

July 2014 Postillion

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President's Message

Hi everyone,

Come and join us on Saturday, August 2, starting at 4pm, to celebrate the Swiss National Day. New this year is the opportunity to register and pay for your tickets ahead of time with a credit card - see the details on the registration form. We will hold your prepaid tickets at the gate at the Will Call table. Paying at the gate the day of the event will still need to be done either with cash or a check.

The festivities program is shaping up nicely. There'll be something for everyone. We have received some fabulous raffle prizes and have collected some great tombola gifts as well.

We are still looking to add to our Swiss Village, so if anyone has some Swiss "related" merchandise they want to display or sell, feel free to contact Alexis Sullivan at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org, and she'll be happy to work with you. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help for 3 hours at the event in exchange for an admission ticket, please contact Alexis.

On a different subject, we are now also offering our dues paying members the chance to renew and pay their membership electronically. However, anyone interested in joining the Swiss Club as a new member will still need to send in an application/payment by mail.

We look forward to welcoming all of you on August 2 on the grounds of the Embassy of Switzerland.

Eveline Roberts

Swiss Drummers' and Fifers' Association Is Back in the USA

**After Twenty-five Years, the Swiss Drummers' and Fifers' Association Is back in the USA !
Don't miss the Swiss Drummers and Fifers playing at the Twilight Tattoo.**

When: Wednesday July 16, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.

Where: Whipple Field on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall
204 Lee Ave. Suite 107 Fort Myer, Virginia, 22211-1116
703 696 3250

Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long, live-action military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own."

During the Middle Ages, whistles, fifes, drums, bagpipes and shalms were very popular in folk music. The Swiss people, at that time not yet united as one country and generally very poor, were known for their excellent warfare and were hired as mercenaries all over Europe. Homesick, they brought their music and instruments with them and spread their tunes and rhythms to all corners of the world.

In 2006, the Swiss Drummers' and Fifers' Association celebrated its 100th anniversary. This contemporary yet traditional band not only cultivates, but also reinvents traditions.

Twitter: [@TheOldGuard](https://twitter.com/TheOldGuard) [#USArmyBand](https://twitter.com/USArmyBand) [#SwissDrummers](https://twitter.com/SwissDrummers) [#SwissFifers](https://twitter.com/SwissFifers)

Free Admission

For group reservations please contact: US Army Military District of Washington DC 202 685 2888

Grass seating: We recommend that you bring a blanket or lawn chairs

Swiss National Day - August 2nd

Saturday, August 2nd on the grounds of the Embassy of Switzerland

2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington DC

Swiss Food & Music ~ Bonfire ~ Alphorns ~ Fifes & Drums
Lampion Parade ~ Wine & Beer ~ Swiss Bakery ~ Tombola
Swiss Souvenirs ~ Super Raffle Prizes ~ Flag Swinging
Kids' Corner ~ Swimming Pool ~ Games~ Swiss Traditions
~ Swiss Dogs ~ Soccer



When: Saturday, August 2nd, 2014 Gate opens at 4:00pm. Gate closes to entry at 6:00pm

Event ends after dark. No rain date.

Bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, swimsuit for the pool, and sun screen!

Program:

3:45 pm	Alphorns
4:00 pm	Gate opens
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tombola Booth is Open
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Pool, Games, Swiss Dog Demonstrations, Kids Corner
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Entertainment Program at the Plaza
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Swiss Village is Open
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Food Service

Entrance fee includes:

All entertainment, Swiss sausages, salads, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.

And, children (2 to 12 years of age) will receive a Swiss lampion.

(Children are ages 2 - 12. Entrance for children under 2 years of age is free. Food and lampions for them may be purchased separately. Guest tickets include a 7 day membership.)

Please note the registration deadline (postmark Monday, July 29). Fees are substantially higher after that and at the gate) Registration form on next page.

