Message from the new President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

With the fondue evening (see inside) we had a great start of
the new year, and the tentative agenda for the rest of the year
(on this page, for you to cut out and magnet onto the
refrigerator) also looks quite attractive.

In addition, there is work in progress. Two enthusiastic, young
computer specialists are designing a new, interactive web site
where you can get up to date information about all our
activities, register for events and renew membership on line,
and maybe post comments and ideas that will tie us together
closer as a community. We will not display a membership list
on this site, however; instead, we'll print one with name, city
and phone number only. It will take some time, but we intend
to meet this request. All who, for privacy protection, explicitly
do not wish to be on that printed list, can tell us so on a new
line of the membership registration/renewal form and, for
those who have already registered/renewed, just fill out the
exclusion part on the form on page 3.

Now with the days getting longer and warmer, we are looking
forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 at the Embassy.
Remember this is one of our free events, or, more precisely,
included in the membership fee that you have paid for this
year. See you there!

Christian Haudenschild

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AGENDA 2009

ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday, March 1 1st Jass Tournament / Swiss Bakery
Saturday, April 4 Osterhase, Egg Hunt / Swiss Embassy
Saturday, May 16 Billy Goat Trail / Carderock
Sunday May 31 2nd Jass Tournament / tba
June/July tba Swiss Breakfast / tba
Saturday, August 1 Swiss National Day / Swiss Embassy
Early September Fahrt ins Blaue
Sunday, September 6 3rd Jass Tournament / tba
Early October Fall Festival Picnic, pumpkin carving
Friday, October 30 Halloween Party/Dance / Swiss Embassy
Friday, November 18 Annual General Meeting / Swiss Embassy
November Grittibenz Baking / tba
Sunday December 6th 4th Jass Tournament / tba
Sunday December 13 Samichlaus Party / Swiss Embassy

For more information, visit our website at www.swissclubdc.org

Most of our events are for members only, however members' friends are welcome
Board of the Swiss Club and volunteer coordinators ...

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Rosmarie Stucki
202-572-8219

Folklore Group
Erwin Buerlimann
703-548-6349

Swiss Benevolent Society
Campbell Graeub
301-652-2007

The Swiss Rifles
Walter Braendli
302-995-1035

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Family $50 Single $35
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2009

The membership year runs from January to December
Membership is required to attend club events
Renew early and enjoy a full year of club activities!

Please check the appropriate box: □ New Member   □ Renewal

□ I am a Swiss National or   □ Swiss Descendent   or   □ I am a Friend of Switzerland

If Swiss National or Swiss Descendent, canton of origin: __________________________________

Last name: ____________________________ First: ________________ Date of birth: _____________

Spouse Name: _________________________ Spouse Date of birth: _______________________

List first names of dependent children (under 18) and give year of birth for each:
1. ____________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________

Home address: _________________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________________________ State: ____________ Zip: __________

Home phone: _________________________ Business phone: ___________________________________

E-Mail____________________________________   Occupation:________________________________

Date: __________________________ Signature of applicant: ___________________________________

Do you wish to receive information and our newsletter by e-mail? YES / NO   (circle your answer)

I will be glad to volunteer to help during a Swiss Club event:  YES / NO   (circle your answer)

I would be glad to help organize a small Swiss Club event:  YES / NO   (circle your answer)

Enclosed is my membership check of $_____________ for:

□ __________$50.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children under 18)

□ __________$35.00 Single membership  □ __________$ 15.00 Single senior citizen (65+)

□ __________$15.00 Student or Au Pair  □ __________$ 25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Please make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.
Mail to: Swiss Club of Washington, D.C., 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008
Fondue and Raclette Evening at the Embassy

During those recent icy cold days at 15 degrees F I was really looking forward to that traditional hot Swiss treat. That the actual day was the first one in the sixties, did not diminish my joy and apparently not anyone else’s, such as Eric Russi, the coordinator. Thanks to the ingenuity Jürg Roth, his helpers, and Liz Wilson, we could accommodate over 140 people, yet we still had to turn some late registrants away (apologies also to those who could not sit exactly where they wanted to initially).

