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*Executive Committee*  
**2006**



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### **Executive Committee 2006**

*From left to right: Adrian Wiestner, President; Alberto Piffaretti (not the one at the end of the line! Hi, hi!), 1st VP; Evaldo Roos, 2nd VP, Susann Kollmar, Program Coordinator; Elizabeth Wilson, Treasurer; Rosmarie Stucki, Secretary; Sylvie Bertholet (Sylvie is Pierre-Alain's spouse and supporter!); Pierre-Alain Girardin, Publicity Officer (not the one in the middle!)*



## End of the year message from the Board

As 2005 comes to an end, the Board would like to say a few words about what we leave behind and what we are about to start. This year has been quite difficult for the Board. We may call this year a "transition year".

During this year a few important decisions have been taken to reshape the Club's administrative structure. For instance, the new accounting system software is now in place and our treasurer has resolved concerns the IRS raised in regards to our status as a Non-Profit Organization.

Another example of this "transition year" concerns the location of our National Day Celebration. As we all know the Embassy was not available due to renovations, but thanks to the work of a numerous volunteers, the Club successfully organized this major event at the Kummli farm.

## Message from the Board

At the General Assembly some interesting suggestions have been made in respect to events for 2006, which is a perfect example of how things can be solved and a transition year comes to an end. We are ready to start the New Year and put all our energy in new activities and fresh ideas.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Party and wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best for 2006. In addition, we invite you to participate by visiting our web-site and contacting the Board via E-mail. Staying in touch with our members is what will allow us to step forward and say "the transition is over, let's do something together...and have fun...!"

Alberto Piffaretti for the Board of the Swiss Club

For more information, visit our website at [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org)

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

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2900 Cathedral Ave N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20008  
[info@swissclubdc.org](mailto:info@swissclubdc.org)



## 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

# AGENDA 2005 - 2006

<b>December 11</b>	4th Jass
<b>December 18</b>	Annual Christmas Party @ Embassy of Switzerland
<b>February 17-20, 2006</b>	Ski Weekend Wintergreen Virginia
<b>March 11, 2006</b>	Basler Fastnacht
<b>March 26, 2006</b>	1st Jass Tournament

## News ...

# Jass

From 2006 we will have a new Jass Coordinator.

Thank you Marlies Hazan !!!

Marlies volunteered to take over the organization of the Jass. She will organize the future Jass events, will keep the Jass bag and is looking forward to hearing from all the volunteers who can host a Jass event in 2006!

By the way: Marlies and Paul Hazan will host the 1<sup>st</sup> Jass 2006. Date: March 26, 2006.



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# Christmas Party

*Sunday, December 18, 2005 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

*Swiss Embassy*

*2900 Cathedral Ave N.W.*

*Washington, D.C., 20008*

**This is a member-only event  
And it is FREE to all members ! \*\***

There will be music, a nice dinner and after dessert Sami Chlaus will visit and bring goodie-bags for all children.

If you would like Santa to give a message in your name to your child let us know and write a message and mail it with your registration (see below .)

**No one will be admitted to the Embassy without prior registration!**

So please register by filling out the registration form.

**Deadline:** Not later than **December 12<sup>th</sup>**

\*\* If you would like to attend the Christmas Party and you are not a member, yet, join the Club by paying the annual membership fee and you will be a member until the end of 2006

A note to the parents: Please retain your children from running on the stairs and hallways. The Embassy and the Swiss Club are not liable for any injuries. Register now, seating is limited.

**Please register**, so we can plan ahead, and contact: Susann Kollmar - Program Coordinator- 301 571 0977 or email [susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org](mailto:susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org)

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Member's name:: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults over 16: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children:: \_\_\_\_\_

Message for Sami Chlaus: (He speaks 3 languages.....)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: (add another sheet if there is not enough room)



## NEXT EVENTS ...

# Ski Weekend in Wintergreen

*February 17th - 20th, 2006*

**NEW DATES !!**

Join us for 3 days filled with skiing, eating and lots of FUN.

For our 4<sup>th</sup> Ski Weekend, we have rented 3 homes (14 bedrooms) in the beautiful “Wintergreen Resort” in Virginia.

The resort offers a lot for everyone. If you don’t ski, there is tubing, there is the “Wintergarten” with a spa, an indoor pool and outdoor Jacuzzis and Charlottesville is only 40 Min away!

There is a free shuttle from the slopes to the house and “Wintergarten”.

For those with kids, there is a babysitting service directly on the slopes. So, you can ski and check on the kids all at the same time.

We are able to offer this weekend for a bargain price.

- per **bedroom \$300** (priced on double occupancy = \$150 per person for 3 nights!!!),
- **child 3 years and older**, staying in the parents room, **\$30**,
- children under 3 are free.

The fee includes:

- 3 nights lodging
  - Swiss bread for all breakfasts.
  - On Saturday: Fondue dinner with appetizer, salad, white wine, soft drinks and desserts.
  - For Sunday we plan an “apero” and further detail will follow after your registration.....
- Please go and visit the website: [www. WintergreenResort.com](http://www.WintergreenResort.com), which will give you more details about the resort.

