

January 2015 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

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President's Message

Happy New Year to all,

With the start of 2015 we wish to thank our retiring board members and past president Reto Weber, Claudia Tobler, and Alexis Sullivan. All three have given the Swiss Club many volunteer hours and have been instrumental in the success of our events. Reto has catered our dinners, Claudia has entertained the children with fun activities, while Alexis has been making sure everything and everyone was in place to provide you with a smooth event.

In turn, we welcome to the board Catherine Gees, and Jeni Tutwiler who will help us continue offering great dinners and outings for you the members. And should you, too, be interested in joining the board, please send me an e-mail.

Two events have been scheduled for this month. A Jass tournament on January 11 at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, followed by a Kaffee Klatsch on January 24 at La Madeleine in Bethesda. Can't think of better places to spend some time in winter than in a bakery with a cup of coffee and maybe some pastry or two! And save the date of Saturday, February 28 for a delicious fondue.

When hanging up a brand new calendar please also remember to renew your membership to the Swiss Club. And to make it easier to do so, you can now renew online with a credit card. See the article below.

Thanks for your past support and we hope you'll continue sharing some Swiss traditions with us. I look forward to seeing many of you during the coming year.

With best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year to you and your families.

Eveline Roberts

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Jass Tournament *Sunday, January 11 at 1:30 pm*

Jass Rules & Scoring can be [found on our website](#)

At the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA
Ravensworth Shopping Center
5224 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22151
[703-321-3670](tel:703-321-3670)

Please register with Margrit Zeender
by sending an email to rzeender@comcast.net
or call her 301- 262 - 3253

Registration deadline is January 7th 2015
We look forward to playing with you!



KaffeeKlatsch

Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour

We talk, we sip coffee, and we eat pastries... what a great way to spend a Saturday morning! We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, and sometimes, Italian. Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!

Place: La Madeleine
French Bakery & Café
7607 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda MD 20814

Date: Saturday, January 24th 2015

Time: 9:00am to 11:30am

Please RSVP to RosmarieStucki (rosmarie@gmail.com)
or call her 202 – 572 - 8219



Free Parking with validation: Parking # 49 on Woodmont Avenue / Commerce Lane. There are two garage entrances: one on Woodmont Av between Old Georgetown Road and Edgemoor Lane and one on Edgemoor Lane between Woodmont Avenue and Commerce Lane.

Discover a piece of Switzerland in Uruguay

Nueva Helvecia (New Helvetia), or Colonia Suiza (Swiss Colony), is a small town in Uruguay founded by the Swiss together with small groups of Germans, Austrians and Alsatians. At the end of the 19th century, Uruguay was in need of immigrants, people who could help develop a young, unpopulated country.

In 1862 the first group of settlers arrived carrying nothing but their suitcases, their hearts full of hope and a spirit to work unimaginably hard. In a place where no one spoke their language, alone, they put their best effort as farmers and harvested a little piece of Switzerland in South America. This can still be seen today in Uruguay, "The Switzerland of the South."

We are planning a trip to discover this historical and vibrant town in January 2015. There will be different hotel accommodations to choose from, many excellent restaurants, a guided tour and you can spend your spare time either at the swimming pools, taking walks to know the town better, and mingling with the locals. We plan day trips to travel to Colonia del Sacramento and Punta del Este. Those of you who would like to visit Buenos Aires can do it for the day or stay a couple of days if you want to stay longer.

Please, let me know at rossdelucchi@hotmail.com (or call me 571-312-5300) if you would be interested in visiting a very different place in South America. I will share a few more details in our next Postillion, mostly regarding prices and more activities.

I have already talked about this idea with people from Nueva Helvecia - Colonia Suiza and they would be very happy to welcome a group from the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. to their lovely town.

Some Pictures of Nueva Helvecia



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Pictures from the Samichlaus Party



Our membership runs on a calendar basis, and come January we remind you to send in your 2015 dues. We also wish to thank all the members who have already sent in their membership renewals for 2015. Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2014 do not have to renew their membership, but everyone else does.



SWISS CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL 2015

The membership year runs from January to December. Membership is required to attend club events. (check www.swissclubdc.org for activity calendar)

Renewal (*If no other changes apply just submit name, email, date, signature, and payment method)

New Member Swiss National Swiss Descendant Friend of Switzerland

If a Swiss National or Descendant, canton of origin: _____

*Last name: _____ *First: _____ Date of birth: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Spouse Date of birth: _____

Names of dependent children (21 and under) and year of birth for each (for Family membership)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home/Cell phone: _____ Business phone: _____

Occupation: _____ *Email: _____

Optional second newsletter to this email (family members only): _____

* Date: _____ *Signature: _____

I would like to volunteer or help organize a Swiss Club event: YES

I would like to be included in the club's printed membership telephone directory: YES NO

Payment Method:

Check

Enclosed is my membership check in the amount of \$ _____ for:

_____ \$45.00 Family membership (couple and dependent children 21 and under)

_____ \$30.00 Single membership _____ \$15.00 Student or Au Pair

_____ \$15.00 Single senior citizen (65+) _____ \$25.00 Senior citizen couple (both 65+)

Make Check Payable to **Swiss Club of Washington DC** and mail with form to: Marc Borbely
1430 F Street NE
Washington DC, 20002

Comments and suggestions are very welcome. Please include them in email or use the back of this form.

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the December Quiz:When Stauffacher, the Landammann (local leader) of Schwyz, hesitated to join his colleagues from Uri and Nidwalden to stand up against Gessler (the Habsburg imposed suppressor), his wife Gertrude encouraged him with the words: "Schauvorwärts, Werner, und nicht hinter dich!" (Look forward, Werner, and not behind you). In a historical document, a treatise with Zürich of August 26, 1292, a Rudolf the Stauffacher from Schwyz is mentioned, but not as Landammann.

January Quiz: In June 1525, after successfully conquering Winterthur and taking 1000 prisoners, the Duke Albrecht of Habsburg set siege on Zürich, but retreated with his army 6 days later. Why?

Save the Date February, 28th

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

