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AGENDA 2008

Oct 18	Fall Festival - Kummli Farm
Nov 7	Swiss Club General Assembly
Dec 7	4th Jass Tournament
Dec 14	Xmas Party
Feb 7, 09	Fondue Evening

Message from the President

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

The National Day 2008 was again a successful and fun day at the Embassy of Switzerland, see the report by Claudia in this issue. Another fun event is coming up very soon, the fall festival at the Kummli Farm. This is a special treat not to be missed and I hope many of you have already signed up. If not, here is a second chance, see page 8.

Fall is the time to think about what the Club should do in the next year. It is also the time to elect the board. For all this, we hope to see many of you at the General Assembly on November 7th at the Swiss Embassy. Come give us your thoughts, support and ideas and help shape the program for the next year(s). This fall will also be the time for me to step

down as president. I have enjoyed the past three years that have been full of interesting experiences; years in which I had the opportunity to get to know many of you and to be a part of the Swiss Community in the DC area. I thank you for your trust, your support and all the fun moments we had together.

In recent months the Club has lost two of its best: Alfred Uster and Jean-Jacques Schoch. Both have been longstanding members, have served as Presidents of the Club, and have made great contributions. We will remember them fondly and send our thoughts to their loved ones.

With my best wishes to all of you!

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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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: _____



Past Events ...

Swiss National Day Celebration

August 2, 2008 – The sun shone brightly on the Swiss Embassy Grounds, gently warming the rolling Embassy grounds and over 600 Swiss Club members and friends of Switzerland who attended this year's National Day Celebration held on August 2, 2008. Passing thunderstorms could not dampen the joyous festivities and enthusiasm. Indeed, the intermittent rain brought welcome relief from the high summer heat. After a short respite and cheerful huddling underneath shared umbrellas until the showers passed, activities commenced with renewed vigor.



Along with well proven favorites, this year's National Day Celebration featured a revised layout and particularly compelling raffle and tomobola prizes. Once again, the pool was open and offered a cool oasis and splash opportunities. Children's activities included a moon bounce and face painting, as well as paint-your-own tote bags and other crafts. The sound of alp horns floated down over the grassy knoll, broken up only by the joyful traditional folk music performed by the Alten Kamaraden. Adhering to traditional Swiss custom, dinner comprised charcoal grilled bratwurst and cervelat, along with buere brotli, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, and hand baked pastries provided by the Swiss Bakery. Beer and wine flowed generously as old acquaintances were reaffirmed and new ones discovered. The Market Place offered a variety of traditional and modern Swiss fare, providing guests with an eclectic sample of Swiss ingenuity and industry.

A formal ceremony commenced the evening events. A taped speech by Switzerland's President, Pascal Couchepin started the program. Swiss Counselor Margarith Lederman Prestofelippo gave a warm and supportive address which recognized the value and continued need for strong ties between Switzerland and the United States, both on a national and individual level. Following the formal presentation, Swiss Club Treasurer Pete Amstutz emceed what some lucky winners surely would say was the highlight of the evening – the Raffle. Prizes this year, which totaled over \$6,000 in value, included a weekend stay at a luxury resort in Switzerland, free roundtrip airline tickets to Switzerland, meals at local restaurants, and a host of other ingenious and valuable items. All proceeds from the raffle are for the Club's continued operations.



As the sun started to slip behind the hazy horizon, we reached for our lampions and a bonfire was lit. The celebration ended with a procession of laughing children, lampions glowing like so many dancing moths, marching towards the welcoming light of the traditional bonfire. The Swiss Club of Washington D.C. again thanks all of the many volunteers who helped make this event possible, the Embassy of Switzerland for generously allowing the use of its grounds, and most importantly, the members of the Swiss Club and the many friends of Switzerland who brought their warmth and camaraderie to this year's National Day Celebration.

The Swiss Club of Washington DC extends a very special thank you and note of recognition to our many generous sponsors for this year's National Day Celebration: Swiss Rail, Swiss International Airlines, Nestle, Swiss Bakery, Novartis, Schindler Elevator Corp, Filofax - Caran d'Ache, The Swiss Embassy, Swiss Traditions, Equinox Restaurant, Bombay Club Restaurant, Uster Imports, Melting Pot DC Restaurant, Merrifield Garden Center, Hook & Ladder Brewing Company, and German Gourmet. We hope that the winners enjoyed the prizes, and we encourage all to enjoy our sponsors' products and services.



2nd 2008 Jass Tournament

On June 8, the second Jass of this year was hosted by Elsbeth and Dick Backus. Unfortunately, only 12 players met in their beautiful home in Potomac. They played more or less successfully, but with a lot of enthusiasm and fun. The winner wishes to remain anonymous, Elsbeth Backus the hostess finished 2nd and Eric 3rd.

Afterwards, Elsbeth and Dick invited us for a great Swiss meal, topped by a chocolate fondue (fountain) for dessert. Thank you so much!

It was our last Jass and we always liked it tremendously. When this Bulletin will be distributed, Eric and I will already be back in Switzerland.

We wish all Jassers good cards and many more enjoyable card games.

Flory Hess

3rd 2008 Jass Tournament

Thank you very much to Margrith Ledermann Prestofelippo and Carlos Prestofelippo for hosting the 3rd Jass Tournament at their beautiful home in Potomac. Everything was absolutely delicious and it was very much appreciated by all the players especially since the hosts don't play Jass. Hopefully they will learn in the future and can join the Jass group and play along.


