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## Swiss National Day 2006

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## Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

We had a very hot and beautiful National Day Celebration at the Thurmont Country Club. A great thank you to Martin von Arx for his National Day Speech and the toast with Swiss wine, to all the volunteers, to Alfred Kessi and the board of the Thurmont Club for help in organizing the event, the Swiss Rifles for their gun salute, and to all our generous sponsors for their donations! Please see the report by Uli and Berit Boegli in this Postillion.

On November 10, we will meet at the Swiss Embassy for the Annual Membership Assembly. We have a number of important business items to take care off, but we will also have a Pot-luck dinner and some time for to chat and have fun. I hope to see many of you there!

Yours

Adrian Wiestner

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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## 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

<b>September 10</b>	3rd Jass Tournament
<b>October 7</b>	Wine Tour to Virginia
<b>November 10</b>	84th anual Membership Meeting <b>NEW DATE</b>
<b>November 18</b>	Make your own Advent Calendar
<b>December 3</b>	4th Jass Tournament <b>NEW DATE</b>
<b>December 17</b>	Christmas Party
<b>February 16-19, 2007</b>	Ski Weekend Wintergreen

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**WHEN?** Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 10 a.m.  
Meet us in front of the Embassy, where you will be able to park. The bus will leave on time.

**PRICE?** Tasters: \$40, Non-tasters: \$30  
Members as well as their friends and families are welcome.

**The Excursion includes:** Bus ride, Winery visit and tasting, lunch

We have limited space, so reserve your seat right away. Reservation will be confirmed by phone upon receipt of your payment.

**Please reserve no later than September 29, 2006** (Sorry, no refunds).  
Do you have questions? Please call Rosmarie Stucki at 202-572-8219

# \_\_\_\_\_  
Please give us a phone number where we can reach you to confirm your reservation.

Name:..... Phone no: .....

# of tasters:..... # of non-tasters: ..... Attached is my check in the amount of: .....

Please send your check (payable to Swiss Club of Washington D.C.) to:  
Rosmarie Stucki, 1840 Mintwood Place NW #402, Washington, D.C. 20009



## NEXT EVENTS ...

# 84th Membership Meeting

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2006 @ 7 p.m.**

Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008

Food: Pot luck, so please bring your favorite dish!

The Swiss Club will provide the drinks and there will be a door prize !!!

The board cordially invites you to participate. **WE NEED YOU.** What is a General Assembly without the Club members!?! As you can see below, there are board positions open. We need a new **1. Vice-President and a Treasurer.**

### Agenda:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes from the 84<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting from October 28, 2005.
2. The President's report
3. The Treasurer's report
4. Amend term limits for board members in the by-laws of the Club
5. Thank you to the board members retiring from their positions: Rosemarie Stucki (Secretary), Pierre-Alain Girardin (Webmaster/Publicity), Alberto Piffaretti (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President)
6. Election of the 2007 Executive Board.  
Candidates are: for President – Adrian Wiestner; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – vacant; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Evaldo Roos; Treasurer – vacant; Program Coordinator – Susann Kollmar; Webmaster/Publicity – Elizabeth Wilson; Secretary – Claudia Tobler.
7. Membership fees: the board proposes an across the board increase in the membership fee by \$5.
8. Upcoming Club Activities
9. Questions, Miscellaneous
10. Adjournment

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)



# Make your own Advent Calendar

Children, join us in an afternoon filled with fun to create your own Advent calendar on

**Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 2 pm – 6 pm**

The old German tradition of the Advent calendar can be traced back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Advent calendar makes an event out of each of the 24 days before Christmas.

**For Children 6 and up! Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 / child

**Includes:** all materials, snack and drinks

There will be 3 wonderful styles to choose from.

In order to prepare the materials, we absolutely need your registration no later than November 10, 2006.

Any questions? Please call Liz Wilson at 703-481-5810.

Mother/Father's name: .....

Children's names: 6 and up: .....

under 6 (with an adult): .....

Attached is my check in the amount of: ..... (sorry, no refunds)

(Send your check payable to Swiss Club of Washington D.C. to Liz Wilson, 401 Madison Froest Dr., Herndon, VA 20170)



## NEXT EVENTS ...

# 4th Jass Tournament

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 3rd, 2006 at 2:00pm  
(Please note **new** date & time)

**HOSTED BY:** Helen and Tom Cooper  
9401 Eagle Ridge Drive  
Bethesda, MD  
Tel. 301 469-7371

Deadline for registration: November 27th, 2006


Registration fee: \$5.00 per person

Register by contacting Marlies Hazan 301 603-0536 or [pmhazan@comcast.net](mailto:pmhazan@comcast.net)


This will be the final Jass tournament for 2006. Helen and Tom have again graciously invited the Jassers to stay on for dinner.




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1800 Town Center Drive, Suite 319  
Reston, Virginia 20190  
(703) 668-0520



Sooner than you think, we will have our:

## Annual Swiss Club Christmas Party

Embassy of Switzerland

2900 Cathedral Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20008

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

*from 4 pm to 7 pm*

**This is a MEMBER-ONLY event and it is FREE to all members! \*\***

There will be music, a delicious dinner and after dessert Sami Chlaus will visit and will bring something for all the children.

