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## Swiss Club Agenda for 2012

**Kaffee Klatsch**, Saturday January 21, Swiss Bakery,  
**Fondue Evening**, Saturday February 11, Swiss Embassy  
**German Fasching Ball**, Saturday February 18, Fairfax VA  
**Kaffee Klatsch**, Saturday March 10, Café Nicole, Alexandria  
**Swiss Farmers Breakfast**, Sunday March 18 or 25, Swiss Bakery  
**Easter Egg Hunt**, Sunday April 1, Swiss Embassy  
**Spring Bike Ride**, in April  
**Kaffee Klatsch**, Saturday May 12  
**Billy Goat Trail**, May 19  
**Fahrt ins Blaue**, in June  
**Kaffee Klatsch**, Saturday July 14  
**Swiss National Day**, Saturday July 28, Swiss Embassy  
**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  
**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

**1st Jass Tournament**, Sunday March 18, Haudenschild Residence  
**2nd Jass Tournament**, Sunday May/June: looking for host  
**3rd Jass Tournament**, Sunday in August/September: looking for host  
**4th Jass Tournament**, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery

Who is willing to help with a new event?

Please contact Alexis at 703-774-3132, [alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org](mailto:alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org)

### About other Swiss Groups....

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## Message from the President...

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

It is a great honor for me to become your new Swiss Club President. After the outstanding Presidency of Christian Haudenschild, we will have to work hard to continue our active Swiss Club. In order to do this, we need not just a strong group of board members and volunteers; we need YOU our Swiss Club Members!

We are working on the **2012 calendar**, please take a look and mark your agenda with events you like to attend. I look forward to seeing you at one of our next events, the Kaffee Klatsch on January 21, the very popular Fondue evening on February 11, or at the first Jass Tournament.

I would like to remind you it's that time of the year to renew your membership. Eveline Roberts our membership coordinator and treasurer has given you direction below on how to do that. Please note that we have **reduced some of our membership fees** this year!

I wish you all a very successful and peaceful New Year!

Sincerely yours,

Reto Weber

Swiss Club of Washington DC

I would like to hear from you, call me at 703-624-6880, [reto.weber@swissclubdc.org](mailto:reto.weber@swissclubdc.org)

## Membership Dues...

Dear Members of the Swiss Club,

As you know our membership year runs on a calendar basis, which means that January is the time for us to remind you to send in your 2012 dues. For 2012 we are able to offer a **reduced membership fee for both families and singles** of \$45.00 and \$30.00 respectively. You will also notice that we have redesigned the membership form so that as a renewing member (with unchanged information) you need only fill out the spaces/lines with an asterisk. Please take the time now to fill out the enclosed renewal form (see next page) and send it with your check through the mail today. Thank you to those of you who have already paid your 2012 dues.

Also, for those of you who wish to place an ad on our website membership in the Swiss Club will get you a preferred fee of \$75.00 as opposed to \$100.00 for non-members.

Don't hesitate to write to me at [eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org](mailto:eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org) or call me at 301-460-9571 with any questions regarding your membership status.

Bonne Année et a bientôt, j'espère.

Eveline Roberts

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# SWISS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2012

The membership year runs from January to December. Membership is required to attend club events. (check [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org) for activity calendar)

Renewal (\* if no changes, only last name, first name, signature and date are needed)

New Member  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: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of dependent children (under 18) and year of birth for each (for Family membership)

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 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 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. , and mail to:**

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## Board Members and Coordinators 2012

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### Kaffee Klatsch to practice our Swiss language...

Come join us for the first Kaffee Klatsch of the year! 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.

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 **Swiss Bakery, Ravensworth Shopping Center, 5224 Port Royal Road, in Springfield, VA 22151** on **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am**. Although the event is free of charge, we'd like to know if you're coming! 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 [alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org](mailto:alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org) or 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 Film Sennentuntschi: Curse of the Alps, East Coast Premiere...

**The Goethe Institute is showing this Swiss movie from January 20 - 26:**

In a remote mountain village in the spectacular Swiss Alps, the town's lone policeman, Sebastian Reusch (Nicolas Ofczarek), has things under control. But when the sudden and mysterious appearance in 1975 of a beautiful mute woman (Roxane Mesquida) coincides with the hanging death of a priest, the townspeople turn hostile. It is up to Reusch to discover if she's the living embodiment of a demonic tradition amongst lonely herdsmen. Part police procedural, part supernatural thriller and all white knuckle shocker, *Sennentuntschi* was shot by co-writer and director Michael Steiner in 2008, but the loss of funding prior to post-production delayed completion until 2010-when it opened the Zürich Film Festival and was subsequently released by the Swiss branch of Disney to strong local interest. Steiner's skill with genre elements marks him a director to watch.

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## Swiss Club Christmas Dinner...

By Heidi Amstutz

The celebration of Christmas begins in Switzerland with the "pursuit of Saint Nicholas" Klausjagen. On December 6th in the village of Kussnacht near Lake Lucerne, 200 or so marchers carry huge bishop's hats (about 6 feet tall) decorated to look like lace pattern with a candle inside. Men and women wear the hats and participate in the parade, escorting Saint Nicholas through the town. Heavy bells are carried through the streets. Horn blowing and brass bands add to the festivities.

Our Swiss Club of Washington cannot replicate such a street parade. However, on the second Sunday in December we celebrated a wonderful Feast of St. Nicholas at the Swiss Embassy. Numerous elves decorated the tree and tables and created a festive atmosphere for members of all ages.

As the participants gathered expectantly, all joined in singing traditional Christmas Carols, while the children excitedly awaited and prepared for Santa's arrival. Santa had encouraged the children to say a poem, sing a song, or draw a picture. Jolly Saint Nick was very happy and generous with his followers.

Where a few Swiss are gathered, delicious food and drink will be served! This year, Reto and Laurie from the Swiss Bakery prepared a delicious meal, Schinken im Teig (ham in a blanket), and fabulous desserts, including a traditional bread pudding. It was so nice to meet new members, talk to familiar ones, and happily mingle among our Swiss friends.

THANK YOU to each and every one for your participation, your generous help, and enthusiasm to help the Swiss Club end the year on such a festive note. A special thank-you goes to the Swiss embassy staff and the club's board members for preparing and hosting our activities all through the year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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