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AGENDA 2007

- December 2** 4th and final Jass Tournament
- December 1** Bake your own Grittibaenz
- December 16** Christmas Party
- January 26** Fondue Evening

Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

The next couple of months bring us two highlights in the Swiss Club calendar: the Christmas Party in December and the Fondue evening in January. The Christmas party will be a fun get-together for both kids and adults and we will again have a delicious holiday meal. Please register for these events with the registration forms found in this Postillion. I look forward to see many of you at these events.

In the name of the board, I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season and all the best for 2008, much happiness and success. Stay healthy and keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Adrian Wiestner

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

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

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

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

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

_____ \$35.00 Single membership _____ \$ 15.00 Single senior citizen (65+)

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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: _____



NEXT EVENTS ...



Bake Your Own Grättibänz



Saturday December 1, 2007

1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Embassy of Switzerland (kitchen/multipurpose room)

RSVP by 11/28/07 to claudia.tobler@swissclubdc.org

Cost: Members free; Non-members \$10 per family

Please join us for this year's children's holiday event and bake your own grättibänz! Bakeries in the German part of Switzerland bake grättibänz each year for eating on St. Nicholas Day (December 6). The little dough man is thought to have originated from the Basel/Neuchatel area of Switzerland. Though his origins are obscure, the grättibänz dates back to at least the 16th century. He is generally thought to represent a simplified Santa Claus (but other views exist).

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 1, 2007

PAST EVENT ...

HEIMAT ABIG - SWISS FOLKLORE GROUP

On October 13th the Swiss Folklore Group had its Heimatabend at the Church of the Covenant in Arlington. The Hall was filled with the sound of Swiss music. The Volksmusikanten Simmental, a group of six musicians and yodelers, played traditional music on the accordion, a mini Swiss accordion and a base violin. Many of the guests had probably never heard of the beautiful yodel songs the Volksmusikanten performed. Some songs were accompanied by the ringing of small bells and imitations of cows and goats much to everyone's laughter.

Reto and helpers served a delicious meal, a part of which came from Bread and Chocolate. Thank you so much! Thank you also to all the other helpers who were instrumental in making the evening a big success!

The Folklore group performed several dances. Then the group invited guests to learn one of the dances. It was a lot of fun to see so many people get up and try under Ursula's guidance.

A table was decked out with lots of wonderful prizes for the raffle, including two airline tickets from Swiss International Airlines. The money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets goes toward maintaining the lovely costumes of the dancers.

Next time we hope to have the alphorns back. It was not possible to get the players to perform due to illness and business engagements. We also hope that a lot more members of the Swiss Club will attend the event those who came had a very good time.

Ursula Banzhaf



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Swiss Club Christmas Party

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

Sunday, December 16th 2007
4 pm to 7 pm

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

There will be classical music, our traditional dinner and dessert . Sami Chlaus will visit us and have something for all the children !

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

Seating is limited. First come, first serve!

Please register by filling out the registration form ASAP and not later than December 10th (deadline)!

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 2008 ☺

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:

Child's name: _____ **Age:** _____



PAST EVENT...

EVENING WITH SOLISWISS

Followed by a Swiss wine tasting

On Monday October 29, 2007, the Swiss Club of Washington DC facilitated a symposium given by two representatives of Soliswiss under the auspices of the Embassy of Switzerland. Our President, Adrian Wiesner gave the welcome address.

Dr. Felix Bossert, Executive Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Doron Zimmermann, Political Risk Advisor of Soliswiss gave a presentation of their Institution. Soliswiss is the Cooperative Solidarity Fund for Swiss Nationals Abroad. With 50 years of experience, Soliswiss, backed by the Swiss government, offers Swiss security to the 650,000 Swiss national abroad for an annual membership fee of CHF 40. It is a private institution that enables Swiss expatriates to live a financially secure life abroad. Soliswiss also provides mutual financial assistance in case of a loss of livelihood abroad.

In an attempt to make Soliswiss better known in the US, The Swiss Review is printing an interview with Dr. Doron Zimmermann on the subject of political risk cover for Swiss nationals abroad in its next issue. In particular, The Swiss nationals domiciled in and around Washington are encouraged to contact their own representatives for further information as well as visit: www.soliswiss.ch.

After the informative meeting, the members of the Swiss Club enjoyed a lovely Swiss wine tasting accompanied by delicious cheese and hors d'oeuvre of all sorts prepared by our wonderful cook and also Program Coordinator Susann Kollmar.



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Join us for a traditional **Fondue and Raclette evening!**

Saturday, January 26th, 2008 at 6 PM

at the Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20008



Register early, space is limited !

Adults: \$ 20.00 –Non members \$ 30 - Children: \$ 10.00 (all included: Fondue, Raclette, wine, desert, coffee/tea, sodas)
check payable to: Swiss Club of Washington DC

The food will be prepared by the Swiss Bakery and Pastry Shop!

Registration deadline: Monday, January 20th

Send your registraion check to: Susann Kollmar , 5423 Mc Kinley Street, Bethesda MD 20817 (301-571-0977)

Registration form- Fondue/Raclette - Saturday 01-26-2008 -adult: member\$20/non member \$30

Name:

Number of people: adults: ... non members: ... children: ...

Amount \$: (Check enclosed!!!)

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