Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

In short, this was a great year for our Club, thanks to the tireless efforts of all volunteers and organizers, especially board and former board members and their spouses, and our reliable supporters at the embassy.

A side effect of the success, however, is that our most popular events are getting overbooked. We don't like to reject participants, so we'll give more preference to registered members, and enforce the first come first serve rules and deadlines more rigorously, while making sure that every member gets the announcements in a timely fashion, by e-Postillion, on the web site, or by conventional mail for those without access to a computer. We also have increased the additional fee for guests slightly, but have kept the membership fees at their ridiculously low levels that have not changed for more than 10 years if I remember correctly. These are good reasons for all who have not done so already to print out the membership renewal application form for 2011 from our web site, fill it and send it immediately to Eveline, our membership coordinator and treasurer.

After a well deserved pause in January for our volunteers, our activities will resume Sunday, February 13 with a Valentine’s Day Jass, to be followed with the long awaited Fondue evening on Saturday, February 19. The invitation forms for these will be out with the next Postillion (February 1st). In the meantime, you can look forward to the 15 more events that are planned for 2011, with the tentative dates given in this issue of the newsletter.

With the best wishes for a successful and peaceful New Year

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC
AGENDA 2011

1st Jass Tournament, Sunday February 13, 1:30pm, Haudenschild Residence, 14036 Natia Manor Drive, North Potomac MD 20878. For registration, call Jass Coordinator Senta Speight, 301-530-0699 (H), 202-745-7907 (W), 301-404-4016 (C)

Fondue Evening, Saturday February 19, Swiss Embassy; registration forms will be in February Postillion

German Fasching Ball, Saturday March 5, Fairfax VA: see announcement in this Postillion

Swiss Farmers Breakfast, Sunday March 27, Swiss Bakery

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday April 17, Swiss Embassy

2nd Jass Tournament, Sunday May 1,8 or 15: looking for host

Billy Goat Trail, May?

Fahrt ins Blaue, June?

Swiss National Day, Saturday July 30: Swiss Embassy

3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday September 4 or 11: looking for host

Fall Festival Picnic, September, tbd

Annual General Meeting, October tbd

Raclette Evening, November 5, Swiss Embassy

4th Jass Tournament, November 13, looking for host

Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 4, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 11, Swiss Embassy

Wine Dinner, tbd

2011 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Now that we are starting a new calendar year we would like to remind our members to send in their 2011 dues. Once again, our membership fees are staying at the same low level as previous years. As an added feature since this past May you receive a monthly e-Postillion which allows you to sign up for events in a timely manner. And remember, some of our activities are only available to members, such as the very popular Christmas party.

Coming soon is the Fondue dinner, another sought after event which fills up quickly, and paid up members will get first dibs...

Also, for those of you who place an ad on our website, membership will get you a preferred fee of $50.00 as opposed to $75.00 for non-members.

So, don't wait to send in your renewal dues. A membership renewal form for 2011 is enclosed in this print edition of the Postillion.

Many thanks to those of you who have already sent in your 2011 dues. We appreciate your promptness. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding your membership status.

Bonne annee a tous.

Eveline Roberts, 301-460-9571

FASCHING WITH THE GERMAN SOCIETY

Saturday, March 5, 2011 - 7pm to midnight

Annual Fasching/Mardi Gras Prize Masquerade Ball.

Reserve this date to join us at our festive Costume Prize Masquerade Ball held at the elegant Kena Ballroom, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Va. 22031. Enjoy great live dance music with a wide variety of music, including waltzes, polkas, disco, sambas, Karneval, Latin and other ballroom dances. Delicious German food specialties, German and domestic beer and wine, soft drinks, and champagne.
Advertisement Fees for 2011 for a Business Card Size:
$50 members; $75 non-members
SWISS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2011

The membership year runs from January to December.
Membership is required to attend club events.

□ New Member □ Renewal □ Swiss National □ Swiss Descendant □ Friend of Switzerland
If a Swiss National or Descendant, canton of origin: ________________________________

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Last name: __________________________ First: ______________ Date of birth: ____________

Spouse Name: _______________________ Spouse Date of birth: _______________________
Dependent children (under 18) and year of birth for each:
1. ____________________________ 2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________ 4. ____________________________

Home address: __________________________________________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________

Home/Cell phone: ________________ Business phone: ____________ Occupation: __________

E-Mail _______________________________________________________________________

Optional second newsletter to this email (family members only)__________________________

Date: _______________________ Signature of applicant: ____________________________

I have no access to a computer and would like to receive the newsletter by regular mail □ YES

I would like to volunteer or help organize a Swiss Club event: □ YES

I would like to be included in the club’s printed membership telephone directory: □ YES □ NO
Enclosed is my membership check of total $________ for:
$50.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children under 18)
$35.00 Single membership $15.00 Student or Au Pair
$15.00 Single senior citizen (65+) $25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. Mail to:
Eveline Roberts, Swiss Club of Washington, 14624 Chesterfield Road,
Rockville MD 20853

My favorite club events: Fondue/Raclette dinner ___ Wine Tasting ___ Walking/hiking ___ Films ___ Fall Festival ___ Cultural Evening ___ Christmas Party ___ Other ________________________________

Comments and suggestions are very welcome!
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