



Save The Dates

THE SUMMER YODELER

SACRAMENTO HELVETIA VEREIN
Jass & Kafichränzli
Schedule 2019 (changes)

11 am – third Saturday of the month	EUROPEAN BAKERY & RESTAURANT ETTORE'S 2376 Fair Oaks Blvd.	
June 22		
July 20		
August 17		
September 21		To reserve a spot – call on of us
October 12 (2 nd Saturday)		Franziska 916-216-1451
November 16	Maya 916-782-4572	
December 21	Gabi 916-531-6911	

- Thurs, Aug 1 Swiss National Day Celebration
 - Sat, Aug 24 Donner Pass Tunnel Hike
 - Sat, Aug 31 Ripon Schwingfest
 - Sun, Sept 15 Swiss German Language Classes
 - Sat, Sept 28 Consumnes Trail Hike
 - Wed, Oct 2 Fondue Night
 - Sat, Nov 2 Metzgete Feast
 - Sun, Dec 15 Family Holiday Horse & Carriage Ride
- Visit Calendar Page at www.sacramentoswiss.com
 for more information

Consumnes Trail Hike - Sat, Sept 28 - No Charge
 A 3+ mile round-trip walk on raised levees through a variety of habitats. Please call Hike Leader for more information: Sandra: 916 601 6776




Ripon Schwingfest
 Saturday - August 31
 More Information
www.sjvscripsonswiss.com



Spotlighting The Francionis
 Q & A with Sarah and Hal, Carmichael, CA

1. Where did you two meet? Here in Sacramento, at a Bible study.
2. How long have you been married? In August, 34 years.
3. When did you find out you both had Swiss roots? Soon after we met. Hal explained to me that his last name was Swiss (from Ticino), not Italian. I said that my grandmother's family was also Swiss, but from the German-speaking part of Switzerland (Bern).
4. Your favorite Swiss city? We visited Switzerland once. We started in Zurich, travelled to Lucerne, and then visited the Interlaken area, where my Swiss relatives lived. We ended up in the Maggia Valley, where we stayed with Hal's relatives in Lodano. So, we can't really pick a favorite!
5. Do you practice any Swiss Family Traditions? Food traditions—we often make Hal's family's polenta and stew with gorgonzola cheese, at his family gatherings, someone makes "Swiss rice" (risotto), and on my side, some of my grandmother's recipes.
6. Your favorite destination in Calif.? We enjoy spending time in the summer and fall at my family's cabin in a big meadow in the Sierras (my mom's family's summer cattle range since the late 1880's) near Silver Lake.
7. Your favorite restaurant in the area? For a special meal, Biba's. For a simple Friday night out, probably the "Two for \$25 w/ a bottle of wine" at Selland's.
8. Your favorite kind of dinner party? We both enjoy cooking and entertaining, so usually do a St. Patrick's Day, and/or Valentine's Day dinner (can comfortably fit 12 around our dining table with the extra leaves), but we also like having a few people over for a more simple meal.
9. If you could invite any four people to your dinner party, who would they be? We would like to have been able to have had our Swiss great-grandparents (neither of us knew ours) over to share a meal with them and hear the stories of their lives before they came to America.

Thank you, Sarah and Hal!

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City Historical Cemetery



The Sacramento City Historical Cemetery is counted as one of Sacramento's treasures. It is a place of peace and contemplation, as well as a place to enjoy gardens & architecture, and appreciate remarkable early Californians. The Cemetery opened in 1849 on land donated by John Sutter at Broadway and Riverside Blvd. Early Sacramento settlers, John Sutter's son, railroad icons, brew-masters, restaurant and storeowners, Donner Party survivors, politicians, Turn Verein Members, and Swiss immigrant pioneers are buried here.

From the very beginning the site was developed as a civic institution but as years passed and Sacramento grew rapidly, the cemetery was forgotten. In the 1980's concerned citizens discovered the cemetery in extreme disrepair with overgrown plants and damage due to vandalism. A small group of people volunteered to reverse damage to the area and showcase its beauty and historical significance. Ferdy Morant and Betty Morant, long-time members of the SHV, were two of the early volunteers dedicated to reviving this historical site.

Ferdy Morant started the couple's involvement with his research of the Cemetery's historical records and Sacramento newspaper obituaries. He hunted and identified Swiss and German ancestry for the Sacramento Helvetia Verein and Turn Verein organizations. Notably Ferdy discovered the plot where 9 Swiss immigrants rest from the 1880's to early 1900's. Eventually the Swiss club adopted this plot. Ferdy also identified numerous single plots of Swiss people buried in the cemetery.

