End of the year message from the Board

As 2005 comes to an end, the Board would like to say a few words about what we leave behind and what we are about to start. This year has been quite difficult for the Board. We may call this year a “transition year”.

During this year a few important decisions have been taken to reshape the Club’s administrative structure. For instance, the new accounting system software is now in place and our treasurer has resolved concerns the IRS raised in regards to our status as a Non-Profit Organization.

Another example of this “transition year” concerns the location of our National Day Celebration. As we all know the Embassy was not available due to renovations, but thanks to the work of a numerous volunteers, the Club successfully organized this major event at the Kummli farm.

At the General Assembly some interesting suggestions have been made in respect to events for 2006, which is a perfect example of how things can be solved and a transition year comes to an end. We are ready to start the New Year and put all our energy in new activities and fresh ideas.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Party and wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for 2006. In addition, we invite you to participate by visiting our web-site and contacting the Board via E-mail. Staying in touch with our members is what will allow us to step forward and say “the transition is over, let’s do something together… and have fun…!”

Alberto Piffaretti for the Board of the Swiss Club
Other Swiss Groups ...

Die Stauffacherin
(Swiss ladies group)
Susanne Adams
703-836-8247

The Swiss Rifles
Alfred Kessi
302-292-2901

Folklore Group
Erwin Buerlimann
703-548-6349

Swiss Benevolent Society
Campbell Graeub
301-652-2007

AGENDA 2005 - 2006

December 11
4th Jass

December 18
Annual Christmas Party @ Embassy of Switzerland

February 17-20, 2006
Ski Weekend Wintergreen Virginia

March 11, 2006
Basler Fastnacht

March 26, 2006
1st Jass Tournament

News ...

From 2006 we will have a new Jass Coordinator.

Thank you Marlies Hazan !!!

Marlies volunteered to take over the organization of the Jass. She will organize the future Jass events, will keep the Jass bag and is looking forward to hearing from all the volunteers who can host a Jass event in 2006!

By the way: Marlies and Paul Hazan will host the 1st Jass 2006. Date: March 26, 2006.
Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18, 2005 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Swiss Embassy
2900 Cathedral Ave N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20008

This is a member-only event
And it is FREE to all members! **

There will be music, a nice dinner and after dessert Sami Chlaus will visit and bring goodie-bags for all children.

If you would like Santa to give a message in your name to your child let us know and write a message and mail it with your registration (see below.)

No one will be admitted to the Embassy without prior registration!

So please register by filling out the registration form.

Deadline: Not later than December 12th

** If you would like to attend the Christmas Party and you are not a member, yet, join the Club by paying the annual membership fee and you will be a member until the end of 2006.

A note to the parents: Please retain your children from running on the stairs and hallways. The Embassy and the Swiss Club are not liable for any injuries. Register now, seating is limited.

Please register, so we can plan ahead, and contact: Susann Kollmar - Program Coordinator- 301 571 0977 or email susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org

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Member’s name::______________________________________________________
Phone::___________________________________________________________
Number of adults over 16:______________________
Number of children::___________________________________________________
Message for Sami Chlaus: (He speaks 3 languages……)
Child’s name: ____________________________   Age: _______
Message: (add another sheet if there is not enough room)
Ski Weekend in Wintergreen

February 17th - 20th, 2006

NEW DATES !!

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For our 4th Ski Weekend, we have rented 3 homes (14 bedrooms) in the beautiful “Wintergreen Resort” in Virginia.

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For those with kids, there is a babysitting service directly on the slopes. So, you can ski and check on the kids all at the same time.

We are able to offer this weekend for a bargain price.

- per bedroom $300 (priced on double occupancy = $150 per person for 3 nights!!!)
- child 3 years and older, staying in the parents room, $30,
- children under 3 are free.

The fee includes:

- 3 nights lodging
- Swiss bread for all breakfasts.
- On Saturday: Fondue dinner with appetizer, salad, white wine, soft drinks and desserts.
- For Sunday we plan an “apero” and further detail will follow after your registration....

Please go and visit the website: www.WintergreenResort.com, which will give you more details about the resort.

For further information contact: Christina hcleveque@comcast.net or Susann susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org

If you want to join, please register ASAP, DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION DECEMBER 15TH, 2005.

Send your registration form below ALONG WITH A CHECK OF 50% of the balance due (made the check payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) no later than December 15th, 2005 to Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley St. Bethesda, MD 20817. Very Important: all further information regarding the event will be forthcoming by e-mail, please do not forget your e-mail address.

