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Message from the President

Dear Swiss Club Members:

organizing an event in our Club is fun and also rewarding, as it brings people together, establishing new contacts and friendships. For new types of activities, however, there is always a question whether there is enough interest and whether anybody will show up. We had to cancel an event because there was only one registration (other than the organizers themselves), and on the Monday before our recent **Fall Festival**, we had six registrations plus some twenty hosting and organizing volunteers. Yet this picnic ended up with over eighty participants, all very excited about the pumpkin decorations and other children's activities led by Claudia, Jacqueline and Ursula, the hit or miss shooting with the Cowboys, the precision target shooting that yielded amazingly high scores under the patient guidance of the members of the Swiss Rifles, our hosts, and of course the always delicious food prepared by Reto, Laurie and Regula. Thanks to all hosts, organizers and volunteers; there was an unanimous consent that we'll do that again next year.

Now the **General Assembly Friday, October 7**, 7pm at the Embassy is not a new and unknown activity; in fact it is the 89th time that this meeting takes place. Yet we always have rather low numbers of participants despite all our efforts to offer something interesting, keep the business short and efficient, and have an overall pleasant and even entertaining gathering with delicious pot luck food. That's why there is not even a need for registration, because the more members come, the more food will be available, and miraculously, we always have a perfect mixture of appetizers, main dishes, salads and desserts without making any coordination (but I promise to bring Röschi). So please come; this assembly is both important and fun!

Until then, yours

Christian Haudenschild,
President, Swiss Club of Washington DC
301-251-5808 (leave a message)

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.

89th General Assembly Meeting

Our Annual General Assembly Meeting is coming up and we would like to fill all open positions prior to the meeting. The meeting will take place at 7pm on Friday, October 7th, at the Swiss Embassy

When: Friday, October 7th 2011 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 & approval of minutes from 2010 assembly
3. The president's report
4. The treasurer's report
5. Reports of Folklore Group, Swiss Rifles, Die Stauffacherin, Jass Group, SwissBenevolent Society
6. Elections of new board members
7. Communications: web site, Postillion, printed phone directory
8. Upcoming Club activities, suggestions for new ones
9. Miscellaneous (Open Discussion / Q & A)
10. Adjournment

Looking for new Board Members/Coordinators...

We invite all interested Swiss Club members to step forward and join the 2012 Executive Committee. The following positions are open:

President, Secretary, Program Coordinator, Publicity Officer, Jass Coordinator, Coordinator/Organizer of Swiss National Day, Coordinators of Special Events (such as Fondue/Raclette evenings, Easter Egg Hunt, Xmas party, etc.)

Are you interested in helping out? Please feel free to contact our outgoing president Christian Haudenschild or Reto Weber with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Christian at 301-251-5808
Reto at 703-624-6880

Kaffee-Klatsch to practice Swiss language...

Kaffee/Café/Coffee Hour

Come join us for an hour of coffee and conversation! This is an informal gathering of people who want to nibble on delicious pastry, sip good coffee, and talk... or just listen. All skill levels are welcome and we have had native speakers as well as beginners with dictionaries join us. Come talk about travel, food, history, or anything that interests you and your group. Sit at the French, Italian, or Swiss-German table, or spend time at each if you just can't choose...



The next Coffee Hour is at the **Le Pain Quotidien, 7140 Bethesda Ave., in Bethesda, MD 20814**, on **Saturday, October 8th at 9am**. There is free parking on Saturday at the county Elm Street Garage on the same side of the block close to Woodmont Ave. The parking garage right next to the cafe is pay parking.

Although the event is free of charge, we'd like you to sign up by October 6th so we know how many people to expect. Just let us know how many are coming and what language you'd like to speak. Please contact Alexis Sullivan with any questions and to register. She can be reached at **703-774-3132**. If you are not sure you can plan ahead, feel free to appear at the last moment... Looking forward to talking over coffee very soon!

Swiss Club Agenda for 2011...

Annual General Meeting, October 7, 7pm, Swiss Embassy

Kaffee Klatsch, Sat. Oct. 8, 9am, Café Le Pain Quotidien, 7140 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda MD

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

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

Swiss Benevolent Society: Campbell Graeb, 301-652-2007

Board Members and Coordinators

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Fall Festival Picnic Pictures



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: _____

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 is Tuesday, November 1st 2011.

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 120 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.



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Kaffeklatsch, General Assembly
Raclette Evening Print Registration

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