Shortly after Ferdy's historical identification of Swiss immigrants, Betty retired from the family business and was inspired to assist in restoration of historical plots in the cemetery. She became a volunteer of the cemetery's Adopt the Plot Program. Betty tended a vast area of lots, keeping it green and inviting. She recalls that in the early years, neighborhood nurseries would donate plants to the Cemetery to support volunteer work. When garden

nursery support faded, Betty brought the Swiss plot to the attention of the Swiss Ladies Society. On behalf of the SLS, Betty was the official steward for the Swiss plot. She has been key to the ongoing work on the attractive, plant-rich Swiss plot. She coordinated the group's annual spring work-day designated to meet and beautify the plot. Her cemetery caretaking responsibilities continued when the Swiss Ladies Society and the Helvetia Verein merged in 2011. After nearly 30 years of service to the Adopt a Plot Program, Betty retired from it in 2016. Her inspirational service is recognized on an engraved monument near the entrance of the City Historical Cemetery alongside a dozen other significant contributors to the Cemetery's welfare.

Many SHV members have stepped in to assist Ferdy and Betty's vital role in saving and preserving a historic Sacramento landmark. Just to name a few: Claire Weismann-Hurni sculpted a small Swiss flag; as well as free-formed stepping stones to adorn the plot. Bob and Joan Achermann donated a Rose of Sharon bush. Gabi Wackerli donated several rose bushes. The annual spring gardening has brought Pietra Peter, Marilies Hobday, Sylvia & Jessica Swarner, Valerie & Ernie Gudel, Pius Schuler, and of course, Ferdy Morant and many others to meet and conduct the major garden work each year. Karleen Darr and husband Mike Darr contribute a few hours each month to water and maintain the SHV adopted plot during hot, summer months.



Betty Morant, Karleen Darr, Ferdy Morant

The City Historical Cemetery website supports family history research. In spring 2018, a person from Colorado found information about his Swiss great grandfather from the website. To the delight of the Morant's, he contacted them and visited the Swiss plot that included the family headstone and graves. He was appreciative of the garden effort from the SHV and he donated several plants to honor his immigrant forefather.

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In Loving Memory

Celebrate a loved one's life and your family's Swiss heritage with a Memorial Gift to the Sacramento Helvetia Verein.

A memorial gift is a way to express love and a thoughtful knowledge to one's legacy.

From the SHV 1892 Bylaws:

The purpose of the Verein is to cultivate friendship and sociability among its members, maintain and strengthen understanding and appreciation of Swiss heritage.

Memorial Gifts to The Sacramento Helvetia Verein (a 501c(8) Non-profit) are not tax deductible, but provide unrestricted funds for the basic operations of the Lodge.

Charitable donations help support publications/web-site; monthly meetings; monthly meals; storage; contributions to the Sacramento Food Bank and the Sacramento Historic Cemetery; and outreach programs with Sutter's Fort and other International Day events.

Donations made in remembrance will be acknowledged on our web-site's Memorial Page and will ensure the continual Swiss-American Connection in Central California.



For your reference here is the list of Swiss people at rest in our adopted plot: Mary (death 1905) and Xavier Burgler (SHV Member 1893- death 1928); Frenna (death 1889) and Ferdinand Camenzind (death 1897); Joseph Hafliiger (death 1889); Anna (death 1946) and Frank Horeth (death 1954); Louise (death 1921) and George Nickell (death 1885).

The Swiss plot is located near the Cemetery's Chapel. Interested visitors can join a scheduled, guided tour through the cemetery, or, you may independently stop by during open hours and enjoy the lovely, Victoria-era style garden cemetery at your leisure. For more information go to the website: www.historicoldcitycemetery.org/

Article by Karleen Darr

Poem Submitted by Betty Morant

A GUEST IN THOUGHT

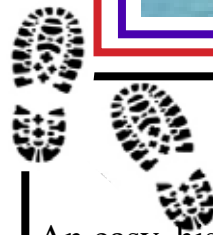
Once a day and sometimes more
You knock upon my daydream door.
I say warmly, "Come right in;
It's good to have you here again."

Though my daydreams bring you near;
I wish that you were really here.
But what reality cannot change
My thoughts and wishes can arrange.

And so we sit and have a chat,
Discussing this and recalling that.
Until a chore that I must do
Forces me away from you.

So through my daydreams you'll be brought,
To me each day, a guest in thought.

Spec. 4 Scott Duprey, 371st RR Co. 1st Air Cav.



Donner Pass Summit Tunnel Hike - Saturday, August 24th - No Charge -

An easy, historic and unique 7.4 mile round-trip walk through an old abandoned railroad tunnel. It is a photographic dream the way the light enters in different spots. There are frequent exits that provide vistas of the valley and lake below.

For more information, please call our Hiking Leader: Sandra Wipfli 916 601 6776