Sign up as a VOLUNTEER! We need help for several stations at the event. Volunteers get free admission and meal in return for a 3 hour commitment. To volunteer, please contact Alexis Sullivan at: alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org or call 703-774-3132. Volunteer tickets will be waiting at the volunteer desk.

Swiss Benevolent Society Contribution

I/We wish to support the Swiss Benevolent Society Charitable and Scholarship Program. Please make checks payable to the Swiss Benevolent Society and mail to address below.

Thank you for your contribution.

Swiss Benevolent Society

Attention:

Regula Bolliger Guesz

11505 Hornfair Court

Potomac, MD 20854

Name: _____

Address: _____

Registration Form Swiss National Day (for participants who cannot use the online Registration form . Please send to Susann Kollmar, 8610 Irvington Ave., Bethesda 20817, tel 240-381-0527, with check made to Swiss Club DC National Day. Tickets will be held at the gate)

Name_____ First Name_____ Telephone_____

Names of additional Registrants:

_____ x \$ 10 for 2014 Member Adults or Member Children (ages 2-12) : total \$_____

_____ x \$ 30 for Guest Adults; _____ x \$15 for Guest Children: total \$_____

After Monday July 18 (postmarked)

_____ x \$ 25 for 2014 Member Adults; _____ x \$15 for Member Children: total \$_____

_____ x \$ 35 for Guest Adults; _____ x \$ 20 for Guest Children: total \$_____

Grand total \$_____

Not a Swiss Club Member? (or not sure? Call Marc Borbely now 202-557-1083)

Looking for vendors for our Swiss Village

Do you have a local business that sells Swiss goods? Do you create Swiss-themed crafts? Do you have information to share that is of interest to the Swiss community?

Then be a part of our Swiss Village at the Swiss National Day on August 2nd!

We are looking for vendors and exhibitors to sell their products or display their information to a large Swiss audience. If you are interested, please contact Alexis Sullivan at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org for more information.



Swiss team playing against Argentina

When: Tuesday July 1, 2014 **Doors open at 11:30 a.m.**

Where: Darlington House at the Cantina Pub
1610 20th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20009

The Swiss victory over Honduras has brought us to the next round: Switzerland against formidable Argentina. The Beggiato Family welcomes us once again at Darlington House to support our national soccer team under a Swiss roof.

Swiss chef Fabio Beggiato was born in Lugano and brings a Southern Swiss flavor to his menu. A business lunch special is available. The Cantina also serves Italian specialties à la carte.

A raffle will make a few lucky winners.

Twitter: [@DarlingtonHouse](https://twitter.com/DarlingtonHouse) #WorldCup2014 #SUI #ARG #HoppSchwiiz

To make reservations please call: 202 332 3722

(late editon: they lost 0:1 in the 118th minute overtime after a very exciting game).



Kaffee Klatsch Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour!

We talk, we sip coffee, and we eat pastries... what a great way to spend a Saturday morning! We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, and sometimes, Italian. Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!

Saturday, July 12th at 9am

The Swiss Bakery
5224 Port Royal Road,
Springfield, VA 22151

Please let Martin Perret (703-321-3021) know that you are coming or just come by at the last moment,

Swiss Club Events for 2014

Kaffee Klatsch, July 12, Swiss Bakery
Swiss National Day, Saturday, August 2, Swiss Embassy
Swiss Shooting Day, Saturday, September 6, Thurmont, MD
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General Assembly, October
Kaffee Klatsch, October
Raclette, November
Jass, November
Grittibenz, Sunday, December 7, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus, Sunday, December 14, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the June Quiz: The Röschtigraben is the border between the French- and Swiss-German speaking regions in Switzerland. Röschti, a sort of hash-brown potatoes, comes in many local variations, and despite of the "graben" (ditch), some delicious ones are also made in the French-speaking part.

Quiz: In Basel there is a group named "top secret", although they are famous all over the world. What do they do at a tattoo? (**Hint:** try you tube rather than google)