

Postillion Newsletter December 2013

by Rossana Delucchi



Message from the President

Grüezi Swiss Club Members

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, happily preparing for the holidays.

November brought with it a record attending and very successful **Raclette Evening** with silent and live auction, raising over \$2629 for the Swiss Benevolent Society. It is always good to see the spirit of giving among our Swiss Family. Please read more about the Raclette evening below from Michael Herzfeld.

December is a very busy month not just for the Swiss Club to celebrate the holidays. We start off with our traditional **Grittibenz** baking afternoon at The Swiss Bakery on December 1st. Our year end event is our annual **Samichlaus Christmas Party**, on December 15th at the Embassy. Please register promptly since this event is only for active Swiss Club members.

Wishing all of you Happy HO HO Holidays!

Reto Weber

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

Your opinion counts, email me at Reto.Weber@swissclubdc.org

Samichlaus Party - December 15th

Join us at our annual Christmas Party! Enjoy a traditional Swiss dinner and a visit from Samichlaus

We invite you to join us for a traditional Schinken im Teig and Bûche de Noël served by the Swiss Bakery. Samichlaus will visit and bring something for all of the children. He will have a special reward for all who recite a poem, sing a song or draw a picture.

This event is free and is for Swiss Club members only... Spaces are limited!
(deadline for registration is Tuesday, December 10th)

Registration is required. Absolutely no admission without prior registration. There will be a cash bar for Swiss wine & beer. We will also have our favorite vendor booths for your holiday shopping.

When: Sunday, December 15th from

Time: 4 - 7pm

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

Registration is required. Absolutely no admission without prior registration.

Please include your information (how many adult members, how many children, what ages?) in an email to Eveline Roberts at Eveline.Roberts@swissclubdc.org. You will receive a confirmation email to ensure your space has been reserved.

Questions? No email? Please contact Eveline at 301-460-9571.

Raclette Evening

It was that time of year again and the promise of a delightful evening was fulfilled. As has been the case in past events the Swiss Bakery in Springfield and Burke, Virginia was responsible for catering, and Swiss Club of Washington, DC President Reto Weber, and his staff outdid themselves once again. A catering tent was set up at the Embassy to accommodate the record turnout at this sold out event. In contrast to previous years, the outside tent (and the somewhat less spicy raclette cheese) also enabled the Swiss Embassy employees to work there after the event without inhaling cheese smells for a full week.

While images of Switzerland rolled on the projection screen, young and old got in line as their tables were called to get a plate full of raclette and the traditional side dishes of cornichons, Silberzwiebel, Erdäpfel, Bündnerfleisch and Rohschinken. Serving continued by volunteers working hard in two shifts until nobody could make it to the raclette ovens anymore. Only then they started with the plates of signature deserts: Glacé caramel, bread pudding and strawberries.

Before the dinner started, guests were able to look at and place silent auction bids for pictures and knitted red sweaters with the white cross of Switzerland, listen to the President of the Swiss Benevolent Society, Campbell Graeb, talk about the history and charity work of his organization who is staffed by volunteers and uses the money raised to support Swiss families in the DC area and in the small community of Helvetia in West Virginia through scholarships for their children, and through financial and personal engagement helping the elderly and needy. Founded in the last year of the American Civil War by paying members, the organization now depends on the success of fund-raisers such as this one.

During dinner, guests were entertained by the live auction conducted with gusto by Martin. Prizes included Swiss chocolate and wine assortments, cheese platters and food baskets, and a VIP pass for a two night's stay at the nearby Massanutten resort.

All were delighted by the active participation of many members of the Embassy, especially by the Swiss Ambassador who gave an interesting speech, reminding us on the important, beneficial role that representatives of Switzerland play all over the world.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped make this a most memorable and enjoyable evening. A set of 44 of Ben's photos are already posted at http://www.swissclubdc.org/sc_gallery.htm

Michael Herzfeld

Membership Dues 2014

Dear Swiss Club Members and Supporter of the Swiss Club

It's never too early to send in your 2014 membership dues! The new registration form for 2014 is available now, please use the form on the next page.

As a reminder our membership runs on a calendar year.

Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2013 do not have to renew their membership, but everyone else does.

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- Attend the members only Samichlaus (Christmas) Party at no cost
- Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- Pay the reduced member price for all Swiss Club events
- Get priority registration for events with limited seating
- Attend members only events, such as the General Assembly
- Receive our monthly newsletter and reminders for upcoming events

So, if you have some free time during the holiday season, feel free to send in your 2014 dues.

We appreciate to have you as a Swiss Club Member in 2014, we are looking forward to an other exiting and very active year. Thank you.

SWISS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2014

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

Renewal (** if no changes, only last name, first name, e-mail, 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:** _____

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Optional second newsletter to this email (family members only) _____

* **Date:** _____ * **Signature of applicant:**

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 21 and under)
_____ \$30.00 Single membership _____ \$15.00 Student or Au Pair
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_____ \$25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Make check payable to Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. , and mail to:

Eveline Roberts, Swiss Club of Washington, 14624 Chesterfield Road, Rockville MD 20853

Comments and suggestions are very welcome. Please use a separate sheet.

