

April 2015 Postillion by RossanaDelucchi and Olivia Hauser

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President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

Spring has finally arrived and it's a great time to enjoy the outdoors. We invite you to dust your road bikes and join us for a ride on the Washington and Old Dominion Trail. The trail is all paved; it even has a painted yellow centerline to keep you on the right track! And, of course, you get to replenish your burned calories at the Magnolias restaurant afterwards.

We have scheduled a Happy Hour at the end of the month and we hope you'll find the time to stop by and say hello. Olivia and Catherine are looking forward to welcoming you at "Darlington House".

This year August falls on a Saturday, so mark your calendar to attend the annual Swiss National Day festivities on that very date.

Happy Easter,
EvelineRoberts
chvd@aol.com

Happy Hour

Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 5:30 PM

The Swiss Club is excited to announce we are starting up happy hours again! Please join us on Wednesday, April 29, starting at 5:30pm, for a drink, good company, and interesting conversation. Meet up with fellow members, or meet someone new!

Where: Darlington House, (just across the street from the Dupont Circle metro)
1610 20th St NW Washington D.C. 20009

For more information about the place, please, visit their website: <http://darlingtonhousedc.net/>

Save the Date: Swiss National Day

When: Saturday, August 1st

Where: Swiss Embassy

More Information in upcoming Postillions



Spring Bike Ride

Saturday, April 25th

Join us for a bike ride on a beautiful Spring day!

Join us for the annual spring bike ride Saturday, April 25th (with a rain day on May 2nd), at 10:30 AM. Meet us in Purcellville, VA, on the Washington Old Dominion bike trail, by the Magnolias restaurant. There is plenty of parking available around that area.

There is also a bike shop nearby, Trail's End Cycling Co. that will rent bikes. Please go to their website at: www.trailsendcycling.com to reserve a bike. Any bike will do but best suited are road bikes as the trail is asphalted.

From Purcellville you can ride towards Leesburg, VA, which is ten miles away and can turn around wherever you want depending on your enthusiasm and stamina. For more energetic riders Ashburn is 20 miles away by Dulles airport, Vienna 30 miles and Georgetown 44 miles. The distances quoted are to Purcellville.

We plan to eat at the Magnolias restaurant around 12:30pm. For directions [click here](#).

The Magnolias Restaurant is at 198 North 21st. Street, Purcellville and the website can be found [here](#).

There is no charge for this event, however, lunch is not included. We would like you to register so we know how many people to expect for the lunch reservation. For your safety and pleasure you should bring a water bottle, helmet and bike air pump. If it is the first time this year on the bike take a test run around your area to see if there are any fixes/maintenance needed.

Saturday, April 25th at 10:30 am for the bike ride and around 12:30 pm for lunch.

Registration is not required but we should know how many people to expect so that we can make a reservation ahead of time: **Call Martin Perret, 1-703-321-3021. Rain date: May 2nd**

Can't join us for this event? Check out all of our activities on the Swiss Club DC [website](#) .

UZH Alumni and Friends Washington D.C.

The University of Zurich is setting up an UZH Alumni and Friends Chapter in Washington D.C. This project aims to extend the existing UZH Alumni network globally. Are you an UZH Alumni or Friend? Then get in contact with our representative in Washington D.C.!

washington@alumni.uzh.ch

We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing the UZH network grow with your help.



Trip to Nueva Helvecia - More information

Continuing with the information regarding the trip to Nueva Helvecia, Uruguay, it will take place from Sunday January 17 (date we should be arriving) until Sunday 24th. Of course, those who may want to stay longer, please, feel free to do so. You are most welcome to extend your visit. The bus will be hired to pick us up on Sunday Jan. 17. If someone wants to arrive on another date, there's no problem, there are other means of transport, which can take you to Nueva Helvecia. In that case the cost will be different and paid separately.

There are two major hotels: "Hotel Suizo "

(Website: <http://www.hotelsuizonuevahelvecia.com/>) and "Hotel Nirvana"

(Website: <http://www.hotelnirvana.com/>), both are completely different but very nice. Please, look at the websites and the reviews before booking.

I consider it better to let those who are going to travel to book the hotels themselves and buy the plane tickets on their own, and I will organize the activities while in Uruguay. It is much easier for everybody.

With regards to the airlines the most convenient to choose from are either American Airlines (Washington - Miami/Miami- Montevideo) or TACA-AVIANCA (Washington- El Salvador/El Salvador-Lima/Lima- Montevideo). TACA-AVIANCA offers cheaper airfares, and has two one hour and a half approx. stops; but you can take this opportunity to visit Lima (Machu Pichu, etc) or El Salvador. This is completely up to you. The activities I organize in Nueva Helvecia, Colonia del Sacramento and Punta del Este are due to be held between Jan. 18 and Jan. 23.

A bus is going to pick you up at Carrasco Airport and take you to the hotels (they are close to each other). We are going to have a guided visit of the town (I will be your host), another to Colonia del Sacramento (a guide from Colonia will join us), a trip to Punta del Este (we leave early in the morning and come back at night) where a tourist guide will tell you about the resort and we will have lunch at a very nice restaurant.

