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AGENDA

**Grittibänz Baking**, Swiss Bakery, Sunday, Dec. 5, 1-3 pm
5524 Port Royal Rd., Springfield VA 22151  **SOLD OUT**

**Samichlaus Party**, Swiss Embassy, Sunday, December 12, 4pm
2900 Cathedral Avenue NW, Washington DC

We invite you to our Christmas Party, including Dinner with the traditional "Schinken im Teig" served by the Swiss Bakery. Cash bar for beer and Swiss wine will be available. We have a corner with our favorite Swiss vendors for your Holiday shopping.  **Still open; registration attached**

**Message from the President**

Dear Swiss Club Members:

our **Raclette evening** was sold out for the second time, and while we are happy with a big participation at a popular event, it is always painful for the organisers to have to reject some late applications. Fortunately, the equally popular Fondue evening is not so far away, and registrations will be accepted as soon as the next (January) Postillion is published with the forms. A special treat was that our new Ambassador, Manuel Sager and his wife Christine, having just arrived a few weeks ago, were with us and greeted all in Schwizerdütsch and French! Thanks to Yvonne, all helpers, and the Swiss Bakery team for this great evening. The happy faces on the pictures are your reward.

The last **Jass tournament** of the year was also very special in several respects. With 32 Jassers, it had the best participation in a long time. At the beginner's table, old game skills could be freshened up and the game could even be learned from scratch. This was so successful that the "beginners" made more points in the later rounds than the instructor....But most special was the following "Metzgete", a typical Swiss feast with five different types of Wurst and seven more delicious dishes, that was served by Reto, Laurie and the Swiss Bakery team for the first time again after 12 years, and was attended by 50 people, Jasses and non-Jassers alike. The “Stimmung” was absolutely great and culminated in revealing this year's Jass König, who was, for the second year in a row, our host Reto Weber, closely followed by second and third ranked Dick and Elsbeth Backus. Congratulations, and thanks to all who made this such a pleasant event.

December has two events especially for children: the Gritibänz Baking (Sunday, Dec.5, 1pm, sold out). and the **Samichlaus Party** (Sunday, Dec. 12, 4pm, registration form printed again in this issue of the Postillion). Children who present a verse or song or music get a special little gift, and all children make a drawing for Samichlaus, often with a secret message in large letters on the backside about something (good or improvable) that the parents (or grandparents) want Samichlaus to mention...

With the best wishes for a joyous and meaningful season

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC
Our last Jass Event & Metzgete...
By Senta Speighth

As in previous years we had four Jass Tournaments again this year. The attendance varied from 12 people (3 tables) to 32 people (8 tables) at the 4th Jass. As usual we had lots of fun playing and socializing again. Thank you very much again to all the hosts this year Christian & Chanting Haudenschild, Elsbeth & Dick Backus, Rosmarie Suitor, Reto & Laurie Weber. Your hospitality is always very much appreciated by all the players. Please let me know who can volunteer to host a Jass Tournament for 2011. Also a big thank you goes to Dick Backus for the calculations and continued keeping record of the scores.

At the 4th and last tournament in 2010, on November 14th hosted at the Swiss Bakery by Reto and Laurie Weber, we were able to accommodate more people. Immediately after the 4th Jass and the award ceremony, the "Metzgete" dinner followed. Most Jass players stayed on for the dinner and were joined by other Swiss Club members who came for the dinner only. New Jass players are always welcome.

The top first finishers or our 4th Jass tournament are: Karl Mueller with 2291, Senta Speight with 2158 and Susanne Pfiffer with 2119 points.
The Jasskoenig 2010 is Reto Weber with 4394 followed by Dick Backus with 4311 and Elsbeth Backus with 4253 points.

Looking forward to another year of playing Jass with fellow Swiss Club Members I wish everybody Happy Holidays and good (lucky) cards in the future.
Other News and Messages:

1) Our new By-Laws are posted on the web site and are available in print by request from our secretary (Jacqueline Ebell, 202-330-3974), where you also can request a printed telephone directory updated at the General Assembly last October.

2) Here is a request from the Swiss Television that we print in German as they want participants who speak Swiss German in a program entitled “Abenteuer Ausland”:


Ich sende diese Anfrage absichtlich nur in deutscher Sprache, da für unser Programm nur Menschen in Frage kommen, welche (Schweizer)Deutsch sprechen.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie sich kurz Gedanken zu meiner Anfrage machen könnten. Und wenn Sie in Ihrer Vereinigung herumfragen könnten, ob jemand einen guten Tipp hat.

Ich freue mich auf Ihre Antwort.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen

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RACLETTE EVENING
Looking into 2011...
We would like to receive feedback from our members regarding our activities for the upcoming year. We have worked out a tentative schedule of events below. Who is out there who can offer us a new activity? Who is willing to help with a new Event? Please contact Reto at 703-624-6880.

Jan.: Fondue Evening
Feb.: 1st Jass Tournament
March 5th: Fasching
March: Swiss Farmers Breakfast
April: Easter Egg Hunt
April/May: 2nd Jass Tournament
May: Billy Goat Trail
June: Fahrt ins Blaue
July: Swiss National Day
September: 3rd Jass Tournament
September: Fall Festival Picnic
October: Annual General Meeting
October: Wine Dinner
November: Raclette Evening
November: 4th Jass Tournament
December: Grittibenz Baking
December: Samichlaus Party

Members Corner...
This section is created for anything such as recommendations, hints, thank you, congratulations, requests, suggestions for discussion or activities, historical reminiscences etc. Please contact editor 301-251-5808.

Employment Opportunities at
The Swiss Bakery:
- Cook
- Office & Administration
- Front Sales Staff
- Sales Manager

Part Time or Full Time Positions, Flexible Schedule.
Send applications to: The Swiss Bakery
Fax 703-321-3673
Advertisement Fees for 2011 for a Business Card Size:
$50 members; $75 non-members
Name of adults: .................................................................................................................

Names of children: ...........................................................................................................

(Cell) Phone: ................................................................................................................Totoal Number of Participants__________

MEMBERS ONLY, FREE to all members

Registration needs to be postmarked by Saturday, December 4th.

Do you need to carpool? yes / no

Are you willing to pick up members with transportation issues? yes / no

Mail registration to: Heidi Amstutz, 9907 Trosby Court, Vienna, VA 22181

Questions? 703-242-4224 evenings

NOTE: For safety reasons, the room capacity is 90 persons, requiring registration on a first come first serve basis and no registrations at the door. Please add your email or phone so we can confirm your registration.