

Postillion Newsletter January 2014

by Rossana Delucchi



Message from the President

Bonne Année à tous,

As we start a new year I first want to thank Reto, our retiring president, for leading the Swiss Club with his tireless energy, and endless enthusiasm to our Swiss heritage. Heidi Amstutz is leaving the board to devote more time to her other commitments - thanks, Heidi, for all the hours you spent on behalf of the Club.

Four new board members were elected at the October General Assembly: Marc Borbely; who will in time take over as Membership Coordinator; Joel Cox, as Treasurer; Susann Kollmar, who will assist with organizing our events; and Bernie Unti, our new Secretary.

We have prepared a tentative schedule of events for this year, so take a look at it below. Our first Jass tournament will take place on January 26. The always popular fondue dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 8. Remember, reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis, and even though we give a deadline to register, it does happen that the event fills up before such date.

We are always on the lookout for new ideas, and we welcome any suggestion you may have. Simply get in touch with one of the board members to share your thoughts.

And don't forget to renew your membership by paying the 2014 dues which remain the same as last year. See below on how to proceed.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can join us in celebrating our Swiss traditions in 2014.

With best wishes,

Eveline Roberts
Swiss Club President

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Membership Dues

Our membership runs on a calendar basis, and come January we remind you to send in your 2014 dues. Please, download your Membership Form [here](#) and send it in with your payment to the address listed at the bottom of the form.

We also wish to thank all the members who have already sent in their membership renewals for 2014.

Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2013 do not have to renew their membership, but everyone else does.

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- Attend the members only Samichlaus (Christmas) Party at no cost
- Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- Pay the reduced member price for all Swiss Club events
- Get priority registration for events with limited seating
- Attend members only events, such as the General Assembly
- Receive our monthly newsletter and reminders for upcoming events.

Samichlaus Visit

On Sunday afternoon, December 15, Samichlaus descended on the Swiss Embassy in Washington, DC, for a wonderful session of singing, gift-giving, and good food. Several dozen children gathered just outside of the dining hall to charm Samichlaus into their presence, and they were not disappointed. Samichlaus had presents for every child who brought a drawing or shared a song or personal anecdote, and there were a lot of young takers! Samichlaus heard songs, poems, personal stories, and spoke with children in English, French and Schwyzerdütsch.

Over one hundred children and adults who attended dined on Schinken im Teig and Bûche de Noël provided by the Swiss Bakery. A beautiful tree decorated by members of the club, adorned in part with small Swiss flags, crowned the festivities. Together with the Grittibenz baking party at the Swiss Bakery, held just a few days before, the Samichlaus Party was a sure and welcome sign of the holiday season's advent.



Lesezirkel *Come join us for our German Book Club!*

Monday, January 20th at 7pm in Rockville

January's gathering will discuss the impressions of a German award-winning journalist who travelled on foot through the US. Hartland: Zu Fuss durch Amerika was written by Wolfgang Bûscher and is available on Amazon. Join us for a Lesezirkel in Rockville on January 20th at 7pm. Easily accessible by car or the red line at Twinbrook station. Contact Martin Jenni at martinjenni@gmx.ch for more information and for details on the gathering.



Zu Fuss in das Herz Amerikas, drei Monate lang, 3500 Kilometer von Nord nach Süd: Wolfgang Bûscher hat das Abenteuer gewagt. Er lässt sich durch die schneebedeckte Prârie Norddakotas treiben, entdeckt den verlassenen Ort Hartland, der einst Heartland hiess, und freundet sich in den Great Plains mit einem rätselhaften indianischen Cowboy an. Dann folgt er der Route 77 vom Missouri bis zum Rio Grande. Bûscher lässt sich weitertreiben, immer weiter nach Süden, durch die Desierto de los Muertos, bis er schliesslich über den Rio Bravo nach Mexiko verschwindet.

Jass Tournament #1

Join us for the first Jass Tournament of the year!

Sunday, January 26th at 1:30 pm

Roberts Residence
14624 Chesterfield Road
Rockville, MD 20853

The deadline for registration is January 22nd

Registration: Please contact Eveline Roberts at eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org or at 301-460-9571 to register.

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



Fondue Night

February, 8th , at 6pm

Join us at our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner!

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine, and good company at the **Swiss Embassy**.

Dinner includes all you can eat fondue, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. A cash bar will be open for beer & wine.

Seating is limited and sells out regularly, so make your reservation now!

(we accept reservations until all the seats are full).

Please bring your own caquelon, rechaud, burner and forks, as none will be provided.



Saturday, February 8th at 6pm

Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Avenue
Washington, DC 20008

Registration Form:

_____ x \$25 for Member Adult

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

_____ x \$35 for Member's Adult Guest

_____ x \$15 for Member's Child Guest (age 6 to 12)

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Who will be attending? _____

Your email address? _____

Your phone number? _____

Please make your check payable to Swiss Club of DC and send it with this registration form to Alexis Sullivan, 2717 Colt Run Rd, Oakton, VA 22124.

If you have any questions, you can contact Alexis at 703-774-3132 or alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org.

Save the Date

Sunday, February 23 in North Potomac, MD, Jass Clinic with the Jass König ~ Join us and learn how to play Jass!

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the December Quiz: The letter is from Albert Einstein, asking the Aargau Education Department for admission to the Matura exam, which would allow him to apply to the Federal Polytechnicum.

January Quiz: With the U.S.A. having no diplomatic relations with Iran, who made it possible that Secretary of State Kerry could negotiate with this country about nuclear facilities? Sounds simple, but it's not.

About other Swiss Groups

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Swiss Club Events for 2014

Lesezirkel, Monday, January 20, Rockville, MD

Jass, Sunday, January 26, Roberts Residence

Fondue Night, Saturday, February 8, Swiss Embassy

Jass Clinic with the Jass Koenig, Sunday, February 23, North Potomac, MD

Kaffee Klatsch, in March

Jass, in March

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 13, Swiss Embassy

Swiss Farmer's Breakfast, in April

Spring Bike Ride, in May

Billy Goat Trail Hike, in June

Jass, in June

Kaffee Klatsch, in July

Swiss National Day, Saturday, August 2, Swiss Embassy

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

Jass, in September

General Assembly, in October

Kaffee Klatsch, in October

Raclette, in November

Jass, in November

Grittibenz, Sunday, December 7, Swiss Bakery

Samichlaus, Sunday, December 14, Swiss Embassy

Board Members and Volunteer Coordinators (new for 2014)

President: Eveline Roberts, eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org

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Samichlaus Pictures by Ben





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Jass #1, Fondue Night

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