



January 2007

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The board of the Swiss Club (from left to right): Stanley Cook, Claudia Tobler, Evaldo Roos, Susann Kollmar, Adrian Wiestner, Elizabeth Wilson, Pete Amstutz

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends of the Swiss Club,

2006 has been an exciting year. We have had several Club events that were noteworthy and that have brought us all closer together. My thanks go to all the board members, new and old, who have done a wonderful job to keep the Club running smoothly and to all of our members and volunteers who have helped out throughout the year. The Christmas Party on December 17th was a success and had a record turnout of more than 100 guests. We hope to see many of you and more members come back for our first 2007 event, the Fondue & Raclette evening on

January 19th with our honorary guests The Ambassador of Switzerland, his Excellency Mr. Urs Ziswiler and his wife Ronit. And that is just the start, many more dates are coming up – please take a look at the calendar in this Postillon.

To you and your family all the best in 2007!

Yours truly,

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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AGENDA 2007

January 19 Raclette/Fondue Evening
Guest of Honor:
Ambassador Urs Ziswiler
and Mrs. Ronit Ziswiler

February 16-19 Ski Weekend Wintergreen

March 9 Movie: Citizen Fred, pg. 4

March 11 1st Jass Tournament

June 3 2nd Jass Tournament

June 10 Hillwood Museum Tour, pg. 5

July 28 Swiss National Day

September 9 3rd Jass Tournament

October Halloween

November Bake your "Gritty Baenz"

November Annual Meeting

December 4th and final Jass Tournament

December Christmas Party

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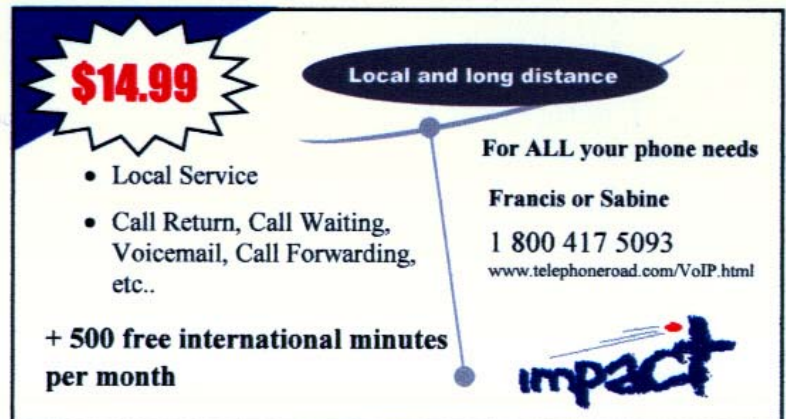
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Fondue & Raclette evening



In honor of Ambassador Urs Ziswiler
and Mrs. Ronit Ziswiler

January 19th, 7 PM
at the Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20008

Join us for a traditional Fondue and Raclette evening and meet our new Ambassador and his wife.

Adults: \$ 25.00 / Children: \$ 20.00 (all included: Fondue, Raclette, wine, desert, coffee/tea, sodas)

Non-members: add \$10 per person

Food prepared by the Swiss Bakery and Pastry Shop, wine donated by Consul General Martin von Arx. Thank you!

Bring your own caquelon, burner and forks along with you!

Register early!!! Space is limited to the first 110 registrations.

Registration deadline: Monday, January 16th

For questions contact Claudia Tobler (phone: 240 631 6601 / email: claudia.tobler@swissclubdc.org)

Name: _____

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NEXT EVENTS ...

SOLD OUT - SOLD OUT - SOLD OUT - SOLD OUT

SKI WEEKEND in WINTERGREEN

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

5th Ski Weekend in the beautiful "Wintergreen Resort" in Virginia.

Waiting list: call Susann Kollmar at 301-571-0977

Our activity in March:

In November 2006 the Embassy invited all interested to a very special movie night. Too bad, not many people came, but those who came saw the opening of "**Citizen Fred**".

The filmmaker and "Fred", accompanied by his daughters, were present and it was really touching, to watch the story of Fred's life. It is an excellent film that portrays the story of so many Swiss immigrants living in the US. The board wants to present this movie once again for the Swiss Club.

Join us on **Friday, March 9th** for a **Swiss movie event: "Citizen Fred", 7pm** at the **Swiss Embassy**.

To show this movie, we have to pay a fee for the film rights, therefore we have to ask for **\$5** (\$8 at the door) but we will serve popcorn and we will have an open soda bar. Wine and beer can be purchased.

