

December 2014 Postillion

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President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

We end the calendar year with two events, namely the Grättibenz on Dec. 7 and the Samichlaus on Dec. 14. Both are geared toward families and we know from past experience that they fill up fast. So don't wait to sign up since our available space is limited both at the Swiss Bakery and at the embassy. See the information below.

As a quick recap of November events we would like to thank all of you who were able to join us for the raclette and who successfully bid on an auction item to benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society. Your generous bidding brought them over \$3,000.

In another news, the Jass group held its last tournament of the year, and an overall winner was crowned. Congratulations to Margrit Zeender, the new Jass Queen. For anyone interested in the results go to the JassEgge page on our website.

Pictures of both the raclette and the Jass have now been uploaded on the Photo Gallery at www.swissclubdc.org.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season,

Eveline Roberts

Grättibenz Baking

Sunday, December 7th from 2 - 4pm

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



Come and bake your own Grättibenz! Participate in this truly unique Swiss Tradition

Join us for an afternoon of holiday baking in a professional bakery, with hot cider and cookies!

Each paid participant will be able to make their own Grättibenz. Please register all attendees, and pay the registration fee only for those who will be baking. The minimum age for attendees is 4 years old.

Cost for member who is baking **\$15.00**, for member's guest who is baking **\$ 20.00**. Members who are *not* baking (like parents, grandparents bringing children) no charge.

This event is for Swiss Club members and their guests only... Spaces are limited! **(deadline for registration at the web site www.swissclubdc.org is Wednesday, December 3rd or when we are sold out)**

Registration for members who receive the print edition of the Postillion:
Please call Eveline Roberts 301-460-9571

Samichlaus Party Sunday, December 14th, from 4 to 7 pm
Join us at the Swiss Embassy for our annual Christmas Party!

Enjoy a traditional Swiss dinner and a visit from Samichlaus

We invite you to join us for a traditional SchinkenimTeig 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 Wednesday, December 10th or when all seats are reserved)



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.

Sunday, December 14th from 4 - 7pm, Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Avenue, Washington, DC 20008

Who will be attending (list children's ages)? Your email address (if available)? Your phone number

Please include this information in an email and send to Eveline Roberts at chvd@aol.com. You will receive a confirmation email to ensure your space has been reserved.

Registration for recipients of the print edition of the Postillion and for questions: Please contact Eveline at [301-460-9571](tel:301-460-9571).

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the November Quiz:

Bürglen is in the Canton of Uri, on of the three founder cantons of Switzerland.

December Quiz:

You know our Stauffacherinnen Club. But who was Stauffacher in Swiss history? Actually, there were two: Rudolf and Werner. Bonus question: Who was the one encouraged by his wife? And what was her first name (at least in Schiller's drama Wilhelm Tell)?

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Silent Auction

BIG SUCCESS: The Swiss Benevolent Society auction event at the Raclette Dinner was a big success. Special thanks go to the donors of the seventy-five items that were auctioned. All had a Swiss motif and were well received by the attendees. In fact, so well received, that all items were sold. Five items were placed in live auction, by an entertaining auctioneer, which brought fun to the evening's event. The highest bid was offered for two 8-day, first class, Swiss Rail passes, donated by the Swiss Tourist Office in New York and made possible by Reto Weber of the Swiss Bakery. They sold for a whopping \$750. A big word of thanks goes to the attendees for their support of the auction. It is greatly appreciated. The total amount raised for the SBS charitable causes was the astonishing amount of \$3,040.



Pictures from the Raclette Evening



2014 Jass Tournament Winners:

1 Jasskönigin Margrit Zeender, 2 Will Roberts 3 Eveline Roberts



Nov. Jass Winners: 1 Will Roberts, 2 Margrit Zeender, 3 Paul Hazan

