



POSTILLION NEWSLETTER

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Swiss Club Agenda for 2012

Spring Bike Ride, April 21
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday May 12
Billy Goat Trail, May 19
2nd Jass Tournament, Sunday May/June: Roberts Residence
Fahrt ins Blaue, in June
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday July 14, Swiss Bakery
Swiss National Day, Saturday July 28, Swiss Embassy
3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday in August/September: Suitor Residence
Fall Picnic with Swiss Rifles, Sunday September 9, Thurmont, MD
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday September 22
Annual General Meeting, Friday October 12 or 19, Swiss Embassy
Metzgete, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
4th Jass Tournament, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
Raclette Evening, November 10, Swiss Embassy
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday November 17
Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 2, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 9, Swiss Embassy

Message from the President...

Grüezi Swiss Club Members

We had a very busy March with many great events which gave me the opportunity and pleasure to meet a lot of you. Thank you for attending our events, without you we could not do it.

The **Kaffee Klatsch** is working out great, especially for newer members to check us out and hear about our activities. The first **Jass** was held at the home of Christian and Changting Haudenschild. Thank you for being a great host! It was a fun afternoon. With the **Farmers Breakfast** we learned that our Swiss Club members like to sleep in on Sundays... therefor we changed the seating from 8am to 12noon and we had 2 packed houses with lots of great food and company. Yesterday we had our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Embassy for our youngsters. Thank you, Claudia and Rossana, for keeping this tradition in place.

Looking forward into April we introduce a new event - a bike spring ride. Everybody who has a bike, new or old - street or mountain bike, take your bike out from the winter storage and come along for a ride. We will meet in Leesburg and ride along the W&OD Trail to Purcellville where we have lunch.

Wish everybody a happy Easter. Best regards,

Reto Weber

Spring Bike Ride

Join us for a bike ride!

Join us for a spring bike ride along the Washington & Old Dominion Trail and then lunch in Purcellville. The ride will start in Leesburg, for the 10 miles, just slightly uphill, to Purcellville. The ride will take about 40 min for well trained riders, and about 60 min for others or children. We will have lunch at Magnolias Restaurant and return at your own leisure. Any type of bike will do, but a road bike may be best. Please make sure you have water, a helmet, and an air pump.



Since this is a weather dependent event, we may have to cancel at the last minute. For last minute updates or for any questions, please contact Martin directly on his mobile phone at 703-203-9014.

When:

Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 11am

Rain Date: Saturday, April 28 at 11am

Starting point:

Parking lot along the W&OD (20 miles round trip)

Lunch:

Magnolias

198 North 2st Street

Purcellville, VA 20132

Registration for the Bike Ride

Registration for this event is not required, however, if you let us know you are coming, we will know to expect you. There is no cost for this event, other than purchasing your own lunch at Magnolia's restaurant. You also have the option of bringing your own picnic lunch and finding a shady spot under a tree.

RSVP to: Martin Perret, 5604 Inverchapel Road, Springfield, VA 22151, Tel. 703-321-3021.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

RSVP should include:

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email (please write clearly): _____

of adults: _____ # of children: _____

Swiss Benevolent Society 2012 Scholarship Program

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington D.C. 2012 Scholarship Program has commenced. Awards may be made in an amount of up to \$2000 each. Assistance to qualified applicants will be given to obtain a post high school education in any field of endeavor, for any formal educational instruction, including vocational school, at any domestic or foreign institution. Applicants must be Swiss Nationals, or be of proven Swiss descent, with a least one grandparent of Swiss nationality. Applicants must be legal residents of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area or the Swiss settlement of Helvetia, West Virginia for at least one year prior to the start of classes. Proof of residency is required. High emphasis will be placed on financial need of scholastically qualified individuals.

Applications may be obtained by sending request to the Swiss Benevolent Society, Regula Bolliger Guess, 11505 Hornfair Court, Potomac, MD 20854. Completed applications, with all supporting material, must be submitted by July 1, 2012.

The Swiss Benevolent Society was founded in 1865 as a charitable organization to help Swiss or descendents of Swiss living in the Washington, DC area who are in need of assistance. In addition to annually awarding scholarships, help is extended to Swiss who are ill or need assistance. If you know of someone who is in need of help, we ask that you contact Society at the address below or call Campbell Graeub at 301-652-2007.

The Society is no longer a membership organization that collects annual dues. It depends, therefore, entirely on donations and the income from its nominal reserve fund. Your financial support is respectfully requested. Contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's Charitable and Scholarship Programs, please complete the contribution form below. The Society wishes to express sincere appreciation to local Swiss for their past support; a special thank you to those members of the local Swiss community who make annual contributions. Without your support, the Society's work would not be possible.

We have received a generous donation from a long-standing Swiss Club member, Monique F. Price ,who lives at Westminster in Lade Ridge, Va. The Board of Trustees has decided to name one of this year's scholarships in her Swiss Maiden Name, **The Monique Fuerst Honorary Scholarship.**

Swiss Benevolent Society Contribution

I/We wish to support the Swiss Benevolent Society Charitable and Scholarship Program. Please make checks payable to the Swiss Benevolent Society and mail to address below. Thank you for your contribution.

Swiss Benevolent Society
Attention: Regula Bolliger Guess
11505 Hornfair Court
Potomac, MD 20854

Name: _____

Address: _____



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Swiss Club Quiz

Every month we try to find a sponsor for a prize.

The April prize are 5 100g Lindt Chocolate bars donated by the German Gourmet.

We want to thank our sponsor "German Gourmet" for this generous and delicious donation. Contact us if you wish to be a quiz sponsor.

April Question: A little garden of a little Swiss girl...Somewhere in the Swiss alps there is a mountain with a unique glacier formation that is almost square shaped and is therefore called "[somebody's] little garden".

That "somebody" is a little girl with the same name like another girl who has become symbolic of Switzerland and is pictured on a Swiss gold coin, but no, it's not Heidi, nor is it Helvetia.

Quiz: What is the name of that girl? In which Swiss Canton is that mountain located? Why did that mountain look very different 50 years ago?



Mail your answer to Reto Weber, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield VA 22151; tel 703-321-3670

The winner will be announced in the May Postillion.

Keep on participating, there are very nice prizes coming ahead.

Winner of the March Quiz is **Margrit Zeender**, you may pick up your prize at the Swiss Bakery. Congratulations Margrit! The correct answer was: The Canton of Valais