



POSTILLION Newsletter



Swiss Club Agenda 2010

Annual General Meeting, Swiss Embassy, Friday, October 15

Swiss Wine Gourmet Dinner, Swiss Bakery, Sunday, October 24

Raclette Evening, Swiss Embassy, Saturday, November 6

4th Jass Tournament with "Saujassen", Swiss Bakery, Sunday, November 14

Grittibenz Baking, Swiss Bakery, Sunday, December 5

Samichlaus Party, Swiss Embassy, Sunday, December 12

Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

The **General Assembly on Friday, October 15th** 7:00pm at the Embassy is coming up shortly, and this is an important one, because we hope to vote on the amended by-laws. Not that there is anything controversial, since when everything works well, no heated discussion is being called for. The changes, the first ones since 2001, are just an adaption to current needs and practices, and better legal language (Claudia Tobler did a wonderful job on that, thanks!). The bulk of changes were available at the last GA, but not voted upon, and the latest version, incorporating all suggestions received this year, is now posted on our web site and will be sent in print to those without access to computers. There are **three vacancies on the Executive Committee** to be filled: one member at large for Paul Amstad, who retires after three years of hard work (thank you and also Beth for your great and always reliable contributions!), one member at large for Adrian Ineichen, who returned to Switzerland (thank you, too, for your short, but effective participation!), and one for a Publicity Officer in charge of the new email and traditional paper Postillions. Please send nominations to Jacqueline or me; you can nominate yourself, and nominations from the floor during the meeting are also acceptable, but require that the candidate offers some background and answers questions.

While we had a great attendance at last year's GA by inviting a speaker, our agenda does not allow enough time for that this year. We hope that this year's rich program and the increased activity overall will attract many more to this upcoming meeting, that will also feature movie and video entertainment and, of course, superb pot luck food that you bring to share with all. Magically, we always had the right mixture of appetizers, entrees, salads and desserts without any further organization or assignments. I'll bring Röschi and Zürcher Gschnätzlets in cream sauce...

See you all at the General Assembly; no registration needed, just come!

Christian Haudenschild, Swiss Club of Washington DC

UPCOMING EVENTS

88th General Assembly Meeting...

When: Friday, October 15th 2010 at 7:00 pm

Where: Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., NW, Washington DC 20008

Food: Pot Luck, bring your own favorite dish! (Microwave available).

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

The board cordially invites you to participate.

We appreciate your input, ideas and suggestions.

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Reading and approval of the minutes from the 2009 assembly
3. The president's report
4. The treasurer's report
5. Reports of Folklore Group, Swiss Rifles, Die Stauffacherin, Jass Group, Swiss Benevolent Society
6. Discussion and vote on amended by-laws few it at:
http://www.swissclubdc.org/documents/Bylaws_ProposedChanges_2010.pdf
7. Elections of 3 new board members
8. Communications: new web site, Postillion, printed phone directory
9. Upcoming Club activities, suggestions for new ones
10. Miscellaneous (Open Discussion / Q & A)
11. Adjournment

Board vacancies:

There are three vacancies on the Executive Committee to be filled:

1. Publicity Officer in charge of the new email & paper Postillions.

2. Member at large to replace Paul Amstad

3. Member at large to replace Adrian Ineichen

Member at Large: Board position without special assignment; a great way to get familiar with the board duties, help out in various activities and eventually choose a specific task later. Please consider participating and call or email your candidacy to the president or to the secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Swiss Club Gourmet Wine Dinner...

Swiss Bakery. Mark your calendars for this multi course dinner with wine.

WHEN: Sunday, October 24, 2010, 4pm - 7pm

WHERE: The Swiss Bakery, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

COST: Members \$50 non-members \$60 - all inclusive
there will be no extra charges for wine, parking or gratuity

MENU: 7-Course Swiss Culinary Dinner with Wine Tasting

Each Course gets served with a taste of a complimenting wine

Apero: Ham Croissants , Mini Quiches, Canapés, Pates

Salad: Grandmothers Salad with Speck, Eggs, Mushrooms, Croutons

First Course: Poached Fish on a White Wine Lemon Sauce

Second Course: Wild Mushroom Risotto

Third Course: Saurer Braten on a Red Wine Sauce with Spätzli and Baby Carrots

Swiss Cheese Platte: Selection of the finest Swiss Cheeses with Zigercrostini

Dessert: Roasted Pear & Almond Tart with Ice Cream; **Coffee & Tea**

Registration for Gourmet Wine Dinner...

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION FEES for Adults (21 and over)

\$50 each Swiss Club Member _____

\$60 each for Non members _____ (You can register for 2010 membership at the event)

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, October 19th.

After Deadline there will be a \$10 additional charge.

Total number of: Adults _____,

Total amount enclosed \$ _____, paid by check # _____

Please make **check payable to: "Swiss Club"** and mail with this registration to:

Swiss Bakery, Reto Weber, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

If you have questions contact me at Reto@theswissbakery.com or 703 624 6880

For late Registration call Reto with your Credit Card.

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Fall Festival at the Kummli Farm...

By Michael Herzfeld

This Sunday, my wife Elke, our 16-year old daughter Leah and I drove down to the Kummli Farm for the annual Swiss Club Outing. The Kummli Farm is nestled in the Shenandoah Valley just outside of Front Royal on Flint Hill.

Mr. Kummli who grew up in Basel, Switzerland, before coming to the States and his wife greeted us very graciously. Christian Haudenschild, the President of the Club was already busy setting up and organizing the events. Reto Weber from the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, Virginia, was manning the grill. The Cervelat and Bratwurst sausages were combined this time with locally grown corn, spare ribs, Reto's famous potato and carrot salads as well as the wonderful bread rolls from the Swiss Bakery.

While it was still raining hard when we got on the Beltway north of Washington, DC and indeed it had rained very early in the morning in Rockville, Maryland, where we live, by the time we turned onto Route 66 and got past Bull Run, the road was dry. And while there was still fog in the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Sun was breaking through the clouds. My wife Elke commented on how much it reminded her of the Jura Mountains south of Basel. It turned out that we had prepared for a rainy day and dressed quite warmly. When we arrived at the farm it was Polo shirt weather.

We walked through the stables past some beautiful horses and chatted with Mr. Kummli and his wife. Mr. Kummli had lost four horses in the recent tragic fire that was reported in the news, including a very promising horse that he was very proud of. Several horses that have been bred and raised on the Kummli farm have done very well in national races, such as the Remington event, and have represented the United States and Canada in the Olympics. Ursula Banzhaf and her helpers from the Swiss Club organized attractions and activities, starting with a pumpkin carving event for the children. There was also an apple bobbing contest, rope tugging, sackgumpen and many other activities for children and adults. Time flew so fast, we didn't even get to the soccer match and the badminton tournament. And then there was a spectacular hay ride.

We had to leave early, so we missed the singing of traditional Swiss songs from the German, French and Italian speaking parts of the country. Of course most Swiss also speak English and some speak a Romanesque language. Yes, the Romans were in Switzerland for many years and called it Helvetia. You may have read about the fierce Helvetic tribes in the works of Julius Caesar on his wars in Gaul. Swiss mercenaries were famous throughout Europe at the time of the Renaissance. Some guarded the Pope in those fighting times, and they still do to this day.

Anyway, before I digress more, it was a lovely outing, a beautiful day, a good day to enjoy good company, superb food and generous hospitality on a Swiss farm in the Shenandoah Mountains.



Pictures from the
Fall Festival at the
Kumpli Farm

