



July 2011 Print Edition

Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

The **Billy Goat Trail** was flooded, yet a smaller group of brave hikers mastered the easier but muddy B trail and had a lot of fun. Thanks to Paul, Beth and their helpers for the organization. The **Fahrt ins Blaue** was a bit too blue, too new, too ambitious or maybe too expensive and on a conflicting date with a lot of other activities; despite of Ben's careful preparation, we had a grand total of one (1) registration and had to cancel the event. Nevertheless, we'll try to offer other new things in the future, so our Club life will not end up in a boring routine. For example, Alexi's **Kaffee Klatsch** offering good company and chat in any of our national languages had a very good start; look for the announcement for the next one in this Postillion. Also, our Folklore Group was well represented and honored at the **Eidgenoessische Jodlerfest in Interlaken**, Switzerland: it's worth to ask somebody with a computer to show you the CNN report containing interviews with Ursula and Erwin here: <http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-624002?ref=email> .

And folklore will have center stage at our **Swiss National Day** Celebration Saturday July 30, opening 3pm at the Swiss embassy (see registration form in this Postillion). Our special guests from Helvetia in West Virginia come with at least 20 singers, jodlers, dancers, fahnen and taler schwingers and alphorn players, joining our own Folklore Group for great performances, in addition to a fife and drum corps leading the lampion parade and practicing specific Swiss (Basel) tunes for the occasion. All traditional attractions are there as well: the great food, pool, raffle, tombola, children's corner, sounds and speeches from home, a toast from the ambassador, meeting friends at the canton flags, Swiss souvenirs and specialties (yes, we have new t-shirts embroidered with the Club logo), and of course the big bonfire. Spread the word and sign up early; we are looking forward to this biggest event of the year.

Until then, with best regards

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC

Swiss Club Agenda for 2011...

Swiss National Day, Saturday July 30: Swiss Embassy

Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday August 13, Cafe Nicole, Alexandria

3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday in September

Fall Festival Picnic with Swiss Rifles, September 11: Thurmont, MD

Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday October 8, ?

Annual General Meeting, October tbd

Raclette Evening, November 5, Swiss Embassy

4th Jass Tournament, November 13, Swiss Bakery

Metzgete, November 13, Swiss Bakery

Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 4, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 11, Swiss Embassy

Who is willing to help with a new Event? Please contact Reto at tel. 703-624-6880

Swiss National Day Celebration on Saturday, July 30, 2011...

Come and celebrate the Swiss National Day with us at the Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008

When: Saturday, July 30, 2011, Doors open at 3:00 pm until dark. No rain date.

**Swiss Food & Music - Bonfire - Alphorns -
Lampion Parade with Historic Drums and Fifes -
Performances by Swiss Folklore Group and our special guests from
Helvetia, WV - Swiss Wines - Beer Garden - Swiss Bakery - Souvenirs
- Super Raffle Prizes - Tombola - Flag Swinging - The Ambassador's
Swimming Pool -
Kids' Corner - Moon Bounce - T-Shirts -**

Entrance fee also includes:

Swiss sausage meal, salads, dessert and a beverage.

Children (age 2 to 12 years of age) will receive a Swiss lampion.

Bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, suit for the pool, and sun screen!

The bonfire will be lit for the lampion parade at 8:15 pm.

PRE-REGISTRATION by July 19, 2011

Swiss Club members: Adults: \$20 / Children ages 2 to 12: \$10

Non members and guests, including a 7-day membership: Adults: \$30 / Children ages 2 to 12: \$15,

REGISTRATION AFTER July 19, 2011 and AT THE GATE

Swiss Club members: Adults: \$25 / Children ages 2 to 12: \$15

Non members and guests including a 7-day membership: Adults: \$35 / Children ages 2 to 12: \$20

Swiss National Day 2011 Registration Form...

Names: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION FEES	before July 19	after July 19
____ Adults (ages 12 and over)	\$20 each	\$25 each
____ Children (ages 2 to 12)	\$10 each	\$15 each
____ Adult guests	\$30 each	\$35 each
____ Children guests	\$15 each	\$20 each

Children under 2 years of age are free. Food and lampion purchases separately.

Sign up as a VOLUNTEER! We need help for set up and cleaning, Tombola/Raffle, beverage bar. Volunteers get free admission and meal in return for a 3 hour commitment. To volunteer, please contact Eric Russi, telephone [301-585-5844](tel:301-585-5844) (evenings). Tickets will be mailed with your paid tickets or will be waiting at the volunteer desk according to Eric's instructions.

Total number of tickets: Adults _____, Children _____, Volunteers _____

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

Only checks accepted. Please make check payable to: "Swiss Club" and enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope to receive tickets by mail.

Mail Registration to:

Eric Russi, "Swiss National Day", 2100 Washington Avenue, Apt. 6D, Silver Spring, MD 20910

NEW... Kaffee-Klatsch to practice Swiss language...

Kaffee/Café/Caffè Hour - Come join us for an hour of coffee and conversation, in a Swiss language! This is an opportunity for those beginners who want to practice their language skills, native speakers who want to socialize and help others learn, and for everyone in between. Sit at the French table, the Italian table, or the Swiss-German table...

Our next Kaffee-Klatsch will be held at **Cafe Nicole, 1125 Queen Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2450**, (tel (703) 717-9740) on **Saturday, August 13th at 9am**. We will schedule more events the 2nd Saturday of every other month and move the location to cafes around the DC metro area. The event itself is informal and free, so we encourage you to support our gracious hosts by enjoying their delicious beverages and treats.

Please contact [Alexis Sullivan](#) with any questions and to register. She can be reached at **703-774-3132**. Although there is no cost to participate, we'd like you to sign up by August 10th so we know how many people to expect. Just tell her your name and how many people will attend. Looking forward to talking over coffee very soon!



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