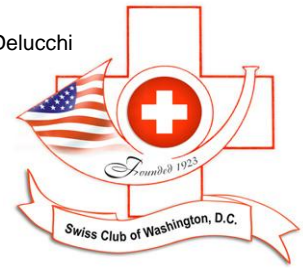


Postillion Newsletter

March 2013

By Rossana Delucchi



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grüezi Swiss Club Members:

Our Fondue evening was a Big success. The wine donated by Ambassador Sager was great. Thank you very much on behalf of the Swiss Club. Looking forward into a very busy march with Jass, KK, Lesezirkel and the Easter Egg Hunt. I am currently enjoying a few days skiing in Colorado with Martin Perret and Hannes Hofer. See you around.
Best wishes

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

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.

Fondue Plausch

Being a quintessential Swiss dish, cheese fondue conjures up images of alpine ski huts, deep snow, and 20°F weather. Well, we didn't get any snow or cold weather in the Washington, DC area on Saturday, but that doesn't mean we couldn't enjoy a good fondue party. Over 100 Swiss friends and families undertook the pilgrimage to the Swiss Embassy Saturday evening, equipped with caquelons, burners, and forks and lots of enthusiasm. It was a delight to walk into a room filled with enticing cheese aroma - a whiff of home - accompanied by SBB pictures of the homeland countryside. The cheese fondue was exquisite! Host and club president Reto Weber and his helpers were using a secret mixture of four wonderful cheeses, wine, and the required touch of the General (Sutter, of course), served with coarse, fresh bread. Garnishes included boiled potatoes, tomatoes and broccoli - all tastes so great dipped in the fondue.

To end it all, Laurie spoiled us, as she usually does, with a fabulous dessert, a choice of 4 different sweets on one plate. My favorite was the napoleon!

A special Thank You! For the delicious white wine and beer goes to our Ambassador, Manuel Sager, who contributed our traditional wine toast. Everyone enjoyed the generous gift of lovely Swiss beverages.

Thank you to Reto & Laurie Weber; it was wonderful, and thanks to all our volunteers and participants.

We hope to see you again soon at one of our future activities: Kaffee Klatsch on March 16, Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Sunday, 24th March.

1st Swiss Club Jass in 2013

We invite you to our first Jass Tournament of the year!

When: Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 1:30pm

Where: Perret Residence
5604 Inverchapel Road
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 321-3021

For registration: Please contact Marc Borbely
(call him at 202-557-1083)

Deadline for registration: March 6th (we need tables of 4). **Registration fee:** \$5.00 per Swiss Club Member, \$10 per guest, collected at the Jass.



Swiss Club Easter Egg Hunt

We invite you to our annual Easter Egg Hunt !

When: Sunday, March 24, 2013

Time: 2pm to 4pm, Easter Egg Hunt begins at 3pm!

Cost: Free to members; \$5 for guests of members
(payable at the door)

Location: Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave,
Washington DC 20008



Join us for an afternoon of fun! Decorate your own Easter basket and then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as all supplies. Decorating starts at 2pm, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm promptly! Depending on the age of the participant, basket decorating usually takes from 30 to 60 minutes. Please plan your arrival accordingly. In the interests of being fair to all attendees, we will start the actual Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm.

RSVP by Wednesday, March 20th to Eveline Roberts at tel: 301-460-9571. She can also be reached for any questions you may have.

Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch

Come join us for coffee and conversation!

When: Saturday, March 16, 2013 at 9am

Where: The Swiss Bakery,
5224 Port Royal Road,
Springfield VA 22151

Ample parking is available, but it is not accessible by metro. The event is free of charge, but we'd like to know to expect you!

Please contact Alexis Sullivan with any questions and to register.

She can be reached at **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!



The Kaffee Klatsch is going strong! We have several regular participants and others who just come once in a while. The talk is always lively and the food is always good... so, if you've ever wanted to join in, but haven't yet had a chance, now is the time! Come and see what this tradition is all about!

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the February QUIZ: The 7 members of the Federal Council and the chief of staff (from left to right):



Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann (Free Democratic Party FDP)
Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER

Federal Councillor Simonetta Sommaruga (Social Democratic Party SPS)
Department of Justice and Police FDJP

Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter (Free Democratic Party FDP, Vice-President)
Department of Foreign Affairs FDFA

Federal Councillor Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf (Conservative Democratic Party CDP)
Department of Finance FDF

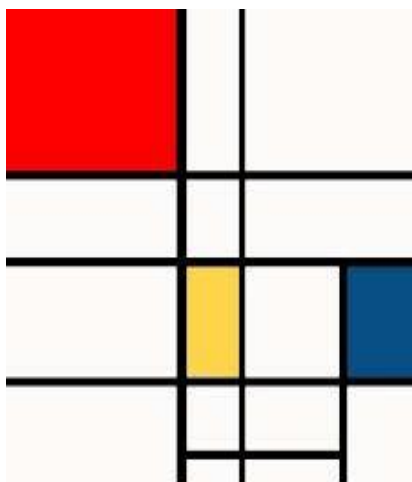
President Ueli Maurer (Swiss People's Party SVP)
Department of Defense, Civil Protection and Sports DDPS

Federal Councillor Alain Berset (Social Democratic Party SPS)
Department of Home Affairs FDHA

Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard (Christian Democratic Party CVP)
Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC

Federal Chancellor Corina Casanova acts as the Federal Council's chief of staff (Bundeskanzler) who is traditionally on the official picture of the Bundesrat.

March QUIZ:



After this heavy exercise in Swiss government, here is an easier question:

The Basler Fasnacht (Basel Carnival) has a large number of traditional costumes such as Waggis, Alti Dante, Dummpeter, Cloon, Harlekin, Blätzli Bajass etc. However, every year there is also an even larger number of beautiful artistic costumes.

Question: The inspiration for the costume on this photo came from the work of which artist?(Hint: photo at left)





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Swiss Club Lesezirkel

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!

The book is available on Amazon, and you can also download it on your Kindle. Please get in touch with Marcus at **202.492.2904** to get more details and to register. Although the event is free of charge, we'd like to know to expect you! Please let us know that you are coming. Marcus would also be happy to answer any questions or to help you find a copy of the book. Every participant is asked to read the book in advance.

Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to bring a drink or a snack to share, it would be welcomed.

What:

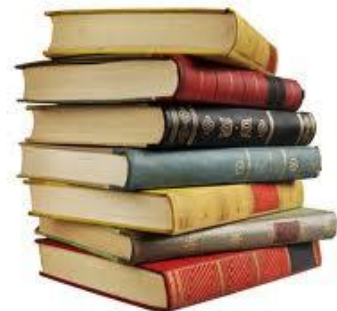
Lesezirkel featuring "Landgericht" by Ursula Krechel

When:

Monday, March 25th at 7pm

Where:

3101 New Mexico Ave NW
Sutton Tower, Apt 219



Washington DC 20016