

# February 2015 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

[www.SwissClubDC.org](http://www.SwissClubDC.org)



## President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

At the end of this month we invite you to our annual fondue dinner, with musical entertainment provided by the duo of Liab und Schneid. Since we started taking online registration we all found out that seats fill up fast, so don't wait to sign up as space is limited. And for those of you new to this event, it requires that you bring your own caquelon and rechaud (no electric one), We will supply everything else. You can also view photos of last year's fondue on the Photo Gallery page of our website.

We also wish to remind you that in order to attend the fondue, you need to be current with your 2015 dues. Priority will be given to the members who are up to date with their dues.

January saw the Jass group back in action for their first tournament of the year, with Christian Haudenschild netting the best overall score. The KaffeeKlatsch, organized by Rosmarie Stucki, met at La Madeleine in Bethesda where 13 of us enjoyed a Saturday morning breakfast.

As we are in the process of setting up our calendar of events for this year, you'll be happy to know that our Swiss National Day will take place on the very day it is celebrated in Switzerland, namely on Saturday, August 1. The other event which is confirmed is the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29, a week before Easter. We'll keep you posted on the others as we finalize them.

Thank you for supporting the Swiss Club with your membership dues.

See you at the fondue,

Eveline Roberts

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## Fondue Night Saturday, February 28th at 6pm At the Embassy of Switzerland

Join us at our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner! ~ **with live music** ~

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine, and good company at the Swiss Embassy, with authentic alpine music performed by [Liab' und Schneid](#). 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.**

Member Adult: \$ 30, Member Child (age 6 to 12) \$15, Guest Adult \$40, Guest Child (age 6 to 12) \$ 20.

**Recipients of the print edition of the Postillion: Please register EARLY (NOW!) by mail or telephon as the event is sold out much faster than previously due to the easy on line registrations. Call Joel Cox at 801-330-3355 or send a check with name, address and number and type of participants to Joel Cox, 3416 Rutgers St., Hyattsville MD 20783.**

## Join the Swiss Bakery for Fasnacht

**When:** Saturday, February 7, 11am -3pm

**Where:** The Swiss Bakery  
5224 Port Royal Rd  
Springfield, VA 22151  
[703-321-3670](tel:703-321-3670)  
[TheSwissBakery.com](http://TheSwissBakery.com)

**Live Music, a Special Cafe Menu, Sausages hot from the grill, Swiss Fasnacht pastries**

**WEAR A COSTUME OR A MASK FOR A SWISS TREAT**



## Discover a piece of Switzerland in Uruguay II

(This information has been taken from different websites)

Many historians report that the foundation of Nueva Helvecia happened as a result of the amalgamation between the effort of the Swiss immigrants to find in these lands "their place in the world", and the need for peace of this new country (Uruguay), which back then was emerging from the devastation of civil war. Today, this is really a site to be proud of.

Every year during August, the city celebrates the Swiss Festival. These festivities offer a different, significant and particular kind of charm every year. This is a tradition that has been held ever since the foundation of this urban settlement. During the celebrations, typical songs and dances are combined with preparation and tasting of the most traditional and delicious Swiss dishes. The recipes have been maintained intact and passed from generation to generation. Some of these delicacies include the famous Colonia cheese and the traditional hard cheese. But there are also many families that have among their traditional meals the Swiss fondue, the famous Swiss potatoes or apple strudels, among several others.

Its Evangelical and Catholic temples contribute a special architecture to the city beyond the worship practiced and represent a tourist attraction themselves. Complete from every point of view, Nueva Helvecia has its own railway station, a cultural center housing the regional archives and museum, a shooting club, a huge water tank that supplies a large part of the city, its flower clock, an aero club, a burnt-down mill and some hotels from the early twentieth century -such as the Nirvana, the Suizo and Del Prado- that have made this place famous.

I will provide more information about a trip to Nueva Helvecia next year in the upcoming Postilions. Apart from this I will be in Colonia Suiza from mid-February until the end of March planning different activities not only in Colonia Suiza but also in Colonia del Sacramento, Punta del Este just to mention some. I will be available by e-mail.

The stay is scheduled to last one week but those who want to stay longer are more than welcome to extend their visit.

Upon confirmation of the date we plan to hold a meeting with those interested and I will show pictures and give more information about the town and the trip itself as well as the options you have to fly to Uruguay.

Please, contact me at [rossdelucchi@hotmail.com](mailto:rossdelucchi@hotmail.com) if you have any questions or if you are interested in taking part in this excursion. I am already preparing a tentative list.

**Bienvenidos a Colonia Suiza! Los esperamos!**

## Members' Corner

Recommended by RegulaMunz(540-822-4363)

### Bernese Mountain Dog show

February 14 and 15 at the Frederick Fairgrounds  
(797 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701).

SHOW HOURS: 7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. (Saturday & Sunday)

Come meet the breeders and owners of these Swiss Bernese dogs.

Organized by the Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club

And there will be food and vendors, too.

Please, visit [www.pvbmdc.org](http://www.pvbmdc.org) and for more details "The 2015 Premium List" is linked [here](#)



Recommended by Heidi Amstutz(703-242-4224)

### Annual Fasching / Mardi Gras Prize Masquerade Ball.

On Saturday, February 21, from 7pm to midnight, the Washington Saengerbund is hosting its annual fun filled Costume Prize Masquerade Ball.

Live dance music, delicious German food specialties, and prizes awarded for best costumes.

Location: Kena Ballroom, 9001 Arlington Blvd., in Fairfax, VA

For more information go to [www.saengerbund.org](http://www.saengerbund.org)

## Swiss Club Quiz

**Answer to the January Quiz:** According to the legend, it was June 1292 (not 1992, as my over intelligent, automatic-fill-in-a-date, computer would have it) when the women in the besieged Zürich disguised in all armor and weaponry they could get and showed themselves on top of the town's fortification. That impressed the Habsburgs so much that they recalculated their chances and decided to leave.

**February Quiz:** On a more peaceful note, what cheeses go into the Fondue on February 28?

As always there are no prizes, but answers or entertaining comments or maybe more interesting quiz questions are appreciated at [info@swissclubdc.org](mailto:info@swissclubdc.org) (or message at 301-251-5808)

**Thank you Christian for keeping sending us the Quizzes!**

## Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015

Feb. 28 (Sat) at 6pm - Fondue Evening at the Swiss Embassy

March 29 (Sunday) from 2 to 4pm - Easter Egg Hunt at the Swiss Embassy

March - KaffeeKlatsch date and place tbd

March - 2nd Jass tournament, date and place tbd

April/May - bike ride, place and date tbd

May/June - Billy Goat Trail hike, date tbd

May/June - KaffeeKlatsch - date and place tbd

May/June - 3rd Jass tournament

August 1 (Sat) at 4pm - Swiss National Day, at the embassy

September - 4th Jass tournament

Sept/Oct - Swiss Shooting Day, date tbd

October - General Assembly

November - Raclette

November - 5th Jass tournament

December - Grittibenz

December - Samichlaus

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