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Fondue & Raclette 2005

Our last event at the Swiss Embassy. Heidi Amstutz-Zingrich (first on the left) is the author of the Fondue & Raclette article on page 6

Message from the President

Dear fellow members,

It is a pleasure and honor to address you for the first time in the Postillion. With three new board members, and the other four who joined not long ago, we thought it was the perfect time to review our portfolio of events and ask for a feedback from our members.

We invite you to complete the survey included in this edition of the Postillion and add as many suggestions/comments you might have. We believe it is important that the activities of the Swiss Club meet your expectations, and, hence, your opinion is of primary importance.

Last year, a small number of members raised concerns about the direction of the Swiss Club and called

for a meeting. In October 2004, about twenty members gathered to review the relative success of our activities and brainstorm on possible new ones. The outcome of the meeting was used as the basis for the survey. The survey will also be submitted to non-members to identify activities that would attract more members in our club.

Thank you for spending time to fill out this survey. Meanwhile, we invite you to attend our next events and we hope you will enjoy them.

For the Board,
Michel Maechler, President

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

Most of our events are for members, however members' friends are welcome

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AGENDA 2005

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 Graeb
301-652-2007

March 6	1st Jass
March 27	Easter Brunch
April 16	Learn to Play Jass
May 20	Wine Tasting
June 19	2nd Jass
July 30	1st of August Celebration At Kumkli Farm VA (See below)
September 25	3rd Jass
October 1	Fahrt ins Blaue
October 28	82nd annual membership meeting @ Embassy of Switzerland
December 11	4th Jass
December 18	Annual Christmas Party @ Embassy of Switzerland
January 14-16, 2005	Sky Weekend Wintergreen West Virginia

NEWS ...

The Swiss National Day celebration will take place on July 30 and will be held at the Kumkli Farm, in Virginia, about an hour and an half from D.C. The Board is **looking for VOLUNTEERS** to help for the organization of this major event. The tasks are from the on site registration, set up tents, grills, bar, raffles sales person, and raffle prizes, food distribution, cash bar, clean up, etc. If you are interested in helping please contact Susann Kollmar (301) 571 0977 or susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org, all volunteers will receive a T-shirt, and a refund of their registration fee.

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NEXT EVENTS ...



Easter Brunch

*Sunday March 27, 2005
at Harbor Court Hotel
550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202*

The Swiss Club is glad to invite its members at the Easter Brunch event. The event will be held at the Harbor Hotel in Baltimore. An incredible and great brunch will be available for the members who attend. The hotel fitness and the indoor swimming pool are also available for the participants. Why not share this event with your family and eat an excellent brunch?

A special Easter basket will be given to children under 12 years old.

Member fees for the event:

Members:	\$ 38.00
Kids (6-12)	\$ 15.00
Under 5	Free

Parking free on the street as well as at the hotel parking. **Valet Parking is not included in the price.** **You must register to the Swiss Club before the event.** If you are not registered you will have to pay the full price at the door. No exceptions.

Please register by **March 18, 2005**. fill out the following form and send it along with your check (made payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C./non-refundable) to Rosmarie Stucki, 1840 Mintwood Place, N.W. #402, Washington D.C. 20009. for more information please e-mail to Rosmarie.stucki@swissclubdc.org or telephone: 202 572 8219

Registration deadline is March 18, 2005

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of adults members: _____ Number of children (6-12): _____

Number of adults non-members: _____ Number of children younger than 6: _____

Enclosed a check with the amount of \$ _____

Send registration form with check (made payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) to Rosmarie Stucki, 1840 Mintwood Place, N.W. #402, Washington D.C. 20009



NEXT EVENTS ...

Learn to Play Jass

April 16th, 2005, at 1:30 p.m.

Elzbeth Backus

10601 Oaklin Dr. Potomac MD 20854



Dear Swiss Club members!

Following numerous requests and comments, we would like to offer an opportunity for people to learn to play Jass. Participants will learn the basic of Jass, learn bids, tips, and strategy, games will be organized as well. The event is open to members who would like to learn how to play, and/or are worried about their level of play and wish to increase their knowledge in order to participate to the Jass tournament.

Elsbeth and Dick Backus will host and animate this afternoon, which will take place at their house.

Deadline for registration: April 8th, 2005 !

Registration fee \$ 5.

If you want to join the training please register with Susann Kollmar (301) 571 0977 or susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org, by April 8th, 2005.

Information for our aimable hosts for the jass tournament. We would like to remind our hosts and players that there is **no obligation** to serve a full meal to the players while you are hosting a Jass tournament. It is the host's choice to provide it or not. Of course, the Swiss Club members are grateful for being offered a drink and possibly a dessert, but the main goal is to play Jass. Thank you for your willingness to host a Jass event.

All dates are set for the **4 Jass tournaments** in **2005**,

- pencil it in your agenda and do not miss the chance of building up your points !!!