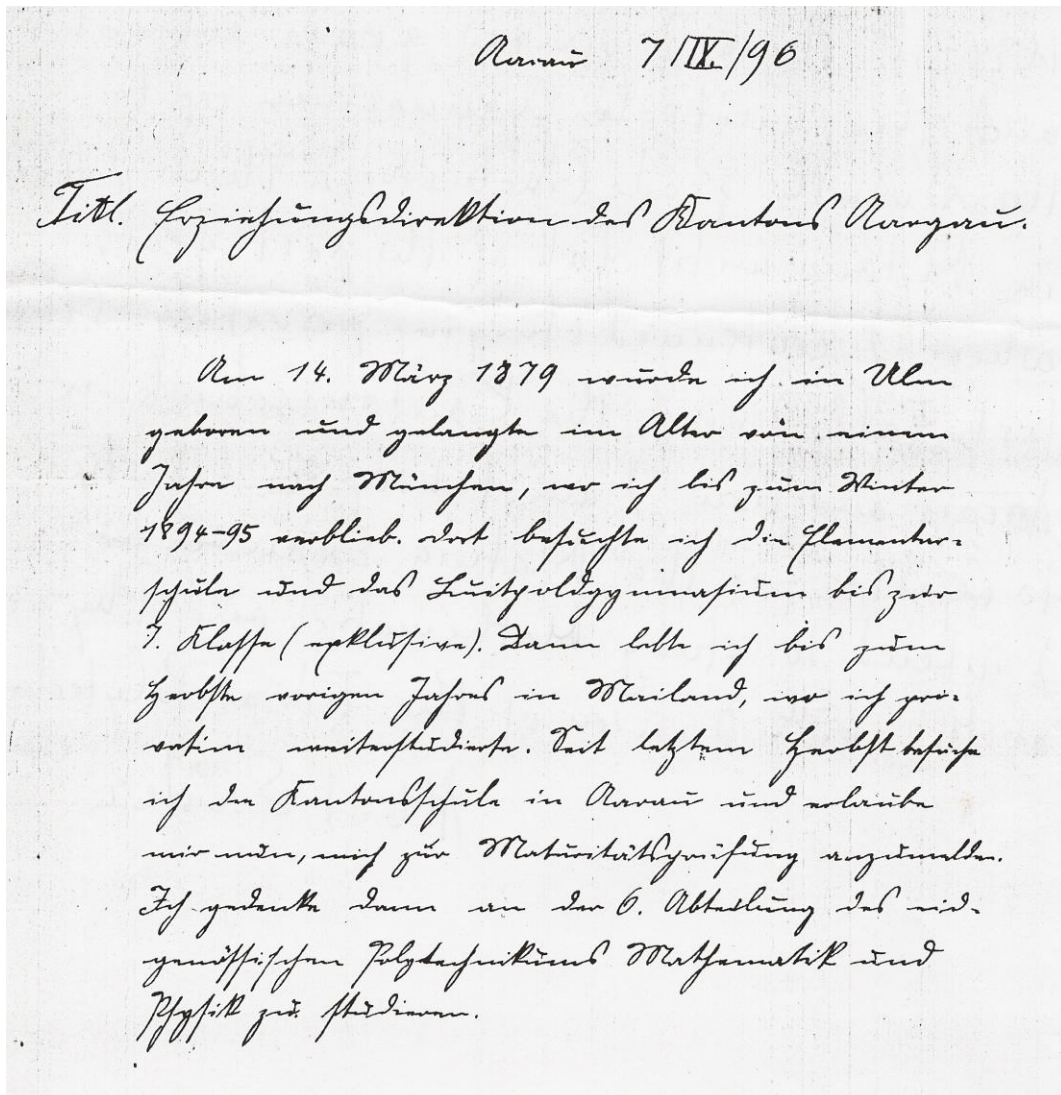
Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the November Quiz:

It is the Solar Impulse HB-SIA, a solar-powered airplane capable of lying at night on batteries. The Swiss designers/pilots Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg were recently honored at a ceremony at the Swiss Embassy on the occasion of the plane landing in Washington DC on it's tour across America..

December Quiz:

From the future, when kids can text with two thumbs faster than they can speak, but can't write a good looking letter in cursive hand writing, back to the past, when cursive was a calligraphic art, especially with the old German alphabet, where the letters e, n, u, m, and r almost looked alike, so they had to be written very precisely, resulting in elegant documents. Here is an interesting example from the year 1896:



Quiz: Who wrote this letter? (I cut off the signature, but here is a hint: the first word is Aarau, and the letter is addressed to the Erziehungsdirektion des Kantons Aargau; that's the Swiss connection). Unlike earlier quizzes, this one has a prize (my translation in German and English) for all who email the correct answer to info@swissclubdc.org or leave message with the correct answer on 301-251-5808.

Pictures from the Raclette Evening





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