs have given you!!!

Have a fabulous Easter.

Grab that coffee and enjoy the Helvetia.



Please Note:

Society AGM Minutes 2018
Society AGM Meeting Minutes
can be found on page 4-5 in
Aug/Sept 2018 issue of Helvetia

Dear members

I can't believe that I am making references to my third AGM under our term. Where has the time gone? There has been so much happening for me and life in retirement seems to be very hectic!

The first two months of the year are just about history and we had a scorcher of a summer. Not so good for our farming friends but us townies do enjoy these lovely sunny days! What's up in the Society you may ask? There has been plenty going on and I hope you all caught up on these activities and issues as we will have to vote on several things at the AGM:

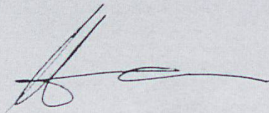
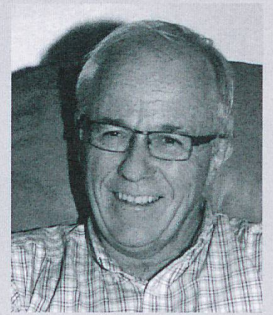
- The amendment of the Society constitution has been circulated for comments and the version to be presented at the AGM can now be viewed on our website. Please make sure you have a look at this before the AGM.
- As the time has rolled on for Hamilton's term as Society ambassadors we will have to set the wheels in motion to pass this function on to Taranaki in 2020.
- The organising of the Oceania Swiss Clubs President Conference is well on the way. It will be held in Auckland in 2020 and this will be a significant milestone for us to host it here and I will need your support to make this happen.

As you can see, Heidi and her team of helpers are tirelessly searching for interesting stories for you to enjoy. Over the last few years you also had a lot of AHV issues to deal with and some people thought this topic was now dead. Let me assure you that this couldn't be further from the truth. We actually have more activities than ever and we are finally getting support from other nations such as Ireland, Canada, Netherland and others. Even our own Ministry of Social Development was obliged to send a letter of explanation to the EU Director of Social Affairs explaining the NZ Social Security System.

The wheel is turning and there is momentum to keep it moving, just watch out for news in the Helvetia and news media.

I wish you all a very nice autumn and Happy Easter. See you in Wellington

Your President



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