

April 2014 Postillion

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President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

April is here and we are all looking forward to some real Spring weather so that we can enjoy some outdoors activities. Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 13, rain or shine. This is a very popular family event, so don't wait too long to sign up.

The Swiss Farmer's Breakfast was well attended and nobody left hungry. As always, we ate too much not wanting to miss tasting anything that Reto, Laurie and their staff had prepared for us. Who can resist some wonderful bread and yummy danishes.

There were about 10 to 15 people who braved the cold weather and showed up for Happy Hour at the Iron Horse. Joel and Olivia hope the Swiss Club Happy Hour will catch on and grow as it is a terrific opportunity to meet people outside the bounds of our more traditional events. This event is for everyone: young, old, Facebook members, non Facebook members etc. They have some exciting ideas and are already eagerly planning the next one!

And don't hesitate to let us know if you'd be interested in leading a new activity, outing, etc. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Happy Easter,

Eveline Roberts

Easter Egg Hunt

We invite you to join us for an afternoon of fun at the Swiss Embassy! Decorate your own Easter basket and then hunt for eggs and surprises 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 promptly at 3 pm! Please see the registration form for more details on the times for the event.



When: Sunday, April 13th at 2pm (the hunt begins at 3pm!)

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

This event is free to members (\$5 for guests of members to be paid at the door).

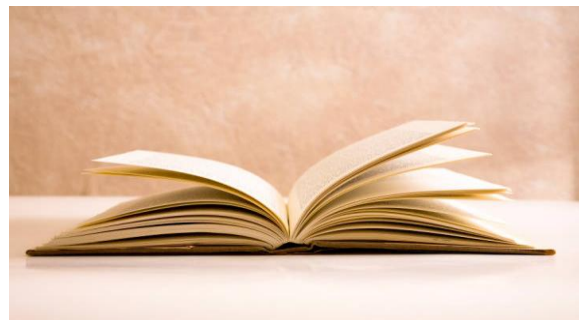
Registration: RSVP by Wednesday April 9th to Eveline Roberts, 301-460-9571
or eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org

Lesezirkel

April's gathering will discuss the book Frühling der Barbaren, written by Jonas Lüscher. The book is available on Amazon.

Sunday, April 13th at 4pm in Bethesda.

For more information, please contact Martin Jenni at martin-jenni@gmx.ch



Quicky, der dickleibige Brite, fällt auf unter all den wohlgeformten, tadellos gekleideten und in vollendeter Selbstsicherheit sich wiegenden jungen Leuten, die ein üppiges Hochzeitsfest in der tunesischen Wüste feiern, nein, natürlich nicht in der Wüste selbst, Gott bewahre, sondern in einer exquisiten Oase, dem Wellness und Luxushotel „Thousand and One Night Resort“. Sie sind angereist aus London und gehören einer Kaste an, die kurz davor steht, in den Abgrund gerissen zu werden: global agierende Finanzjongleure. Noch wissen sie aber nichts von ihrem Unglück.

Die Party steigt, man spart an nichts. Ein perfektes Fest bis auf ein paar entscheidende Kleinigkeiten. (...) Während dann der Schlaf die Verdauungsarbeit leistet, „ging England unter“, wie Jonas Lüscher die unerhörte Begebenheit seiner Novelle „Frühling der Barbaren“ lakonisch vermerkt. Der Premierminister verkündet den Staatsbankrott. (...) Als am Morgen nach der Luxushochzeit bereits alle Kreditkarten gesperrt sind und aus der eben noch hofierten Kundschaft plötzlich Aussätzige geworden sind, denen das Frühstück und der Gebrauch der Duschen verweigert wird, weiß Quicky Abhilfe. (...) Man muss Jonas Lüscher dafür bewundern, wie er so viele brandaktuelle Sujets auf knapp 130 Seiten bündelt zu einem Lehrstück über den allzu zarten Firnis der Zivilisation.