Name .......................................................... Bedroom $300
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Please fill out this form and send it along with 50% of the price of the balance to Susann Kollmar, 5423 MCc Kinley St, Bethesda, MD 20817, Due to our commitment no refunds can be given. Please give age of children you have staying in your room.

November 2005
Next Events ...  

4th Jass Tournament

Sunday, December 11th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.  
Helen Cooper’s house,  
9401 Eagle Ridge Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817

New Location and Time

Message from the “Jass board”

Dear Jassers and dear Swiss Club members!

The fourth and Final Jass Tournament is already scheduled. Another kind invitation has been made by Helen Cooper to invite the Jass players of the Swiss Club, host the event, and offer a dinner to the participants. The Executive Board thanks Helen and Tom for generously hosting this event.

December 11th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Helen’s house.

Deadline for registration: December 5th, 2005!

Come join us and have fun!!

Registration fee $ 5.

If you want to join the game please register with Susann Kollmar 301 571 0977 or susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org, by December 5th, 2005.

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83rd General Assembly

On October 28th, at 7 pm, the General Assembly took place at the Swiss Embassy. 34 members plus 6 Executive Committee members were present. Our publicity officer & webmaster, Pierre-Alain Girardin, who has recently relocated to Seattle, Washington was also present through a phone conference connection during the entire meeting. Thank you Pierre-Alain.

We shared a delicious pot luck supper including numerous tasting and colorful dishes, many of Swiss origin. All absent members missed a big treat!

After the welcome offered by President, Michel Maechler as well as by Vice-President, Alberto Piffaretti, the meeting was pursued with the Vice-President’s yearly report. Alberto thanked everyone on the Executive committee as well as all members of the club for their input and generous help during the year. It was noted that we need more help from members to make the club a success. The Vice President noted the various successful events organized during the year with the favorite being the National Day celebration at the Kummli Farm in Flint Hill VA. Thank you to Mr. Alfred Kummli for welcoming more than 450 members to the grounds. Alberto apologized for the cancellation of the event of October 1st, “Fahrt ins Blaue” that had to be called off last minute. The Executive Committee deeply regrets the inconvenience and disappointment this cancellation has caused.

The treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson, gave us an overview of the financial report and stated the Total Current Assets to be in the amount of $19,774.36, and the Total Current Liabilities to be $ 1,285.00. It was decided that next year’s membership fees will remain the same as the current year’s fee.

Ulrich Boegli who had accepted again to lead the Nominating Committee, proceeded by presenting the slate of officers for the next Executive Committee. It reads: First Vice-President, Alberto Piffaretti; Second Vice-President, Evaldo Roos; Treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson; Program Coordinator, Susann Kollmar; Publicity / Website, Pierre-Alain Girardin; Secretary, Rosmarie Stucki. The position for President was vacant due to the fact that Michel Maechler had announced during his welcoming speech that because of lack of time, he no longer would be able to assume the Presidency. We do thank Michel for his year in the position as President.

Ulrich Boegli then proceeded to the elections of the Executive Committee members and everyone listed was accepted by the members present. Adrian Wiestner, husband of our energetic and very able Program Coordinator Susann Kollmar accepted to take over the Presidency. We are fortunate to have a team of husband and wife, both enthusiastic Swiss Club members in our Executive Committee. Thank you Adrian and welcome on board! Pierre-Alain although now residing away from Washington DC, agreed to stay on board as Publicity & Webmaster. Thank you Pierre-Alain for keeping this important post. Hopefully, we will actually see you in person at some of our gatherings!

Before adjourning the Assembly, some delicious desserts were enjoyed.
This year, we celebrated Halloween at the Embassy of Switzerland. In a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere, about 20 children proudly wore their costumes, while their parents amused themselves all afternoon. Games and the famous pumpkin carving were on the program on this Saturday, October 29, 2005. A variety of excellent snacks, drinks and very good Nespresso coffee deliciously enhanced the event well organized by Liz Wilson, Susann Kollmar and Evaldo Roos. The children went home “super happy”: mission accomplished hands down!

Raoul Incerti

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**PAST EVENTS ...**

**Halloween**

*Halloween at the Swiss Embassy*
Our last event at the Swiss Embassy.
Pictures courtesy of Elizabeth Wilson.

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