



AGENDA 2009

Saturday, October 10	Fall Festival, Pumpkin carving*	1:00 pm Kumkli Farm
Saturday, October 17	Old Rag Mountain Hike	9:30 am Old Rag Parking Lot
Friday, October 24	Halloween Dance Party*	7:30 pm Swiss Embassy
Saturday, November 7	Raclette Suisse Romande*	7:30 pm Swiss Embassy
Friday, November 13	Annual General Meeting	7:30 pm Swiss Embassy
Sunday, November 29	Grittibenz Baking	3:00 pm Swiss Bakery
Sunday December 6	4 th Jass Tournament	TBA
Sunday December 13	Samichlaus Party	3:00 pm Swiss Embassy

* = Registration Form included in this issue of the Postillion; Events are subject to change

Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

Thanks to the hard work of over seventy volunteers, the hospitality of the embassy, the great catering, music, dancing, raffle, lampions, bonfire and not least, our luck with the weather. We had a fabulous National Day celebration, attended by about six hundred happy people.

Lots of activities will be prepared for children at the Fall Festival at the Kumkli Farm, with pumpkin carving, hayrides, games, food, songs and dance. Thanks again to Alfred who generously hosts this popular festival every year.

Offering something for everyone in our diverse membership, Paul will lead an outing to the Old Rag Mountain where the really serious hikers can test their endurance (for about 5 hours) in incredibly beautiful scenery.

And the fun continues for the whole family at the Halloween Dance party, where you will get rewarded if you come in a costume and may even win a prize (children and adult categories), and dance in good old ballroom fashion to the tunes of everything from traditional waltz to the latest hip-hop.

The next Canton (or regional) evening is also for everybody, not only for the French speaking, although we'll have French music, videos, songs and, of course, the all famous Raclette Vaudoise!

After so many attractions, the Annual General Meeting may appear to be a dry affair even with the traditionally delicious pot luck food. To make it more interesting, we intend to keep the business part very short and instead invite a guest speaker who can initiate a lively discussion on a hot topic.

With a lot of volunteer work, improvisation and home made contributions, we try to keep the fees for all these events very low (about in the range of a movie ticket), so cost should not be an obstacle (if it still is, call me privately). In turn, we hope that our club members and friends view these activities not as consumers expecting everything perfect, but rather as enthusiastic contributors and helpers who simply enjoy getting together frequently, have fun and renew friendships and memories of Switzerland.

Christian Haudenschild

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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Old Rag Mountain Fall Hike

Join us for a fall hike in the beautiful Shannandoh National Park on Saturday, October 17. We meet at the Old Rag Mountain parking lot on SR600/Nethers Road at 9:30 AM.

The Old Rag Mountain hike is one of the most popular hikes in the mid-Atlantic region. With many spectacular panoramic views, and one of the most challenging rock scrambles in the park, this circuit hike is favorite of many hikers. The hike will take about 5.5 hours. Bring your own picnic, food and drinks will not be provided.

For details about the hike and how to get there or changes in case of rain, contact Paul Amstad at pamstad@verizon.net or 410-465-5417 (evening).

To find out more about the hike and get directions (2 hour drive from Washington DC) visit the following website <http://www.hikingupward.com/SNP/OldRag/>



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INSIDE THE CLUB ...



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2009

The membership year runs from January to December

Membership is required to attend club events

Renew early and enjoy a full year of club activities!

Please check appropriate box: New Member Renewal

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

If Swiss National or Swiss Descendent, canton of origin: _____

Last name: _____ First: _____ Date of birth: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Date of birth: _____

List first names of dependent children (under 18) and give year of birth for each:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

E-Mail _____ Occupation: _____

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

Do you wish to receive information and our newsletter by e-mail only? YES / NO (circle your answer)

I will be glad to volunteer to help during a Swiss Club event: YES / NO (circle your answer)

I would be glad to help organize a small Swiss Club event: YES / NO (circle your answer)

Printed Membership List Exclusion

For privacy protection, I request that my name, city and phone number are NOT included in the printed membership list and its future updates.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone: _____

Enclosed is my membership check of \$ _____ for:

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

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

_____ \$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



Fall Festival Sat. Oct. 10, 2009 1pm - 6pm

The Kumkli Farm, 4 Windsor Lodge, Flint Hill, VA 22627

About a 60 minute drive from the beltway. Come early, as traffic gets heavy later in the afternoon.

Join us for a scenic Fall Festival at the farm of Alfred Kumkli 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, pumpkin carving, 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, salad, soda or water, and a small pumpkin for children

There will be a cash bar for H&L beer and Swiss wine

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: (postmarked by October 1, 2009)

Swiss Club members: Adults: \$12 / Children (age 4-12): \$8, under age of 4: free

Guests (includes a 7-day membership): Adults \$20 / Children (age 4-16): \$12, under age of 4: free

Register before the deadline and you will get a free dessert!