1. Jass tournament - **March 6th**
2. Jass tournament - **June 12th**
3. Jass tournament - **September 25th**
4. Final Jass tournament - **December 11th**

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MOTHER'S DAY

Do you want to do something special on Mother's Day?

Like every year, the Swiss Club has been able to negotiate a special rate for the Mother's Day Brunch at the Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD for members of the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.

The Harbor Hotel offers a fantastic Brunch and is a wonderful place to take your mom and make her feel special.

We understand Mother's Day is a special family day, which families want to enjoy on their own. This is not an official Club Event, but the Swiss Club wants to extend this **SPECIAL OFFER** to its members.

WHEN? Mother's Day is Sunday, **May 8th, 2005**
WHAT? Included in the price of the brunch is the use of the Hotel's fitness facilities and the heated indoor pool
PRICE? **Adults: \$38; Children(6-12): \$15**
 Should you be interested to take your mom on a special day and take advantage of this **SPECIAL PRICE**

Please register by April 29, 2005. *indicate how many adults and children will attend, your phone number, and send a check (made payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) to Rosmarie Stucki, 1840 Mintwood Place, N.W. #402, Washington D.C. 20009. for more information please e-mail to Rosmarie.stucki@swissclubdc.org or telephone: 202 572 8219*

Parking free on the street as well as at the hotel parking. **Valet Parking is not included in the price. You must register to the Swiss Club before the event.** If you are not registered you will have to pay the full price at the door. No exceptions. **NO REFUNDS!**

We wish you a wonderful time at the Harbor Hotel and a happy Mother's Day!

Please register by April 29, 2005. *indicate how many adults and children will attend, your phone number, and send a check (made payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) to Rosmarie Stucki*



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PAST EVENTS ...

Fondue & Raclette 2005

An evening of great tradition –

Fondue, La Raclette and Chocolate ambrosia sensation!

There is no better event to start the New Year than with a Fondue & Raclette evening on a chilly February night!

Fondue dates back to the 18th century when both cheese and wine were important industries in Switzerland. Growing up in Switzerland, Fondue was a family tradition for many of us – and it marks a tradition for our Swiss Club of Washington DC.

70 Swiss friends and families undertook the pilgrimage to the Swiss Embassy on Saturday evening, equipped with caquelons, burners and forks and lots of enthusiasm. It was a delight to walk into a room filled with an enticing cheese aroma – a whiff of home!

Our Consul General, Martin Von Arx, and his wife Imelda represented the Swiss Embassy and were gracious hosts. The busy board members had decorated the tables with red carnations, cherry tomatoes, and fresh green ivy. The magic cooks, Evaldo Ross, Armin Tobler and Elizabeth Wilson prepared everyone’s Fondue, and it was really delicious - 14 kilos of this secret “Fondue Mischung” cheese-mixture!

Here is the last word on “Real Raclette”, taken from Reto Weber, the Raclette specialist: Light a good fire. Buy an entire wheel of real Raclette cheese (6-7 kilos) from the Valais. Scrape off the rind, top and bottom, so that the cheese can melt more easily. Prepare boiled potatoes in their skins and have ready a supply of mixed pickles, onions and black pepper. But, certainly do not forget the three hearty Swiss breads!

And to finish off, the cooks had another surprise: chocolate fondue served with several different cakes, strawberries, coconut, sliced almonds and marshmallows. As if that were not enough to top off the cheese main course, a delicious Swiss apple strudel a la mode was served to all.

A special thank you for the warm welcome, the delicious Epesse wine, beer, soft drinks and coffee, goes to Consul General Von Arx.

Thank you Reto Weber and Armin Tobler, Elizabeth Wilson: it was wonderful –Susann Kollmar did a superb job organizing it all, and Sylvie Bertolet took some great photos. “Merci beaucoup” to everyone – board members and volunteers for his or her hard work in making this event a **real**

Mr. Martin Von Arx, (standing) General Counsel at the Swiss Embassy, offered the wine during the Fondue event. On behalf of the members we would like to thank him for his generous offer.



The Raclette greatly organized by Reto. Thank you

success. Everyone agrees with me: it was a pleasant evening with old and new friends.

What a scrumptious feast!

I hope that many more members and friends will join us for the next event, “an urchige Jass klopfen”, the 1st Jass (a simple form of bridge, with a few tricks of course, depending on your partner!) on March 6th. It promises to be a fun filled afternoon.

Heidi Amstutz-Zingrich



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

REMINDER

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Swiss Club of Washington DC
Elizabeth Wilson
Treasurer
2900 Cathedral Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Thank you for submitting your renewal and payment as soon as possible.

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- \$ 25.00 for senior couples
- \$ 15.00 for student and au pair
- \$ 15.00 for single senior citizens (65+)

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Requirements

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