If you are interested please make a reservation and send in a check (\$5 per ticket) to: Susann Kollmar, 5423 McKinley Street, Bethesda MD 20817.

1st 2007 Jass Tournament

When: Sunday, March 11th, 2007 – 1:30pm

Hosted by: Reto Weber

Location: to be determined at a later date

Deadline for registration: March 4th, 2007

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person

Please contact Marlies Hazan at 301 603-0536 or pmhazan@comcast.net if you wish to attend.



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Our activity in June:

Have you ever heard of the **HILLWOOD MUSEUM** and garden?

It is located in downtown Washington, not far from the Swiss Embassy and it is the estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post, the Post cereal heiress. She died in 1973 and left her mansion as a house museum with her wonderful collection of French art of the 18th and 19th century and with a huge collection of Russian art of the 19th century. It is a hidden secret in Washington and a wonderful place to spend a Sunday afternoon in June. The Swiss Club has two members who are docents at this great place and so we can offer a special arrangement for our Swiss Club! Entrance fee, "high tea" (specialty of the museums café) with all taxes and tips will be \$22.

Date: Sunday June 10, 2007

For further information about Hillwood Museum check out: www.hillwoodmuseum.org

For further details about the Swiss Club June afternoon check the Swiss Club website, wait for the next Postillion, or call Susann Kollmar: 301-571-0977

PAST EVENTS ...

On September 17th, the new Residence opening took place. Oh, what a day!

Around 1500 people came to take a closer look at the impressive new building. It was a sunny day and a big party with many activities for all age groups took place on the embassy grounds. People could go on a house tour in the new residence, play games or eat Bratwurst and everything was for free...!

The Swiss Club had a booth where we could welcome 30 new members.

When neighbors of the Swiss Embassy, Becky and Stanley Perl, signed up for a membership, we had an important visitor: Ambassador Ziswiler stopped by....





PAST EVENTS ...

JASS NEWS....

20 enthusiastic Jassers gathered at Helen and Tom Cooper’s residence for the 4th and final Jass Tournament on December 3rd, 2006.

The Coopers again very graciously offered to host the last Jass of the year. After the game, a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Helen was served by candlelight – ushering in the Christmas season.

Many thanks go to the Coopers as well as the other Jass hosts, including: Imelda and Martin von Arx and Rosmarie Suitor

Last, but not least, a big thank you to Dick Backus who is our score keeper!

Based on their two highest scores of the year, three individuals were selected as the “top Jassers” of the 2006 tournaments.

The winners of these much coveted awards are:

- 1st - Dick Backus - Jasskönig
- 2nd - Arnold Brossi
- 3rd - Heidi Saba

Congratulations to all the winners and all the players who joined us at these fun events.

Plans for the next season are well on the way – hope you’ll be there!

Marlies Hazan – Jass Coordinator



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A visit from Santa - Tolle Schweizer Tradition

Weihnachtliche Stimmung -

Super Schweizer Delikatessen -

Venue: Swiss Embassy – an enchanted evening with jolly St. Nick

Mood: Very festive, beautifully decorated tables with candles, flowers and a lovely fresh Christmas Tree

Christmas Carols singing

Menu: delicious dinner of Ham in blanket with scalloped potatoes, mixed salad

Dessert: Vermicelle Torte with ice cream, coffee

Drinks: red/white wine, Gluehwein, soft drinks and coffee

Participants: 120 of which 20 children; everyone had a wonderful time;

We celebrated according to the good old tradition with excited children, waiting suspenseful for the elegant, red Santa bringing good tidings and talking to each and every child.

I would like to recognize the hard working old & new Board members, Susann Kollmar, Adrian Wiestner, Evaldo Roos, Rosmarie Stucki, Claudia Tobler, Pete Amstutz, Stanley Cook, especially Liz Wilson, the Chef de cuisine, as well as Reto (and his elfs) of the famous Swiss Bakery. Roland Zeender deserves a special treat – or even a kiss - from Mrs. Claus. Kasper Hunkeler made a traditional Gluehwein and Dungjai offered lots of support in the kitchen, for which we are most grateful.

A sincere, heartfelt THANK YOU from the SWISS community to everyone who made this evening such a success!

Prosit Neu Jahr!

Heidi A



Gluehwein / Recipe by Kasper Hunkeler

1 bottle of red wine

2-3 dl water

1 piece of cinnamon stick

2 cloves

approx. 150 gr of sugar

lemon slices

Mix all ingredients (without the lemon slices)
heat until boiling

Put the lemon slices in a bowl and pour the hot wine into it (remove cinammon stick and cloves).

Drink it hot! PROST!