AFTER DEADLINE and AT THE GATE

Same price, but you miss out on the free dessert!

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 at the event!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Kumkli Farm Registration:

Name:

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

Email (please write clearly!):

No. of adults: members..... non- members.....

No. of children: <4: 4-12:

Total amount enclosed: \$

Make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington D.C.. Send check (non refundable) and registration to:

Heidi Amstutz, 9907 Trosby Court, Vienna, VA 22181. Questions: (703) 242-4224 (evenings)

NEXT EVENT: Raclette Soirée Suisse Romande +

Raclette Evening Sat, November 7, 2009 7pm Embassy

As the last Fondue/Raclette event was overbooked and the earlier regional evenings (Ticino and Basel, so far) were very popular, we thought that a Raclette alone combined with a touch of the culture west of the Röschtigrabe would be attractive on a cold November evening. The Swiss Bakery will bring enough ovens so we don't have long lines, the beautiful Suisse Romande aerial video will be shown again, maybe a French movie, a new treasure of old Edith Piaf and Georges Brassens songs that we just rescued onto CDs will play, maybe a dance Vaudoise to the music of "La goutte du Dézaley" will be performed, and all songs and other entertainment that our Compatriots Romands can think of will be featured. (Translation: on a besoin des volontaires! Téléphonez Christian 301-251-5808)

Admission includes: raclette all you can eat (with potatoes, silver onions and cornichons)

Swiss Bakery dessert, hot tea

Cash bar for Swiss Fendant, Dôle, and other drinks; Swiss Bakery specialties also available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE postmarked by October 27

Swiss Club-members: Adults \$25, Children 6-12 \$10, under age 6: free

Guests: add \$5 for temporary membership.

NOTE: For safety reasons, the room capacity is 120, requiring registration on a first come first serve basis and no registrations at the door. Please add your email or phone so we can confirm your registration.

Raclette Registration:

Name:.....

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

Email (please write clearly):.....

Number of adults: member:..... non-member.....

Number of children: under 6..... 6-12.....

Total amount: \$.....

Make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington DC and send with this registration form to: Yvonne Pover, 222 Medlock Lane, Arlington VA 22304-7787; yvonne.pover@swissclubdc.org Telephone (703) 370-3303 (evening)



NEXT EVENT: Maskenball

Halloween Costume Ball Sat, Oct. 24, 6pm at Embassy

Last time we had a chance to show our creativity with costumes was at the Basel Fasnacht event more than two years ago. And when was the last time we had real ballroom dancing, from quickstep to waltz to swing, boogie, disco, cha-cha, rumba, tango or whatever the DJ (disk jockey) feels would please the dancers? Well here is the occasion: the Swiss Club Maskenball for young and old, all styles and all talents, just for fun, without competition, except for crowning of the three most original costume presentations (category adults, and category kids as well).

Admission includes:pumpkin pie with whipped cream, finger food, cider, soda or water Beer, Fendant and Dôle, and heavier food are available at the cash bar.

REGISTRATION (postmarked by October 16 at the latest)

Swiss Club-members: Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$10, under age 6: free

Guests \$20 (including \$5 for temporary membership)

NOTE: Everybody in costume: take \$5 off from the registrations above!

Please register early; the number of participants is limited to 80 – first come first serve. No entry without pre-registration.

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Maskenball Registration:

Name:.....

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

Email (please write clearly):.....

Number of adults: member:..... non-member.....

Number of children: under 6..... 6-12.....

Total amount: \$.....

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PAST EVENT...

“Jawohl, das war ein echter Erster August...!”



The Swiss Club of Washington D.C. celebrated Swiss National Day on August 1st at the grounds of the Swiss Embassy in Washington D.C. Enjoying attendance of just over 600 guests on a beautiful and steamy August afternoon, the National Day celebration started at 3 pm and ended with the traditional bonfire and children's lampion parade at dusk. Some notable attractions included traditional Swiss folk dances, Swiss Trachten (traditional attire) and Swiss folk songs with yodeling. Thanks to an infusion of new dancers (many of them enthusiastic members of the embassy), the Swiss Folklore Group held two performances. The group also hosted "Taler schwinge" – musical harmonics created by spinning heavy silver coins in tuned ceramic bowls, and "Fanhne schwinge" – the traditional Swiss art and custom of entertaining via aerial acrobatics in the form of waving and throwing flags. Alternating with these performances, the ten Alte Kamaraden entertained with a live music program composed of most popular Swiss Blasmusik tunes, interspersed with live alphorn melodies ringing down to the pool and bonfire from the top of the embassy grounds. Special festivities for the over 100 children (and their parents) included a moon bounce and swimming in the embassy's open



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pool, as well as face painting and various arts and crafts.

