



# SWISS CLUB JHB

## NEWS LETTER

Dear Members and Friends

A new year in full swing again providing opportunities and challenges alike, which we would like to tackle with a positive mindset that they are not only here to test us, but that they can also make us stronger and more resilient. As per last year's *paid up* Membership status, our Membership grew to 41 Family Members and 14 Active and / or Affiliate Members, which together with our 8 permanent Life Members as well as 3 Honorary Members brings us to a total of 107 Members. We really appreciate your continued interest and support, but we also hope that we will be seeing more of you at our Club Restaurant during the year perhaps to view sporting events on our big screen together with your family and friends and not only at our special events? At this end we would like to give you a heads up on the plans for the year, which as always will start off with our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, which is scheduled for **Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> April**, having considered not only School Holidays, but also Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to the 60 % of you who have already paid the 2018 Membership and a reminder that as per the Constitution Clause 8.2, your Membership has to be paid by or at the AGM. Not breaking our tradition, the Bratwurst or Fleischchäs meal prior to the commencement of the meeting will be on the house and please remember to make your reservation accordingly and allow enough time to enjoy the tradition before the meeting at 20h00. We are also very pleased to tell you that François Duvanel of the Swiss Embassy will treat all participants to a drink after the official closure of the meeting - so please allow some time to mingle after the meeting! The official notice and invitation to attend the AGM will be sent out during March. Should you have any issues of concern or indeed nominations for Committee, Council and / or other Members, please ensure that you communicate such information in writing to our e-mail address ([office@swissclubjhb.co.za](mailto:office@swissclubjhb.co.za)) at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

- We scheduled this year's *METZGETE*, a traditional feast not to be missed, for **Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> June**.
- Our 727<sup>th</sup> *SWISS NATIONAL DAY* celebration will be exactly a month later on **SUNDAY the 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018**.
- Again, the last scheduled date at this stage will be the *CHRISTMAS LUNCH* on the first Sunday of December, which falls on **Sunday the 2nd December 2018**.

Our Clubs of Society have already or will be starting their respective "sports" season in March and as always would welcome any new members with open arms.

The Swiss Choir resumed their weekly rehearsals in January already and are desperately seeking new and younger voices to join a nice bunch of very experienced and fun "geriatrics" for a beautiful pastime and essentially enhance the sadly diminishing numbers due to natural attrition. Remember we also have a Swiss Rifle Club, which offers strict pre-defined competitions, using any of 3 models of current and historical Swiss military rifles, using only peep sights at a distance of 300 metres. (Visit our website on [www.swissclubjhb.co.za](http://www.swissclubjhb.co.za) for their contact details)

We wish all of you a great and safe Easter period and we look forward to seeing you at our AGM

Your Committee