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on their Club's "First of August Raclette" a day earlier, however it was heartening to catch up with some members from "down south". (It was very cold though!!) But hopefully, the warmer weather will be with us soon, with only one more month before daylight saving begins. I wish everyone a lovely springtime - it will be so nice to see those gardens blooming again.

Finally, a plea - we have a new section in the HELVETIA called "Your Corner", and Doris and Trudi would really like to hear from you. Make use of this space for your special input.

My best wishes to everyone
Beatrice

YOUR CORNER

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to send us some encouraging lines.

One of our readers kindly reminded us that we have forgotten to mention the "Kirsch" in our "Basler-Läckerli-recipe".

Note: Recipes may differ according to custom, family tradition or from Canton to Canton.

Since some of us are plagued with colds and flu, we have been asked to provide you with a Mulled-wine "Glühwein" recipe. Here are a couple;

Mulled wine;

1/2 cup each of sugar and water
2 - 3 whole cloves
1 cinnamon stick
small piece of bay leaf
- Combine ingredients and cook for 2 minutes
- add 1 litre of red Table wine (does not have to be expensive), and juice of 1/2 lemon.
- **heat and enjoy!!!!**

Fruity Mulled Wine

1/2 cup each sugar and water
1 table spoon whole cloves
2 cinnamon sticks
peel and juice of 2 oranges and 1 lemon
1 litre (4 cups) fruit wine or Red wine. (make sure it's not an acid wine!, very important!)
- **Enjoy!**

Keep on sending in those letters and ideas! Looking forward to hear from you:

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Contribution from Heinz Leuenberger, Delegate to the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad OSA.

The following resolutions were passed at the March session of the Organisation for the Swiss Abroad:

In the knowledge of the necessity to re-organise the voluntary Old-Age insurance scheme AHV/IV, the OSA is working towards a variable that will encompass the following targets:

1.) The continuation of the voluntary insurance scheme for Swiss Abroad in a difficult financial situation, or for Swiss living in a country with an insufficiently developed Social Insurance programme.

2.) Guaranties that compatriots mobility is secure, particularly for those that may be forced to look for work abroad, due to deteriorating economic circumstances at home.

3.) Continuation of a minimum level of Solidarity between Swiss nationals e.g. at home/abroad, as set down in article 45 bis. of the Federal Constitution.

4.) acceptance of a euro-compatible result, as far as such may be necessary.

The plan worked out by the federal office for Social Insurance, accepted and taken on board by the AHV/IV Commission falls short of the expectation of the Swiss Abroad Organisation. The Council of the Swiss Abroad (Delegates) is not in agreement with the following resolution accepted by the AHV/IV Commission:

1.) The restriction of participants in the voluntary AHV/IV to six (6) years. All Swiss Nationals have the possibility to re-settle in Switzerland and apply for a special grant if they are in need.

2.) Restricting the joining of the voluntary AHV/IV Insurance scheme to nationals living in countries that have no reciprocal contracts with Switzerland in place, (e.g. NZ.) or do not have an equal Insurance scheme to Switzerland's.

3.) The setting of contributions to the last salary received in Switzerland. Such a rational is illogical and discriminating particularly to those that earn less in their employment abroad.

4.) Acceptance of measures that would shut out voluntary contributors to the AHV/IV scheme after six years. This would represent an unacceptable breach of contract. Furthermore the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad is of the opinion, that should the Federal Government - if it finds a solution that is curtailing the circle of people that presently

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