Central to any traditional Swiss National Day celebration lies the “Bratwurst and Bûrli.” Grilled on-site with wood charcoal by The Swiss Bakery, this was a fantastic authentic meal of savory sausage, hard crust “still warm from the oven” buns, potato and carrot salad (with raisins!), and “Nuss gipfel” (hazelnut rolls). The beer from a local microbrewery, Hook and Ladder, tasted almost as good as Feldschlössli, and the wines were genuine Swiss Fendant and Dôle. In addition, rare delicacies such as “Landjäger”, fondue cheese, Tessin bread, Swiss chocolate, Rivella were on sale; Swiss flags, t-shirts, mugs and bottles with white cross on red, pocket knives and countless other souvenirs were available; August 1 celebration pins were offered, a Smart car as well as Swiss designer toys were on display, and aquarels with Swiss scenes by Alfred Moitz were exhibited. All that catering and vending assured that the culinary and many other needs of our homesick compatriots and the numerous friends of Switzerland who attended were well served.

Thanks to the very generous support of a number of key sponsors, the Swiss Club once again was able to offer a fabulous tombola and raffle. One out of three tombola “Löslis” fetched a prize! The bigger raffle prizes included beautiful paintings of Bern and Zürich, a de luxe coffee machine, Swiss army knives doubling as mp3 players, Caran d’Ache pens, designer toys, weekends for two in fabulous hotels and resorts, and gift certificates in some of the capital’s best restaurants. The top raffle prizes were a round trip ticket for two to Switzerland, valued at several thousand dollars, and a first edition envelope with Roger Federer stamps signed by the champion himself, considered to be priceless.





PAST EVENT...

The formal events of the evening started around 5:30 pm with a welcome by the Swiss Club President Christian Haudenschild, followed by an Address by Guillaume Scheurer, Deputy Ambassador and Chargé d'affaires at the embassy, highlighting the many U.S. – Swiss achievements and relationships. Church bell sounds from Herisau introduced the taped address from the president of the Swiss Confederation, Hans-Rudolf Merz, and then all actually joined in the singing of the national anthem, because we had the text printed on the program in four languages. With everybody already standing, we went out to gather around the flag of our canton of origin or simply of our favorite canton, to hear the heartwarming sound of a familiar dialect and to meet new friends, or, as sometimes discovered, old neighbors from x years ago. This "gathering of the cantons" was introduced last year and already became a very popular tradition not in the last because it also includes a toast with fendant generously offered by our ambassador Urs Ziswiler who was at the time in Switzerland to give the National Day speech in his own Heimattort.

After that, things became magic. During the distribution and lighting of over 100 paper lanterns, the children were entertained by a professional magician, and fed with mini toblerones (there were even some extras for the patient parents). A cortege was formed and moved to the tune of a drum and piccolos, played by Nicol and Jeremy, two teenager Beppis who had just arrived from Basel to live in the USA. The lantern procession made its way to the waiting glow of a roaring bonfire, artfully prepared and lit exactly in time by René Binggeli and his team from the embassy. As the night darkened and evening fell over D.C., revelers sang traditional Swiss folk songs in front of the steady glow of the simmering bonfire. It was, as they say, "an ächte Erste August" – an authentic First of August – in every sense of the word. To hear this expressed from the heart was the greatest reward that the over seventy volunteers, some of them preparing tirelessly since early spring, could possibly imagine.

~Claudia Tobler



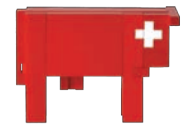
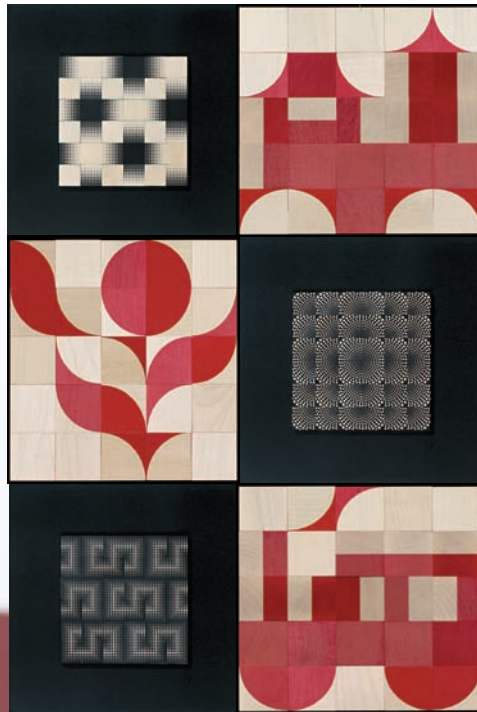


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