

# July 2015 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

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## President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

Once every so many years we get to celebrate our Swiss National Day on the very same day as our relatives and friends in Switzerland. So please come and join us on Saturday, August 1, on the grounds of the Swiss embassy. If it'll be your first time attending this event, then be sure to check out our Photo Gallery at [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org) to view photos of prior years so you'll know what awaits you.

There is something for everyone, young and not so young. The pool will be open for a few hours so you can take a few dips there to cool off. The children between the age of 2 and 12 will receive a free lampion and will participate in the lampions parade leading to a bonfire, prepared by our embassy friends.

The Swiss Tourism office has offered two 8-day rail passes, and Swiss International Airlines has donated 2 airlines tickets to Switzerland - these will be raffled off, so don't miss out on these fabulous prizes and buy some tickets (\$5 each or 5 for \$20). There will also be lots of great items to win at our tombola (\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5).

Please see the article below on how to pre-register for this celebration. We will hold all admission tickets at the "Will Call" table by the entrance gate. If you decide to pay at the door, be advised that we can only accept cash or check.

Also, if you'd like to volunteer to help for 3 hours at the event in exchange for an admission ticket, please contact me at [chvd@aol.com](mailto:chvd@aol.com) (301-460-9571), or Eric Russi at [eric.russi@swissclubdc.org](mailto:eric.russi@swissclubdc.org) (301-585-5844)

We all look forward to seeing you on August 1st. Come and enjoy a little taste of Switzerland.

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## Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015

- August 1 - Swiss National Day, at the Swiss Embassy
- August 29 - KaffeeKlatsch, Swiss Bakery, Springfield
- September - 4th Jass tournament
- October 18 - Swiss Shooting Day
- October - General Assembly
- November - Raclette
- November - 5th Jass tournament
- December - Grittibenz
- December - Samichlaus

# **Swiss National Day** *Saturday, August 1st on the grounds of the Embassy of Switzerland*

2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington DC

Swiss Food & Music ~ Bonfire ~ Alphorns ~ Fifes & Drums, Lampion Parade ~ Wine & Beer ~ Swiss Bakery ~ Tombola, Swiss Souvenirs ~ Super Raffle Prizes ~ Flag Swinging~ Kids' Corner ~ Swimming Pool ~ Games ~ Swiss Traditions ~ Swiss Dogs

**Gate opens at 4:00pm.**

**Gate closes to entry at 6:00pm.**

Event ends after dark. No rain date.

### ***Program:***

3:45 pm	Alphorns
4:00 pm	Gate opens
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tombola Booth is Open
6:00 pm	Address by Ambassador Martin Dahinden Address by Swiss Confederation President, Ms. Simonetta Sommaruga ( recording)
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Pool, Games, Swiss Dog Demonstrations, Kids Corner
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Entertainment Program at the Plaza
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Swiss Village is Open
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Food Service



***Bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, swimsuit for the pool, and sun screen!***

### **Entrance fee includes:**

All entertainment, Swiss sausages, salads, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages.

And, children (2 to 12 years of age) will receive a Swiss lampion.

Ticket prices are:

	By July 26th	After July 27th and at the door
2015 Member Adults	\$20	\$25
2015 Member Children	\$10	\$15
Guest Adults	\$30	\$35
Guest Children	\$15	\$20

**Ticket prices at the door are: Cash and check only**

**Children ages 2 -12.** Entrance for children under 2 years of age is free. Food and lampions for them may be purchased separately. Guest tickets include a 7 day membership

Early registration is highly encouraged, so get signed up today. You **MUST** be a current 2015 member to get the special advanced pricing. A current member is defined as the calendar year of 2015 for your membership type. For example, a single membership is for one person, a family membership is for the parents and dependent children under 21 yrs of age. All other family members and friends would be considered guests of the member. (maximal number of guest registrants 20)

## REGISTRATION FORM for Swiss National Day August 1, 2015

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2015 Member Adult @ \$20 (\$25 after July 27 post stamp) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2015 Member Children @ \$10 (\$15 after July 27 post stamp) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest Adult @ \$30 (\$35 after July 27) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of guests:.....

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest Children @ \$ 15 (\$20 after July 27) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of guest children:.....

total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check to Swissclub of Washington DC and send it with this form to**

**Joel Cox 3416 Rutgers StreetHyattsville, MD 20783**

### **Sign up as a VOLUNTEER!**

We need help for several stations at the event. Volunteers get free admission and meal in return for a 3 hour commitment. To volunteer, contact Eveline Roberts at [chvd@aol.com](mailto:chvd@aol.com) (301-460-9571), or Eric Russi at [eric.russi@swissclubdc.org](mailto:eric.russi@swissclubdc.org) (301-585-5844)

Volunteer tickets will be waiting at the volunteer desk.

## Swiss Club Quiz

**Answer to June Quiz:** September 25, 1799, the French were fighting the Russians under General Suworow on the Teufelsbrücke (devil's bridge) near Göschenen, north of the Gotthard pass.



Austria, Russia and England were allied ("Second Koalition") to remove the French from their "Helvetic Republic", i.e. the Switzerland that the French had created at that time. Indeed, in the first battle at Zürich (June 4 - 6, 1799) the French were beaten, but not sufficiently chased away. So General Alexander Suworow with his victorious army of 21,000, coming from northern Italy, was ordered to do that, joining General Korsakow's army

(23,000) in Zürich and two Austrian armies coming from the Linthtal and the Vorderrheintal. However, he came too late because he had to wait five days in Lugano for the mules that were needed to pass the Gotthard, so in the second battle of Zürich (September 25-26, 1799) Korsakow and the Austrians were without support and had to retreat while Suworow still was struggling with the French at the Teufelsbrücke. Suworow, now chased himself by the French, had to divert his tour via three more, high passes (Kinzig, Prugel, Panixer) in rain and snow to arrive in Chur with only 15,000 left. A monument was cut into the rock near the Teufelsbrücke.

### July Quiz:

There is another, quite unusual monument near Göschenen at the entry to the Schöllenschlucht, shown in this picture. What is its relation to the Teufelsbrücke ?