PAST EVENTS ...

On November 18th, 2006, 26 Swiss Club members of all ages came together to make their own Advent Calendars at the Swiss Embassy. The tradition of making advent calendars goes back many years. The word “advent” derives from the Latin “Adventus”, meaning loosely, the “coming”, and the Advent Calendar arose as a tradition to celebrate the “coming” of Christmas. The calendars accordingly feature 24 covered windows or goody-filled pouches, one for each day of December leading up to December 24th. Advent calendars come in all shapes and sizes. At this year’s event, the Swiss Club offered two designs. The popular tree design featured a felt-covered pine tree to which crafters attached 24 goody-filled “ornaments”. The “ribbon” design, meant to look like a ribbon hanging over a mantle, allowed crafters to hang 24 pouches from string. Participants expressed their creativity in many ways, using glitter, stickers, and fancy needlework to create beautiful masterpieces.



The Swiss Club had a great turnout at this event. We are excited about our growing membership, and look forward to organizing more family-oriented events. Children as young as 22 months participated enthusiastically making Advent Calendars (or at least, running around and playing with the toys), and older children were able to take something home of which to be proud. Food and beverages were plentiful, and the afternoon passed quickly. Do you have an idea for future family activities, or for a holiday activity next year? Did you attend the Advent Calendar making party this year, and have suggestions to share on how to make it better? If so, please e-mail Susan Kollmar at skollmar@hotmail.com.

Claudia Tobler

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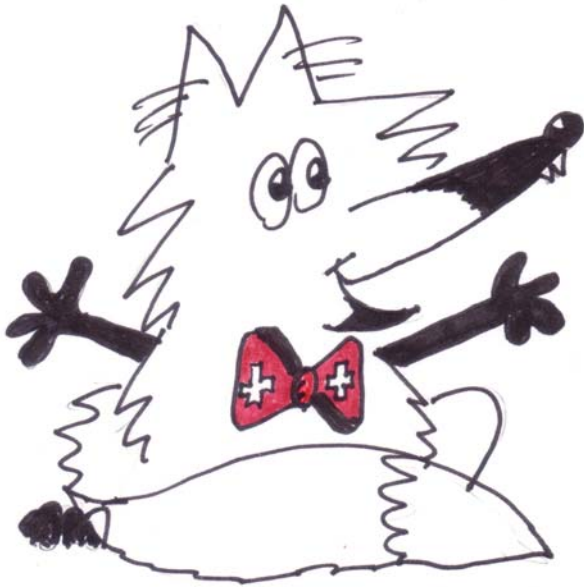
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The Swiss Club Children's Corner



Allô! My name is Rénard the Fox! I'm here to share with you everything I know about Switzerland. Send me a letter or an email! With some help from my friends, I'll try to answer your questions. Or do you have a story to share about a Swiss experience or your Swiss background? Then send that too! For instance, my friend Gusti the Gemstock had a question about how some regions in Switzerland celebrate winter.

Grüezi! I'm Gusti the Gemstock. I had a question about how some Swiss celebrate winter. I found out that in Richterswil on the Lake of Zurich, children hollow out turnips, decorate them, and use them as candlestick holders. Thousands of these "Räbeliechtle" light up the village after dusk, and others participate in a procession of lights. The entire village glows with lights! Do you celebrate winter in a special way? Then let us know! Email to: ctobler@comcast.net.






New members

U Robert & Guanniwa SCOTT , Florian MATHIS, Christopher & Francisca MARQUARDT and family,
 Catherine & David WILKINS & family, JoAnn Zuercher & Glenn REICHARDT and family,
 Larry & Leslie IRVING and family, Linda & Jack MULLER-GOULD and family,
 Gerald & Jacquelynn SHEA and family, James & Deborah FREIS and family,
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 Arne & Sara PAULSON and family, Bruce & Virginia SUTOR and family,
 Stanley & Becky PERL, Susan & Robert KRAMER and family,
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 Walter BRANDLI, Christine SPECK, Paul AEBERSOLD, Nancy HUNTER,
 Tatiana PONOMARERA, Frederick & Elisabeth SHIPLEY,
 Annemarie & William BARANICK, Chrystelle ZWEIDLER , Alfred ALDEN,
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 Joerg EICHELBERGER, Ruth & Fred TALENTINO and family,
 Emmi & Glenn BERGMANN and family, Anthony & Gabriela STEINER and family

Welcome to the club!

We welcome a “new” member!

Doerthe and Philipp BRAUN had their 4th child:
 Maira Riccarda born on October 9th 2006. Congratulations!



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