If you would like Santa to give a message in your name to your child let us know and write a message -see below.

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

So please register by filling out the registration form ASAP and not later than December 12<sup>th</sup> (deadline)! Seating is limited.

And like always: First come, first serve!

Mail your registration form to our Program Coordinator: Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley Street, Bethesda, MD 20817

\*\* If you would like to attend the Christmas Party and you are not a member, you can become one for the event and your membership will count for 2007 ☺

*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.

✂ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Message for Sami Chlaus: (He speaks 3 languages, max: 50 words!, please send the message by email to [susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org](mailto:susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org))

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



# NEXT EVENTS ...

Here we ski again!

## SKIWEEKEND in WINTERGREEN

President's weekend: **February 16-19, 2007**

For our 5<sup>th</sup> Ski Weekend, we have rented 1 house (6 bedrooms) in the beautiful "Wintergreen Resort" in Virginia. Please go and visit the website: [www. WintergreenResort.com](http://www.WintergreenResort.com) This will give you more details about the resort.

- We are able to offer this weekend for a bargain price! - thanks to the Leveque family!-
- per bedroom \$350 (priced on double occupancy = 175 per person),
  - Child 3 years and older, staying in the parents room, \$ 35
  - Children under 3 are free.

*The fee includes:*

- 3 nights lodging
- On Saturday: Fondue dinner ..... **and a lot of fun!**

If you want to join the ski weekend, please register now. Send your registration WITH the check, made out to: "Swiss Club of Washington D.C." no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 Mail it to: *Susann Kollmar, 5423 Mc Kinley Street, Bethesda, MD 20817*

Very important: All further information regarding the Ski weekend will be forthcoming by email, so please: Don't forget your email address (please write clearly). Contact our Program Coordinator: Susann Kollmar [susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org](mailto:susann.kollmar@swissclubdc.org)

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Name	Bedroom \$ 350
1).....	
2).....	
3).....	
4).....	
5).....	

Total amount:

email: .....

- Please give age of children you have staying in your room.
- Due to our commitment no refunds can be given.





## Swiss National Day 2006

On a hot steamy day on Saturday, July 27, 2006, 400 Swiss Club members and friends gathered on the grounds of the

Adrian Wiestner opened the formal portion of the program, which included a 1st of August address by Martin Von Arx, Swiss Embassy consular, a 21 gun salute by the Swiss Rifles and Alphorn.

The ..... entertained the public with their excellent repertoire of Swiss music. The festivities continued with the drawing of door prizes generously provided by Albert Uster Imports, the Swiss bakery and Pastry Shop in Burke VA., Quantum Coffee of Annapolis MD and Swiss International Airlines.

The evening concluded with the traditional children's



Thurmont Hunt Club range east of Frederick, Maryland to celebrate the Swiss National Day. The embassy grounds again this year were not available as the new residence project has not yet been fully completed. Alfred Kessi, President of the Swiss Rifles procured the use of the Thurmont range facility. A nice touch was the pool offering relief from the heat and of course the cool refreshments from the bar dispensed by hardworking volunteers all day.



The day's program was quite extensive; it included games for the children, a cowboy shoot organized by the Swiss Rifles and the always popular Tombola with many wonderful prizes and a super raffle. Swiss Club President

lampion parade and bonfire. Despite the heat everyone had a great time and enjoyed the green country side setting near the Piedmont Mountains.



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## PAST EVENTS ...

# Swiss National Day 2006



Thank you to the Swiss Embassy which offered the wine toast.

Special thanks goes to all the hard working volunteers who made the celebration possible and put in many hours before, during and after the days program.



## NEWS ... NEWS... NEWS...

### We need you !

**Board member positions becoming available.**

**1st VICE PRESIDENT :** position will become available at the end of the year.

**TREASURER:** The position of Treasurer is available immediately as Elizabeth Wilson is taking over the position of Publicity & Webmaster

**SECRETARY:** position will become available at the end of the year. Rosmarie Stucki will of course continue to serve as a loyal helping hand to the Swiss Club.

**Please consider participating at your Swiss Club in serving as a Board member. This consists of meeting about 8 times a year and having lots fun !**

### New members

Urs Gugerli and Family, Millerville, MD 21108

Elke Herzfeld and Family, Rockville, MD 20851

Felicitas Cottner, Cabin John, MD 20818

Rene Weber and Family in Washington.


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Please check the appropriate box:  New Member  Renewal

I am a Swiss National or  Swiss Descendent or  I am a Friend of Switzerland

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Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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List first names of dependent children and give year of birth for each:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is my check for 2007 membership of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children under 18)

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Student or Au Pair \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Please make check payable to **Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.**

Mail to: Swiss Club of Washington, D.C., 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

FOR SWISSCLUB ONLY: Amount of dues & date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted as a member by the Executive Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Added to membership list: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



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