

# Postillion Newsletter February 2013

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

We started well in the Swiss Club's 90th anniversary year with a New Year's Concert and the Kaffee Klatsch.

On February 23 our annual Fondue Evening is coming up, held at the Swiss Embassy. Please register ASAP to reserve your seat, space is limited and this event is very popular!

We have posted our agenda for this busy and exiting year. Keep the agenda printed below and mark the dates you do not want to miss. Details about February and some March events are in this print edition of the Postillion.

Sincerely yours,

Reto Weber  
Swiss Club of Washington DC

I would like to hear from you, call me at (703) 624-6880

## Swiss Club Agenda for 2013

**Fasching/Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball**, Saturday Feb 9, Fairfax  
**Fondue Evening** Saturday February 23, Swiss Embassy  
**1st Jass Tournament** Sunday, March 10, Perret Residence, Springfield VA  
**Kaffee Klatsch** Saturday March 16, location tbd (call Alexis 703-774-3132)  
**Easter Egg Hunt** Sunday, March 24, Swiss Embassy  
**Lesezirkel** Monday, March 25, Geisser Residence

**Swiss Farmers Breakfast** Sunday in April, Swiss Bakery  
**Spring Bike Ride** Sunday in May, location tbd  
**Kaffee Klatsch** Saturday, May 11, location tbd  
**Billy Goat Trail Hike** Saturday in June, Great Falls, MD  
**2nd Jass Tournament** Sunday, June 23, Zeender Residence  
**Kaffee Klatsch** Saturday, July 13, location tbd  
**Swiss National Day** July/August, Swiss Embassy  
**3rd Jass Tournament** August/September, location tbd  
**Fall Festival Picnic** Sunday in September, Thurmont, MD  
**Kaffee Klatsch** Saturday, September 28, location tbd  
**General Assembly** Friday, October 18, Swiss Embassy  
**4th Jass Tournament** Sunday in October, location tbd  
**Kaffee Klatsch** Saturday, November 02, location tbd  
**Raclette Evening** Saturday, November 16, Swiss Embassy  
**Grittibenz Baking** Sunday, December 08, Swiss Bakery  
**Samichlaus/Christmas Party** Sunday, December 15, Swiss Embassy

**Would you like to volunteer to help at an event or suggest a new activity?  
Please contact Alexis tel 703-774-3132.**

## Swiss Club Fondue Evening

**We invite you to our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner!**

**When:** Saturday, February 23, at 6 pm.

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

**Admission includes:**

Swiss Cheese Fondue ~ all you can eat, dessert,  
water, sodas, coffee & tea.

Cash bar will be open for Beer & Wine.

Please bring your own caquelon, rechaud, burner and forks.



**Special Anniversary Celebration ~ join us for a glass of champagne to celebrate the Club's 90th Birthday**

## Registration for Fondue Evening Saturday, February 23, 2013

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (if available, please write clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Swiss Club Member for 2013? yes / no

If not, complete the **Membership Form** and include a check for your 2013 dues

\_\_\_ x \$25 Adult Member \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ x \$10 Child Member (age 6 to 12) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ x \$35 accompanying Adult Guest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ x \$15 accompanying Child Guest (age 6 to 12) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make **checks payable to Swiss Club of Washington DC** and mail with this form to:

Heidi Amstutz, 9907 Trosby Court, Vienna, VA 22181.

**Registration by mail only, postmarked on or before Saturday, 16th February, 2013**

**First served basis - no registrations at the door**

**NOTE:** For safety reasons, room capacity is strictly limited. We will notify you if registration has closed before receipt of your registration form.

## 2013 Membership Dues - Reminder

Just a brief reminder that we collect dues at the beginning of each calendar year. The members who have already renewed their membership will always receive priority when signing up for Swiss Club events. Simply follow the instructions on the "Membership Application/Renewal" form (that was in the January print edition of the Postillion) and send it in with your payment.

Thanks for taking care of this in a timely manner. If in doubt about your membership status or you can't find your membership form, please call Eveline Roberts at 301-460-9571.

**Swiss Club Quiz:** The Swiss Residence's charcoal color concrete and sand-blasted translucent exterior were inspired by the snow-covered Swiss Alps. More about it here, if you have access to a computer:

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/rebs/nameri/vusa/wasemb/theemb/chresi.html>

**February Quiz:** We all know that the executive branch of the Swiss government consists of seven federal counselors (Bundesrat). So why does the official 2013 photo show eight people?

(Bonus: can you name the seven magistrates, their departments, and their party?)



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## Swiss Club Lesezirkel

**What:** Lesezirkel featuring "Landgericht" by Ursula Krechel

**When:** Monday, March 25th at 7pm

**Where:** 3101 New Mexico Ave NW, Sutton Tower, Apt 219, Washington DC 20016  
Marcus Geisser, tel 202-492-2904

**Attention all 'Bücherwürmer'** - or bookworms! The Swiss Club of Washington D.C. offers its members and friends who love to read books in German, an opportunity to share their passions with like-minded friends. After the first session in mid-December, the Swiss Club's Lesezirkel will convene for a second time in March. We have chosen the winner of the 2012 German Book Award, Ursula Krechel's latest novel, "Landgericht". This novel tells the story of a German-Jewish lawyer who is forced into exile in Cuba to escape the Nazi regime. In 1947, he returns to Germany, a country that finds itself in full transition from total disaster to reconstruction

Critics claim that Krechel's narrative effortlessly interweaves historical fact with imaginative fiction, her meticulous research never detracting from the heartrending story of personal and professional loss. The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung concludes that this is "the most beautiful and at the same time the most ambiguous German novel of this autumn." We hope that this novel will raise further interest to join the Lesezirkel on Monday, March 25th, at 7.00 PM. Marcus Geisser offers his flat in Tenleytown as a venue. An invitation to this Lesezirkel has also been extended to members of the Goethe Institut, and the Austrian & German embassies, so it should prove to be a very stimulating group!

## Swiss Club First Kaffee Klatsch 2013

The Kaffee Klatsch had 9 attendees discussing various subjects interesting for Swiss members such as any new developments on Swiss Bank or government rules affecting us with mortgages and bank accounts, how to obtain Swiss citizenship for grand children, passports renewal, upcoming Fondue Evening, etc.

Languages spoken: Swiss German, Italian and French.





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## Annual Fasching/Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball



**Saturday, February 9, 2013 - 7pm to midnight**

Annual Fasching / Mardi Gras Prize Masquerade Ball.

Reserve this date to join us at our fun filled Costume Prize Masquerade Ball held at the Kena Ballroom, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, Va. 22031 - just minutes from the Beltway.

Enjoy great live dance music with Mike Surrat and his CONTINENTALS playing a wide variety of tunes from Polkas to Waltzes, to Samba, to Rumba, and more. Big dance floor. Prizes awarded for best costumes (singles, couples and groups), door prizes. Delicious German food specialties, German beer, wine, champagne, and soft drinks available for purchase. Lots of free parking.

Admission: \$25 per person advance sale; \$30 per person at the door.

To order tickets call Eva Brandt at 703-280-1772

The Saengerbund will be notified of your order, and tickets will be held at the door