For further information contact: Christina [hcleveque@comcast.net](mailto:hcleveque@comcast.net) or Susann [susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org](mailto:susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org)

If you want to join, please register ASAP, DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION DECEMBER 15TH, 2005.

Send your registration form below **ALONG WITH A CHECK OF 50%** of the balance due (made the check payable to the Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) no later than **December 15th, 2005** to Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley St. Bethesda, MD 20817. Very Important: all further information regarding the event will be forthcoming by e-mail, please do not forget your e-mail address.

**Name** ..... Bedroom \$300

- 1).....
- 2).....
- 3).....
- 4).....
- 5).....

**Total amount:** ..... **email:** .....

Please fill out this form and send it along with 50% of the price of the balance to Susann Kollmar, 5423 MCc Kinley St, Bethesda, MD 20817, Due to our commitment **no refunds** can be given. Please give age of children you have staying in your room



# 4th Jass Tournament

*Sunday, December 11th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.*  
*Helen Cooper's house,*  
*9401 Eagle Ridge Dr, Bethesda, MD 20817*  
**NEW LOCATION AND TIME**



Message from the "Jass board"

Dear Jasser and dear Swiss Club members!

The fourth and Final Jass Tournament is already scheduled. Another kind invitation has been made by Helen Cooper to invite the Jass players of the Swiss Club, host the event, and offer a dinner to the participants. The Executive Board thanks Helen and Tom for generously hosting this event.

December 11th, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Helen's house.

**Deadline for registration: December 5th, 2005 !**

**Come join us and have fun!!**

Registration fee \$ 5.

If you want to join the game please register with Susann Kollmar 301 571 0977 or [susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org](mailto:susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org), by December 5th, 2005.

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## PAST EVENTS ...

# 83rd General Assembly

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, the General Assembly took place at the Swiss Embassy. 34 members plus 6 Executive Committee members were present. Our publicity officer & webmaster, Pierre-Alain Girardin, who has recently relocated to Seattle, Washington was also present through a phone conference connection during the entire meeting. Thank you Pierre-Alain.

We shared a delicious pot luck supper including numerous tasting and colorful dishes, many of Swiss origin. All absent members missed a big treat!

After the welcome offered by President, Michel Maechler as well as by Vice-President, Alberto Piffaretti, the meeting was pursued with the Vice-President's yearly report. Alberto thanked everyone on the Executive committee as well as all members of the club for their input and generous help during the year. It was noted that we need more help from members to make the club a success. The Vice President noted the various successful events organized during the year with the favorite being the National Day celebration at the Kummli Farm in Flint Hill VA. Thank you to Mr. Alfred Kummli for welcoming more than 450 members to the grounds. Alberto apologized for the cancellation of the event of October 1<sup>st</sup>, "Fahrt ins Blaue" that had to be called off last minute. The Executive Committee deeply regrets the inconvenience and disappointment this cancellation has caused.

The treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson, gave us an overview of the financial report and stated the Total Current Assets to be in the amount of \$19,774.36, and the Total Current Liabilities to be \$ 1,285.00. It was decided that next year's membership fees will remain the same as the current year's fee.

Ulrich Boegli who had accepted again to lead the Nominating Committee, proceeded by presenting the slate of officers for the next Executive Committee. It reads: First Vice-President, Alberto Piffaretti; Second Vice-President, Evaldo Roos; Treasurer, Elizabeth Wilson; Program Coordinator, Susann Kollmar; Publicity / Website, Pierre-Alain Girardin; Secretary, Rosmarie Stucki. The position for President was vacant due to the fact that Michel Maechler had announced during his welcoming speech that because of lack of time, he no longer would be able to assume the Presidency. We do thank Michel for his year in the position as President.

Ulrich Boegli then proceeded to the elections of the Executive Committee members and everyone listed was accepted by the members present. Adrian Wiestner, husband of our energetic and very able Program Coordinator Susann Kollmar accepted to take over the Presidency. We are fortunate to have a team of husband and wife, both enthusiastic Swiss Club members in our Executive Committee. Thank you Adrian and welcome on board! Pierre-Alain although now residing away from Washington DC, agreed to stay on board as Publicity & Webmaster. Thank you Pierre-Alain for keeping this important post. Hopefully, we will actually see you in person at some of our gatherings!


Before adjourning the Assembly, some delicious desserts were enjoyed.



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*Halloween at the Swiss Embassy  
 Our last event at the Swiss Embassy.  
 Pictures courtesy of Elizabeth Wilson.*

This year, we celebrated Halloween at the Embassy of Switzerland. In a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere, about 20 children proudly wore their costumes, while their parents amused themselves all afternoon. Games and the famous pumpkin carving were on the program on this Saturday, October 29, 2005. A variety of excellent snacks, drinks and very good Nespresso coffee deliciously enhanced the event well organized by Liz Wilson, Susann Kollmar and Evaldo Roos. The children went home "super happy": mission accomplished hands down!

Raoul Incerti

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