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Christmas Party 2005



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Dear Members and Friends of the Swiss Club,

Message from the President

We said goodbye to 2005 with our traditional Christmas Party, which I thought was fun and truly worth attending. For 2006 we all in the board of the Swiss Club wish you and your families all the best and we hope to see you at one of our many events planned this year.

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself: I was born in Baselland, studied Medicine in Basel and spent several years working in Basel before I came to Bethesda in 2000 to specialize in Hematology (i.e. blood diseases) at the National Institutes of Health, where I continue to work and do research. Me and my wife, Susann Kollmar, live in Bethesda and enjoy being in the "Capital area" with its many cultural and social events very much.

Speaking of social events, there is already a busy schedule of upcoming events most notably two typical winter events: the Raclette evening hosted by the Swiss Rifles to benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society and the Ski weekend in Wintergreen, both in February. In March we will have a *Basler Fasnacht* (carnival) evening to continue a series of "Swiss Tradition events" that started with the *Serrata Ticinese* last November.

So I think we are off to a good start in 2006. To keep the Swiss Club active and its events interesting we count on YOU to participate, to help organize and to contribute your ideas. In the same way that Switzerland is a federation of diverse people with many different languages, traditions and specialties I hope the Swiss Club will continue to thrive in diversity through the ideas and good will of its members and friends.

Adrian Wiestner.

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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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 2006

February 17-20	Ski Weekend Wintergreen Virginia
February 25	Raclette for the Swiss Benevolent Society
March 11	Basler Fastnacht
March 19	1st Jass Tournament
June 11	2nd Jass Tournament
July 29	Swiss National Day Celebration
To be continued...	

News ...

Jass

FIRST 2006 JASS TOURNAMENT

March 19th at 1:30 pm hosted by Marlies and Paul Hazan

14528 Chesterfield Rd.
Rockville, MD 20853


Deadline for registration: March 13th, 2006!

Registration fee \$5.00

If you want to join the game, please register with Marlies Hazan 301 603-0536 or pmhazan@comcast.net by March 13th.

SECOND JASS TOURNAMENT

June 11th at 1:30 pm. Details will follow



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Basler Fasnacht

Saturday, March 11, 2006 @ 6:06 p.m.

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2900 Cathedral Ave N.W.

Washington, D.C., 20008

We invite you to participate in our Fasnacht program, the second “Swiss Tradition Event”, **the Morgestraich and Dance.**

This time: “Hello from BASEL !”

Dress: Costume , if you have one !

Entrance fee: With Costume \$ 10, without \$ 20

Please register with our Program Coordinator Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley Street, Bethesda, MD 20817 and send in the registration and a check (payable to Swiss Club of Washington DC)!

There will be :

- the Morgestraich,
- traditional food (Chaes- u. Zibelewaehe, Mehlsuppe),
- a prize for the best costume,
- plenty of space and music for dancing
- door prize, etc

PLEASE: Sign up ASAP, so we will know how much Mehlsuppe and Chaeswaehe we will need ! (**deadline: March 6th**)
Looking forward to seeing you !

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people: _____

Address e-mail: _____



PAST EVENTS ...

Jass 4th Game

Message from the "Jass board"

Glance back:

Once again Helen and Tom Cooper opened their house and welcomed all the Jass players and friends to play the final Jass tournament in 2005 and they served the almost traditional dinner afterwards.

Twenty Jassers came and played the 4th Tournament. At the end, Arnold Brossi was 3rd, Rosmarie Suitor 2nd and Elsbeth Backus was the winner of the evening.

After the game Bea von Arx took the calculator and added all the numbers. - 4 tournaments were played and the 2 best results of each player counted..... -

And what a surprise!

Our champions of 2005:

3rd Arnold Brossi, 2nd Rosmarie Suitor

and 1st our "Jass Queen of 2005" Elsbeth Backus !

Congratulations to all the winners !

Elsbeth, I am really glad that you could take home the nice basket, which you volunteered to buy in the name of the Swiss Club.....

After "the work" was done Helen, Tom and the Cooper crew spoiled us with an excellent dinner.

"Waerschaftes Schweizer Dinner", a real treat!

Thank you so much !

For the complete 2005 jass results please visit www.swissclubdc.org and Jass

Susann Kollmar - the former Jass game organizer

*Jass 4th game: the participants at Helen Cooper's house
Below: Helen Cooper gives the annual price to Elsbeth Backus the winner of the year.*



*The winner of the year:
From left to right:
Arnold Brossi,
Elsbeth Backus,
and Rosmarie Suitor*



Serrata Ticinese

On November 10th 2005 Alberto Piffaretti took the lead and invited the Swiss Club to our first “Swiss Tradition Evening”.

The room and tables were nicely decorated in the Ticino colors blue and red. Literature on the Ticino was layed-out for everyone interested.

Alberto and his Ticino crew, Simona and Gregorio, prepared a “Ticino Evening” with the traditional food of their region.

On the menu was:

Bolitto

Risotto

Salad

Tiramisu and Torta di Pane

The food was great and so were the two offered Ticino wines. Everybody enjoyed it.

Thank you Ticino crew! Congratulations on the successful evening!

Also thanks to the board members Evaldo, Liz, Susann

and Rosmarie , their spouses, Armin and all the other helpers.

Our next planned Swiss Tradition Event will be “The Basler Fasnacht”. We are planning to have a “Morgestraich” and the traditional food that goes with it.

Mark your calendars: March 11th is the date.

If you have an idea and/or would like to organize the 3rd Swiss Traditional Event, please contact Susann Kollmar (Program Coordinator) by email: susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org or phone 301- 571-0977 we need you and your ideas. The board is happy to help.



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PAST EVENTS ...

Christmas Party 2005

Christmas is my favorite time of the year, but it can be difficult so far away from home and many family members sometimes. Thankfully, there's the Swiss Club Christmas party, so we can all enjoy our Christmas and nostalgia together.

This year, the party was particularly great. Everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed themselves. The decoration of the room and tables by Susann, Rosmarie and Liz was specially nice. After meeting and greeting everyone, exchanging all the news, enjoying the beautiful displays from Reto -Swiss bakery and Regula -Swiss Tradition and spending a little or as the case may be a lot at those stands, we were all welcomed by our new president Adrian Wiestner. The whole committee was wearing Santa hats, so they were easy to spot, and made waiting for the real Santa for the little ones even more exciting!

Then dinner was served and it was all absolutely delicious: perfect ham in bread dough from the Swiss bakery and the potato gratin, salad, prepared by Armin, Liz, Susann, Evaldo and I'm sure a lot of helper-elves!

After dinner, the little ones were beginning to get restless, so the arrival of Santa, heralded by our traditional santa-welcoming-wilhelm-tell-overture was perfectly timed. Now, we always knew it - Santa must have some strong

Swiss roots, speaking all those languages. As usual, Santa and the little ones were a touching sight, unforgettable for the ones who got to see him up close and I'm sure this moment will be in many a family photo album, well preserved for the future! After Santas departure, dessert was served. For the ones among us with a sweet-tooth, the moment we were waiting for! Thank you Reto for your superlative Vermicellestorte!!!

A wonderful time was spent by all, and the only unpleasant thing we just have to live with is: it will take a whole year of waiting to see Santa and the Swiss Club Christmas party again!

Thank you all for working so hard to make this such a nice and memorable event!

Maya Wittwer




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