During your stay in Nueva Helvecia you will have the opportunity to enjoy the hotels facilities, rent a car if you wish, go horseback riding or take a walk around the main avenue or the town center. One night we will enjoy a dinner at one of the hotels and the folklore group "Los AlegresAlpinos" will perform for us. Their dances include Swiss dances, as well as some from the Tirol, Germany and Austria.

The same bus is going to take you to all the places as well as pick you up and take you back to the airport. The total amount of money you will need to spend for the bus, the guides (not me, I go for free), the dinner in Nueva Helvecia and lunch in Punta del Este is not yet set as it will depend on the number of people who will travel. It will be equally divided between all of us.

Each person is responsible for his/her own meals while in Nueva Helvecia, Colonia and Punta del Este. This way everyone can manage their own budget better. The hotels menus can be seen online.

A trip to Buenos Aires is also available. In the meantime, if you want to contact a travel agency even to make the arrangements in case you want to visit Lima, Machu Pichu, Cuzco, etc., please, e-mail Cecilia Regules at Cecilia@ceciliaregulesviajes.com

She has prepared an excellent package which will be posted in the next Postillion.

She is the owner of one of the best travel agencies in Uruguay. She has an excellent reputation in every aspect and will find something according to your needs. Should you decide to contact her, please be sure to mention that you belong to the Swiss Club in DC, the same with the hotels in Nueva Helvecia as I have already talked to them.

Even though the Swiss Club Board is pleased with the idea of this trip, it is important to mention that the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C., is NOT involved in the organization of this trip, and is not responsible for it. I, RossanaDelucchi, am the organizer. So, if you have any further questions, please, do not hesitate to reach out to me at: rossdelucchi@hotmail.com

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the March Quiz:In 1819, François-Louis Cailler opened the first mechanised chocolate production facilities in Corsier near Vevey, Switzerland.

April Quiz: How many women are in the executive branch of the Swiss federal government (Bundesrat)?

As always, there are no prizes, but answers or entertaining comments or maybe more interesting quiz questions are appreciated at info@swissclubdc.org

Swiss Benevolent Society 2015 Scholarship Program

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington D.C. 2015 Scholarship Program has commenced. Awards may be made in an amount of up to \$2000 each. Assistance to qualified applicants will be given to obtain a post high school education in any field of endeavor, for any formal educational instruction, including vocational school, at any domestic or foreign institution. Applicants must be Swiss Nationals, or be of proven Swiss descent, with a least one grandparent of Swiss nationality. Applicants must be legal residents of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area or the Swiss settlement of Helvetia, West Virginia for at least one year prior to the start of classes. Proof of residency is required. High emphasis will be placed on financial need of scholastically qualified individuals.

Applications may be obtained by sending request to the Swiss Benevolent Society, RegulaBolliger Guess, 11505 Hornfair Court, Potomac, MD 20854, or to regula.guess@yahoo.com. Completed applications, with all supporting material, must be submitted by July 1, 2015.

The Swiss Benevolent Society was founded in 1865 as a charitable organization to help Swiss or descendants of Swiss living in the Washington, DC area who are in need of assistance. In addition to annually awarding scholarships, help is extended to Swiss who are ill or need assistance. If you know of someone who is in need of help, we ask that you contact Society at the address below or call Campbell Graeub at [301-652-2007](tel:301-652-2007).

The Society is no longer a membership organization that collects annual dues. It depends, therefore, entirely on donations and the income from its nominal reserve fund. Your financial support is respectfully requested. Contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's Charitable and Scholarship Programs, please complete the contribution form below. The Society wishes to express sincere appreciation to local Swiss for their past support; a special thank you to those members of the local Swiss community who make annual contributions. Without your support, the Society's work would not be possible.

Swiss Benevolent Society Contribution

I/We wish to support the Swiss Benevolent Society Charitable and Scholarship Program. Please make checks payable to the Swiss Benevolent Society and mail to address below. Thank you for your contribution.

Swiss Benevolent Society
Attention: RegulaBolliger Guess
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Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015

April 25 Bike ride. Rain Date: May 2
April 29 Happy Hour
May/June Billy Goat Trail hike, date tbd
June 7 3rd Jass tournament
June/July KaffeeKlatsch - date and place tbd
August 1 Swiss National Day, at the embassy
October 18 Swiss Shooting Day
October General Assembly
November Raclette
November 5th Jass tournament
December Grittibenz
December Samichlaus



Be a part of the Swiss Cycling Team!

Don't miss out when the delegation from Swiss Cycling will be the guest of USA Cycling. On September 15th and 18th the best Swiss cyclists will arrive in Richmond, Virginia, via Washington DC, as part of the 2015 world road cycling championships. Their mission will not only include representing Switzerland in the fight for medals among an international field, but they should also regard themselves as ambassadors for our small nation.

From the 20th till the 27th of September, the Swiss riders will be racing in the time trial as well as road race championships. On such occasions, many volunteers are always needed. Do you have the time and inclination to lend a hand to the Swiss Cycling team? We are especially looking for assistance in transportation. For example, we will need help getting to Richmond from Dulles airport, and back again. In addition, we would greatly appreciate receiving material support such as having use of massage tables or motor scooters during our time in Richmond. And of course we are looking to have fans at the races to cheer on our Swiss cyclists. All forms of support are very welcomed!

For more information, and/or if you wish to assist the team, contact [Eveline Roberts](#) of the Swiss Club D.C. and become a part of Swiss Cycling!



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