

Postillion Newsletter January 2013

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

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

In short, 2012 was a great year for our Club, many thanks go to all the volunteers and organizers, especially the board and former board members and their spouses, and our loyal supporters at the embassy.

2013 is the year when we celebrate the Swiss Club's 90th anniversary. You will find through the whole year some great deals if you attend our events. Some may be offered at discounted rates, while others will have special surprises for you.

If you look at our Agenda for 2013 (below), you will see that we offer more than ever before. This gives you hopefully plenty of chances to come and celebrate your club's 90th birthday.

So do not wait and renew your membership today. Eveline Roberts, our membership coordinator and treasurer, has given you directions below on how to do that. Please note that we extended the age of dependent children from 18 to 21 for the family membership, another way to reward all our families! I personally hope to meet new Swiss Club members at our events and make new friends.

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

New Year's Concert Wednesday, January 09, Swiss Residence

Kaffee Klatsch Saturday, January 12, Swiss Bakery

Fasching/Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, Saturday Feb 9, Arlington

Fondue Evening Saturday February 23, Swiss Embassy

1st Jass Tournament Sunday, March 10, Perret Residence

Kaffee Klatsch Saturday in March, location tbd

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 24, Swiss Embassy

Heimat Obig Saturday, April 06, Swiss Embassy

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, location tbd

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.

New Year's Fabulous Concert!

Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 7:00 pm

Swiss Residence, 2920 Cathedral Ave NW, Washington DC 20008

This evening, this recognized tenor comes to the Swiss Residence to present "The Languages of Switzerland in Song." The program includes a wide range pieces in Swiss-German, French, and Italian.

General admission (cash only at the door): \$25, **\$15.00 Swiss Club Members**, including concert and cocktail buffet. Space is limited. Reservations will not be taken; seats are first come, first served.

This concert is in cooperation with the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

Tenor Benjamin Warschawski of Basel, Switzerland brings a polished, classical style to cantorial singing and rich, soulful emotion to the operatic stage, which has prompted many to dub him "this generation's Richard Tucker." He has thrilled audiences in over twenty leading tenor roles, including Alfredo in La Traviata, the Duke of Mantua in Rigoletto, Don José in Carmen, Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly, Mario Cavaradossi in Tosca, Edgardo in Lucia di Lammermoor, Manrico in Il Trovatore, Calaf in Turandot, and the title roles in Werther, Edgar and L'amico Fritz. He has graced esteemed stages such as the New York City Opera, and has performed with legendary opera singers including Sherrill Milnes, James Morris, and Jerome Hines among many others.



Benjamin Warschawski

Greetings from "Colonia Suiza", (New Helvetia), Uruguay

In November, I had the chance to once again visit my hometown, the beautiful Colonia Suiza (Swiss Colony) - Nueva Helvecia (New Helvetia) in southwest Uruguay.

During my visit I had the opportunity to meet with the town Mayor, Maria de Lima, the first elected Mayor in Colonia Suiza's history. Mayor Lima, along with her team of councilors and collaborators, among them my good friend Nelson Barreto Bratschi, has done an excellent job.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Swiss Ambassador to Uruguay, Mr. Ruedi Vortis, the celebration and all its events were a huge success. The anniversary commemoration provided the opportunity for Colonia Suiza to reach out to the people of Switzerland and strengthened the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between the two.



Agreements were sealed between several Swiss cantons and Colonia Suiza strengthening the bond even more and, among other highlights; our Mayor was able to visit Switzerland to meet with Mr. Joseph Blatter, who then later paid a visit to Colonia Suiza when he was in Uruguay.

The people of Swiss Colony - New Helvetia would like to wish the members of the Swiss Club of Washington DC all the best for the coming new year 2013 and express our desire to continue to building upon the bond of friendship we have established and invite all of you to visit

If you would like to know more about this little piece of Switzerland in my small, but beautiful country and all that it has provided, wait for the next Postillion as I will gladly share with you information on our town's history and its present.

Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch

Come join us for Language Coffee Hour!

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.

When: Saturday, January 12, 2013, at 9am

Where: The Swiss Bakery

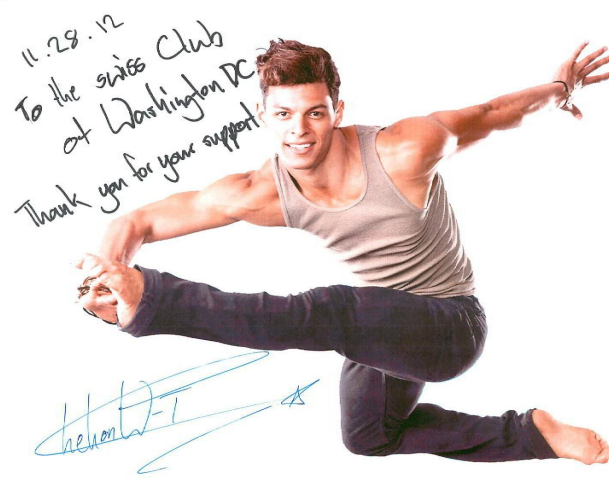
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Swiss Club Samichlaus 2012



A Special Thanks to the Swiss Club



Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the December Quiz: **Schmutzli** is the name of Samichlaus' hooded companion in Switzerland. This was a popular question; over a dozen correct answers came in. Thanks!

January Quiz: While most Swiss Club events at the embassy are held in the big multipurpose room, the New Year's Concert featuring the Basel Tenor Benjamin Warschawski Wednesday, January 09, 2013, 07:00 pm, is in the Swiss Residence (see photo and announcement in this Postillion). This stylish building was completed in 2006 and hosts over 400 official events every year. Its charcoal colored concrete and sandstone blasted translucent exteriors were inspired by what typical feature of the Swiss landscape?



2013 Membership Dues

Every January we need to collect the annual membership dues that allow us to offer you another year of activities where you get to meet other members who share your interests in all things Swiss.

This year's membership form (see below) has been revised for families: the age limit for dependent children has been raised from 18 to 21. This will allow you to pay the member's fee for your college aged young adults should they still wish to accompany you to one of our events.

As a reminder to our newest members who joined the Swiss Club on or after October 1, 2012, your membership is valid until December 31, 2013, as per our By-Laws.

Everyone else is required to send in their 2013 dues to be considered active members and enjoy the benefits of membership to attend the Club's events.

Enclosed on the next page is a copy of our [Membership/Application/Renewal2013](#) form. Please send it with your dues payment to the address listed on the form. Don't hesitate to contact me (**301-460-9571**) with any questions regarding your membership status.

Thank you to the members who have already renewed their membership for 2013.

Bonne Année à tous et à la prochaine,

Eveline Roberts

About other Swiss Groups

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Membership Application Form

The membership year runs from January to December. Membership is required to attend club events.

- 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: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Date of birth: _____

Names of dependent children (21 and under) 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 21 and under)

_____ \$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:

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

Comments and suggestions are very welcome.



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Grittibenz Baking 2012



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

