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Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

This year started with much snow and, unfortunately, also with sad news: **Al Moritz and Irmgard Binkert passed away**. Our condolences go to their families as we remember the precious times when we enjoyed to be together with them in our Swiss Club.

After a silent January, the coming year offers many activities, all of the traditional and some new ones, starting with the first **Jass Tournament on February 13** and the very popular **Fondue evening at the Embassy on February 19** with our ambassador and his wife as our honorary guests and the board members as dedicated bread cutters and cheese servers. All you have to do is to fill out the enclosed registration form (first come first serve!) and bring your own caquelon, as well as what you remember of your French language and maybe even a few French songs.

Tentative dates for many more events are also in this Postillion, and if you want to organize your own activity or help with the listed ones, you are very welcome; just give us an email or a call.

Always glad to hear from you, with best wishes

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC

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AGENDA 2011

1st Jass Tournament, Sunday February 13, 1:30pm, Haudenschild Residence
Fondue Evening, Saturday February 19, Swiss Embassy
German Fasching Ball, Saturday March 5, Fairfax VA: see announcement in this Postillion
Swiss Farmers Breakfast, Sunday March 27, Swiss Bakery
Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday April 17, Swiss Embassy
2nd Jass Tournament, Sunday May 1, Zeender Residence
Billy Goat Trail, May 7 or 21
Fahrt ins Blaue, June ?
Swiss National Day, Saturday July 30: Swiss Embassy
3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday September 4 or 11: looking for host
Fall Festival Picnic, September, tbd
Annual General Meeting, October tbd
Raclette Evening, November 5, Swiss Embassy
4th Jass Tournament, November 13?, looking for host
Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 4, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 11, Swiss Embassy
Wine Dinner, tbd

1st Jass Tournament of 2011...



When:

Sunday, February 13th, 1:30pm

Hosted at:

Haudenschild Residence
14036 Natia Manor Drive
North Potomac, MD 20878
301-251-5808

For registration:

Please contact Senta Speight at: 301-530-0699 (H), 202-745-7907 (W), 301-404-4016 (C)

Deadline for registration: February 7th, 2011 (we need tables of 4)

Registration fee: \$5.00 per person, collected at the Jass

Fondue Evening...



We invite you to our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner. Please bring your own caquelon, rechaud, burner and forks along.

When: Saturday, February 19th, 2011, 6pm

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

Admission includes:

Swiss Cheese Fondue, all you can eat, dessert, water, sodas, coffee & tea.

Cash bar will be open for Beer & Wine.

Registration form on next page

Registration for Fondue Evening...

Name(s): _____

Are you a Swiss Club DC Member for 2011?: yes / no

Phone/Cell: _____

If you have access to a computer, please note e-mail address _____

REGISTRATION FEES

\$25 each Swiss Club Member Adults _____

\$10 each Swiss Club Member Children (age 6 to 12) _____

Guests (of a member) add \$10

Total # of adults: _____, Total # of children _____,

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

Registration Deadline is Tuesday, February 14th.

Do you need to carpool? **yes / no**

Are you willing to pick up members with transportation issues? **yes / no**

Not a Swiss Club Member for 2011? We'll have forms at the event; please register as guest and then renew/sign up at the entrance. Your extra \$10 will be credited towards the 2011 membership fee.

Make **check payable** to Swiss Club of Washington DC and send with this registration form to: Yvonne Pover, 222 Medlock Lane, Arlington VA 22304; ypover@pover.com Telephone 703-370-2600

NOTE: For safety reasons, the room capacity is 120 persons, 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.

Swiss Benevolent Society calling for help...

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington would like to ask you to contribute to its charitable cause. The Society, founded in 1865, is one of several similar Swiss organizations in the U.S. that has as the sole objective to assist Swiss who encounter financial difficulties. Additionally, in 1980 a scholarship program was initiated to help qualified Swiss and descendants, with at least one Swiss grandparent, with their educational expenses.

Assistance to individuals in need, and attention to elderly and shut-ins is a continuing effort with the Scholarship Program as a major focus. To accomplish these goals, it has been a long-standing policy to maintain a strong asset base, which is allowed to slowly grow with inflation, and expending only the annual earnings from its holdings, and annual donations. With last year's precipitous drop in earnings from investments the need for donations has become especially critical. The goal of granting 3 or 4 scholarships a year totaling around \$7,000 will be difficult to meet without many small and large donations

The Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization allowing contributions to be fully tax deductible. Board of Trustee members are volunteers, and there are literally no overhead expenses, which means that all contributions flow directly to those in need.

The Board of Trustees again wishes to thank the Swiss Club and the Stauffacherin for their generous donations last year, and now would like to ask for your personal response to this 2011- call for help. Checks made out to the Swiss Benevolent Society should be mailed to: Alfred Kessi, Treasurer SBS, 8 High Pond Drive, Newark, DE 19711

Many Thanks, The Board of Trustees

Members Corner...

This section is created for anything such as recommendations, hints, thank yous, congratulations, requests, suggestions for discussion or activities, historical reminiscences etc.

Egon Binkert, a Swiss Club member for over 50 years, lost his wife Irmgard on January 14th 2011. Irmgard died of a heart ailment. The Binkerts came to America in 1953 and through hard work established Binkert's Sausage business. Their products are delivered to many embassies and as far away as North Carolina. For years the Swiss Club enjoyed the Fleischkaese and sausages along with Irmgard's potato salad on the 1. August. Irmgard was 92 years old. The Binkerts were married for 57 years. We are lucky to still be able to enjoy Binkert's sausages at our events. (Condolence address: 148 Dumbarton Rd., Baltimore MD 21212) Anneli F.

Our beloved builder and artist Alfred Moritz passed away January 8th after a brief illness. We met on a Billy Goat hike, falling a bit behind, having a lot of time for talking, when he told me some amazing stories of his eventful life. It sounded to me so interesting that I asked him whether he would write a book, and he said he did. It is available in print (Survival in WWII, 1933–1944, © 2000 Alfred Moritz, 6413 Tilden Ln, Rockville MD 20852, USA), and for those with access to a computer, at www.survivalinwwii.com. Thank you, Al, for your wonderful work, for the talks we had, and for the beautiful aquarells of Swiss towns and landscapes you exhibited and donated at the National Day; they will be a lasting memory. Christian H.


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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2011

The membership year runs from January to December.

Membership is required to attend club events.

New Member Renewal Swiss National Swiss Descendant Friend of Switzerland

If a Swiss National or Descendant, canton of origin: _____

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

Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Date of birth: _____

Dependent children (under 18) and year of birth for each:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell phone: _____ Business phone: _____ Occupation: _____

E-Mail _____

Optional second newsletter to this email (family members only) _____

Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

I have **no access to a computer** and would like to receive the newsletter by regular mail **YES**

I would like to **volunteer** or help organize a Swiss Club event: **YES**

I would like to be included in the club's printed membership **telephone directory**: **YES** **NO**

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

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

_____ \$35.00 Single membership _____ \$15.00 Student or Au Pair

_____ \$15.00 Single senior citizen (65+) _____ \$25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Make check payable to **Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. Mail to:**

**Eveline Roberts, Swiss Club of Washington, 14624 Chesterfield Road,
Rockville MD 20853**

My favorite club events: Fondue/Raclette dinner ___ Wine Tasting ___ Walking/hiking ___ Films ___ Fall
Festival ___ Cultural Evening ___ Christmas Party ___ Other _____

Comments and suggestions are very welcome!



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