After a stormy Saturday with lots of rain and wind from the remainder of hurricane "Hannah", Sunday turned out to a picture perfect day with low humidity. We could not have asked for a better afternoon. We set up all the tables on the patio, played Jass outside and at the same time enjoyed the beautiful peaceful backyard. Thank you again for a perfect Jass afternoon.

If there is interest we may in the future plan a refresher course for Jassers who haven't played in a while and would like to start again. Contact me to let me know you are interested.

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2008 Jass Calendar

December 7th 4th Jass Tournament



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4th and Final 2008 Jass Tournament

WHEN: Sunday, December 7th 1.30pm

HOSTED BY: Eveline and Bob Roberts
14624 Chesterfield Road
Rockville, MD
Phone (301) 460-9571

Deadline for registration: November 30th 2008

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person

Please contact Senta Speight at (301) 530-0699 (H)
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senta.speight@swissclubdc.org

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Buure z'morge

on August 31st in Springfield

at the Swiss Bakery

Uli Boegli and Reto, our Swiss baker, had the idea to go on a field trip.

The plan was camping in Burke Lake Park on Saturday, August 30th, and on Sunday having a real Swiss breakfast out there, in the fields. The registrations were coming in very slowly and only the Broenimann family was interested in camping, so we decided to cancel the camping and instead have a breakfast buffet at the new Swiss Bakery in Springfield. I always wanted to see the new bakery anyways



At the end about 40 people showed up for the Buure z'morge; not only Swiss Club members, also Swiss Bakery and Swiss food lovers, and the buffet was more than worth the trip to Springfield! Reto and Laurie with their crew and the help of Berit, Uli, Regula and Larry put on the table whatever you can dream of for a Swiss breakfast! Zopf, Muesli, Emmi yoghurt, Roesti and eggs (free range – superb), Nussgipfel and much more! Yes, the food was extremely delicious and so Swiss!!!

At 10 o'clock the Amstad family arrived from the camping ground..... - their registration had been lost in our moving mail – sorry for that -..... but they reportedly had a great time out on the camp ground at Burke Lake Park and enjoyed even more the nice and cozy atmosphere at our indoor breakfast buffet! Let's try again next year

Thanks to all the helpers and I hope this Bure z'morge will start a new tradition.

Why not meet at least once a year at this Swiss mad(e) location for REAL food!?

Submitted by Susann Kollmar





NEXT EVENTS ...

Fall Festival at the Kummli FARM !

Saturday October 18th, 2008
1pm – 6pm

The Kummli Farm, 4 Windsor Lodge, Flint Hill, VA 22627 – that is about a 45 minute drive from the beltway.

Join us for a scenic Fall Festival at the farm of Alfred Kummli at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Been there before: you know what a treat it is that Alfred opens up his farm for us. Never been there: don't miss out! Alfred an energetic Swiss built this farm and is a generous host, who can tell many stories.

Enjoy the scenic views of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Join us for a sausage from the grill, hay ride, get-together, back-to-the-roots and fun event. We will have music, games, the Swiss Bakery, Swiss wine, beer, soda, and much more...

Admission includes: sausage, bread and salad

PRE-REGISTRATION (by October 10, 2008)

SwissClub-members: Adults: \$10 / Children (age 5-16): \$5, under age of 5: free

Guests (includes a 7-day membership): Adults \$20 / Children (age 5-16): \$5, under age of 5: free

Be in time with your registration and you will get a free dessert!

AFTER DEADLINE and AT THE GATE

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Please bring your own lawn chairs, *beach umbrellas*, *rain gear*, *mosquito spray*, and *sun screen*! NO RAIN DATE!

As always: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help on the day of the event!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Registration:

Name:

Are you a Swiss Club DC Member: yes / no Phone number:

Email (please write clearly!):

No. of adults: member..... non- member.....

No. of children: <4: 5-16:

Total amount: \$

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Yvonne Worrell Pover, 222 Medlock Lane, Alexandria, VA 22304-7787, tel. 703-370-2600, fax 703-370-2700

NEXT EVENTS ...



86th GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the SWISS CLUB

Friday, November 7th 2008 @ 7 p.m.

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

Food: Pot luck, 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. What is a General Assembly without the Club members? We appreciate you input, ideas and suggestions!

Agenda:

1. Reading and approval of the minutes from the 85th annual membership meeting from November 17, 2007.
2. The President's report
3. The Treasurer's report
4. Election of the 2008 Executive Board.
Please consider your participation.
5. Upcoming Club Activities
6. Membership fees
7. Questions, Miscellaneous
8. Adjournment

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NEXT EVENTS ...

Swiss Club Christmas Party

Embassy of Switzerland
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Sunday, December 14th 2008

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 after dessert Sami Chlaus will visit and will bring 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)!

** 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 2009 © (application on page 3)

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.

Mail your registration form to: Paul Amstad, 3993 High Point Road, Ellicot City, MD 21042

Questions: call Liz at 703-481-5810 (evenings) or 202-745-7939 (daytime)

_____ ✂ _____

Member's name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of adults over 16: _____

Number of children: _____

Childrens' names and ages: _____



FONDUE EVENING 2009

We have tentatively set the date of
Saturday, February 7, 2009
for our annual Fondue gathering.

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