(Ina Hartwig: „Wenn die Masken fallen“; © Süddeutsche Zeitung, 22. Juni 2013)

Jass Tournament #3

When: Sunday, May 4th at 1:30pm

Where: Haudenschild Residence
14036 Natia Manor Drive
North Potomac, MD 20878
(301) 251-5808



Registration:

Fee: \$5 per Swiss Club member and \$10 per guest, collected at the Jass.

To register, leave a message with your name and phone number at 301-251-5808 or email christian.haudenschild@swissclubdc.org First come first serve; we need to arrange 5 tables of four.

Jass Rules & Scoring can be found on our website www.swissclubdc.org

Swiss Emmentaler Wins!

Swiss Emmentaler named world's best cheese.

Swiss Emmentaler was named top cheese at international competition in Wisconsin.

<http://news.msn.com/offbeat/swiss-emmentaler-named-worlds-best-cheese>

Swiss Embassy Job Opening

Have you ever thought of working for the Swiss Embassy?
A recent job announcement was posted for media and communications coordinator.

The announcement reads:

The Embassy of Switzerland in Washington, D.C., is seeking a qualified candidate for a 100% permanent position as Media and Communications Coordinator beginning on or about April 24, 2014

From the job description: "The Coordinator plays a vital role in covering print and online media, and social media channels, while ensuring compliance with CI/DC of Switzerland's federal government. He or she may be involved in writing, editing and overseeing the design of print and online materials such as newsletters, brochures and the website."

This job obviously needs a computer and computer skills.

For more information, see the link on the [Swiss Club website](#). No phone calls accepted.



Willy Lutz (1944 - 2014): (<http://www.willylutz.com>)

Long time Swiss Club of Washington, DC and Swiss Rifles of Washington, DC member Willy Lutz, 69, of Peachtree City GA, died Saturday Feb. 22nd, 2014 in LaGrange GA, as the result of a tragic airplane accident. He was born to the late Willhelm and Josefa Lutz, Nov 06, 1944, in Winterthur, Switzerland. Willy graduated in 1965 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Willy married Marilyn Stack in 1991, and lived in Herndon VA, where he raised his three youngest step-children and two sons, before relocating to Peachtree City GA in 2002. Willy came to the US in the 1960's, where he started several automotive businesses, however his greatest passion was aviation. He started flying gliders at the age of 14 in Switzerland, then made a mid-career shift in his early 40s to flying full

time. He held numerous flight ratings, including Flight Instructor (Boeing-777), Commercial Glider, Airline Transport Pilot (type rated Dash-8, Boeing 757/767), both Turboprop and Jet multi-engine, Seaplane, Instrument, and Check Airman, accumulating more than 12,000 hours of flight time.

He was an active Swiss Rifles Club member and traveled in 2000 with several of his colleagues to Biere, Switzerland and in 2010 to Aarau to participate in the largest shooting matches in the world, the Eidgenoessische Schuetzenfest ("Swiss Federal Shooting event"). We saw him the last time at the 2013 Swiss National day celebration at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, DC which he attended with his wife and numerous family members. He will be remembered by all his shooting colleagues for his love of Switzerland and his amicable character.



Alfred Kessi

Picture: Aarau 2010 - Willy is on the far right.

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the March Quiz: The clock in the Zytglogge Turm in Bern was built by by Kaspar Brunner 1527 - 1530.

Quiz: What is an Astrolabium?

Hint: Answers are in this excellent web site <http://www.zeitglockenturm.ch/index.php>
(in English: http://www.zeitglockenturm.ch/index.php?article_id=1&clang=1)

Swiss Club Events for 2014

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 13, Swiss Embassy

Lesezirkel, Sunday, April 13

Spring Bike Ride, May

Jass, May 4, Haudenschild Residence

Billy Goat Trail Hike, June

World Cup Game, June 15 : Switzerland vs. Ecuador

Kaffee Klatsch, July

Swiss National Day, Saturday, August 2, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Shooting Day, Saturday, September 6, Thurmont, MD

Jass, in September

General Assembly, October

Kaffee Klatsch, October

Raclette, November

Jass, November

Grittibenz, Sunday, December 7, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus, Sunday, December 14, Swiss Embassy