It is always amazing how an unshapely lump of cheese combines with the wine into that creamy delicacy in a fondue caquelon; to see that happening several times in gigantic pots for about 50 under the strong hands (actually both hands and muscular arms) of Reto Weber’s Swiss Bakery crew is plain miraculous, maybe only surpassed by the speed by which our volunteers were able to cut endless fresh (still warm) baguettes into little pieces of bread.

When two raclette ovens got very busy and board members came up serving the individual caquelons, they found everybody already quite happy with images of flights over the Swiss Alps, simple folk songs from the piano that made you home sick, and, especially, with the Swiss white wine generously donated by our ambassador, Urs Ziswiler. (That was so popular that, later, he rushed into the cellar to get another case!)

After the first serving, Urs Ziswiler introduced the members of the embassy who honored us with their presence, and awarded Adrian Wiestner, the former president of the Swiss Club, with a new book about the ThinkSwiss program.

A choral warm-up exercise was followed by a sing-along in three languages, led by prominent soloists, while the big screen slowly changed to aerial pictures of the Suisse romande.

In response to a question about another round of fondue, almost all hands went up, and this time, even the ambassador himself and his lovely wife joined the board in serving.

In the meantime, the Swiss Bakery prepared a whole array of different desserts that looked really good and tasted phantastic. So many people helped to make this event a success, too many to be mentioned individually, but thanks to all! Just one example: down in the kitchen was a boy named Nico, in perfect baker’s outfit, helping to decorate the cakes and meringues. When people left, I saw him at the door, hands on his back, in the best tradition of Swiss Hostellerie, elegantly bowing good bye to all the guests.

What an evening! Now I am looking forward to the egg hunt on April 4 at the embassy.

Christian Haudenschild

Feburary 2009
1st Jass Tournament for 2009

WHEN: March 1st 1.30pm

HOSTED BY: Reto & Laurie Weber
Swiss Bakery
5224 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22151

Registration fee: $5.00 per person

Please contact Senta Speight at (301) 530-0699 (H)
(202) 745-7907 (W) or senta.speight@swissclubdc.org

Directions: www.mapquest.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2009 Jass Events

March 1st 1st Jass Tournament
May 31st 2nd Jass Tournament
September 6th 3rd Jass Tournament
December 6th 4th Jass Tournament

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1800 Town Center Drive, Suite 319
Reston, Virginia 20190
(703) 668-0520
Easter Egg

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

Decorate your own Easter basket and then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds.

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2009
Time: 1:00 to 4 PM
(basket decorating from 1:00 to 2:30 pm; the Easter Egg Hunt will start promptly at 2:30 pm)
Cost: Members Free; Non-members $10.00 per family

RSVP to: claudia.tobler@swissclubdc.org or 240-672-6590 (leave message) by 3/30/09
“Billy Goat Trail” Hike and Barbecue

On **Saturday, May 16**, we will meet at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on MacArthur Boulevard in Maryland at **12 noon**.

After everyone has arrived we will hike a short piece of the tow path and then pick up the Billy Goat trail, it is about two miles along the river and in stretches offers excellent views from on high, especially in the Mather gorge area. For those who have never hiked the trail this will be an adventure as you get the sense that we are miles away from the city in the wilderness. Although it starts out flat we will encounter some rugged terrain which requires a bit of rock scrambling, therefore, good hiking shoes are recommended. For those seeking less adventurous traveling, you can hike parallel on the towpath and meet the group at the point where we come back out to the tow path, then hike back to the starting point as a group. Total length of the hike is a little less than five miles.

Once we are all back we will go to a picknick place and grill sausages with bread and soft drinks provided.

For information about the event or changes in case of rain, call
Paul Amstad: 410-465-5417; paul.amstad@swissclub.org

**Price per person $10** - kids under 10 are free.

Send in a check, payable to the **Swiss Club DC** (not refundable)
To: Paul Amstad, 3993 High Point Road, Ellicot City MD 21042

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**Member’s name:**

**Phone:**

**Number of adults over 10:**

**Number of children:**

**Childrens' names and ages:**