



# POSTILLION NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

despite superb (pot luck) food, free drinks, and special guests (our new consul Eduard Krall and his spouse), the **General Assembly** seems to be unable to attract much more than some thirty members. Optimistically, I interpret this as a sign that everything runs smoothly. Indeed, thanks to the great team work by the board and many other volunteers, we had a great year, with many successful traditional and new events, a stable membership and finances so solid that we could decide to **decrease the membership fees** for families and single members by five dollars! Our policy seems to work that events are priced as low as possible, just to break more or less even, and that the free events such as the Easter egg hunt and the Samichlaus dinner are financed by the proceeds of the raffle and tombola at the National Day, with much appreciated prizes from generous donors. Great savings also come from the distribution of the Postillion by email exactly on the first day of every month (except for some thirty hand printed issues), and better communications by the much improved web site, for which Reto Weber and Hannes Hofer deserve great credit.

Thanks also for the contributions by the two board members who are leaving (Lukas Sieber and Jacqueline Ebell), and even more thanks to the board members who served to the end of their mandatory three year term in a specific board function (president, first and second vice president, event coordinator and publicity officer), but will stay on the board to continue with different charges. Welcoming three new members (Martin Perret, Heidi Amstutz and Alexis Sullivan), a dream team was elected to serve next year:

Reto Weber, president  
Christian Haudenschild, past president  
Martin Perret, first vice president  
Eric Russi, second vice president  
Heidi Amstutz, secretary  
Eveline Roberts, treasurer and membership  
Rossana Delucchi, publicity officer  
Alexis Sullivan, event coordinator  
Ursula Banzhaf, folklore group representative  
Sabine Jenkins, Swiss Embassy liaison  
Yvonne Worrell Power, member at large  
Hisham Shaheen, member at large  
Benjamin Arthur, member at large

In addition, without being on the board, Pete Amstutz will serve as auditor, and Johannes Hofer will be our web master. With this team, we have both continuity and new people with new ideas, and we can look forward to a great next year. Congratulations to all!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the four remaining, very popular events this year,

Until then, yours

Christian Haudenschild

## Raclette Evening...

**Registration Deadline for print edition recipients is Thursday, Nov. 4**

We invite you to our traditional and very popular Swiss Raclette Dinner.

**When: Saturday, November 5th, 2011 at 6pm**

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

### Admission includes:

Raclette all you can eat (with potatoes, Buendner fleisch, silver onions & cornichons) dessert, water, sodas, coffee and hot tea. Cash bar will be open for Beer and Swiss Wine.

## Registration for Raclette Evening...

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if available; please write clearly!): \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES for Swiss Club members:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (12 and over): \$25 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$10 each

### REGISTRATION FEES for Guests accompanied by members:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (12 and over): \$35 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (ages 4 to 12): \$15 each

**Registration Deadline for recipients of the print edition of the Postillion is Friday, November 4. Call Jacqueline at 202-330-3974 for availability.**

**Not a Swiss Club Member?** You can register for now through the end of calendar year 2012 at the entrance

Total number of: Adults \_\_\_\_\_, Children \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please make **check payable** to "Swiss Club of Washington DC" and send with this registration form to: Jacqueline Ebell, 1525 44th Street NW, Washington DC 20007.

Tel. 202-330-3974

**NOTE:** For safety reasons, the room capacity is 110 persons, requiring registration on a first come first serve basis and no registrations at the door. Please don't forget to add your email or phone so we can confirm your registration.

### ***4th Jass Tournament 2011...***

**When:** Sunday, November 13th at 1:30pm

**Hosted by:**

The Swiss Bakery  
5224 Port Royal Road  
Springfield, VA 22151

**Registration fee:**

\$5.00 per person

**For registration:**

Please contact Senta Speight

at: [senta.speight@swissclubdc.org](mailto:senta.speight@swissclubdc.org)

301-530-0699 (H), 202-745-7907 (W), 301-404-4016 (C)

**Deadline for registration:** November 9, 2011 (first come first serve)



### ***Metzgete Dinner...***

We invite you to our Metzgete Dinner held after the 4th Jass Tournament.

**WHEN: Sunday, November 13, 2011: Dinner at 5pm, after the Jass**

Registration form for the dinner next page. You can register for the dinner (or Jass, see above) only, or for both.

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

**METZGETE MENU:**

Blood Sausages, Liver Sausages, Schueblig, Buurebratwurst mit Zwiebelsauce, Jagdwurst, Kasseler, Speck, Potato, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Bread, cold Beverages, Dessert with Coffee & Tea. Cash bar will be open for Beer and Swiss Wine.

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### ***Members Corner...***

This section is created for anything such as recommendations, hints, thank yous, congratulations, requests, suggestions for discussion or activities, historical reminiscences etc. Please send your articles to Swiss Club DC attn. Reto Weber, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22151.

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a new group, the Swiss Club Newcomers, to assist with welcoming newcomers to our club.

The **Newcomers groups** purpose is:

- to assist Swiss Club newcomers to the DC area identify and feel more at home with their new community,
- to connect new members with existing members in order to share local community information,
- to welcome newcomers at Swiss Club social activities,
- to stimulate new associations and friendships through shared social activities.

Please contact Lylla Childress at [lyllachildress@yahoo.com](mailto:lyllachildress@yahoo.com) or at 202-525-2135 to volunteer.

## Registration for Metzgete Dinner...

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**Registration Deadline is Tuesday, November 9th.** After this date call Eveline.

Total # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_, Children \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

[eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org](mailto:eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org) tel: 301-460-9571

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## Swiss Club Agenda for 2011...

**Raclette Evening**, November 5, 6 pm, Swiss Embassy

**4th Jass Tournament**, November 13, 1:30 pm, Swiss Bakery

**Metzgete**, November 13, 5 pm, Swiss Bakery

**Grittibenz Baking**, Sunday December 4, 1 pm, Swiss Bakery

**Samichlaus Party**, Sunday December 11, 4 pm, Swiss Embassy

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

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## About other Swiss Groups....

**Swiss Rifles:** Walter Braendli, 302-995-1035

**Swiss Folklore Group:** Erwin Buerlimann, 703-548-6349

**Die Stauffacherin:** Regula Guess, Johanna Steinhauser, 301-656-0112

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## Bake your own Grittibenz...

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**When:** Sunday, December 4th, 2011 from 1 to 3 pm

**Where:** The Swiss Bakery and Pastry Shop  
5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

Join us for an afternoon of holiday baking, hot cider, cookies, and fine company. Each participant will be able to make at least one Grittibenz. Light refreshments will be served while all the Grittibenz get baked.



Participate in this truly unique Swiss tradition! Every year, local bakeries in Switzerland offer Grittibenz for sale to be enjoyed on St. Nicholas Day (December 6th). Join us to make your very own Grittibenz at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield. What is this little man, one might ask? We can say for certain that a Grittibenz is made from a very lightly sweetened Zopf dough and tastes delicious. Usually pretty simple in design, the shape of a Grittibenz in the end is only limited by the baker's imagination. But where did this man come from? Here, our information becomes a little bit less certain. Some say the Grittibenz originally came from the German speaking central plain, the Basel and Neuchatel area, and that "Gritti" refers to the figure's legs being apart and Benz is the short form for Benedikt. There is some dispute about how far back he dates, but he has definitely been known since the 16th century. It's most widely believed that the Grittibenz represents Santa Claus in a very simplified form.

**Hurry, first come first serve, space is limited.**

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Name(s) and age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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