

March 2015 Postillion by Olivia Hauser

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President's Message

Bonjour a tous,

We enjoyed a wonderful fondue dinner last night and I want to thank all of you for spending the evening with us. The space was tight, which meant a good opportunity to meet and share a table and/or a fondue pot with other members and their guests. Look for the photos on our website in a week or so.

Our schedule for March will consist of a Jass tournament, a Kaffee Klatsch, and the children's Easter Egg Hunt - see the announcements below. If you are not sure whether your children are too young or too old to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt, then take a look at the photos from the last couple years on our website (Photo Gallery page). They'll give you a good idea of the age ranges that find this a fun activity.

The Swiss Benevolent Society is opening its search for this year's new scholarship winners, so don't miss out on the chance to be awarded one.

And, finally, a Swiss Cycling team will be participating in the 2015 World Road Cycling Championships next September in Richmond, VA, and they would welcome some Swiss support at that event. Read the announcement below. Hopp Suisse!!

A une prochaine,
Eveline Roberts
301-460-9571

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Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the February Quiz: The basic Swiss Emmentaler and Gruyere cheeses, plus easily melting Raclette and Fribourg Vacherin cheeses, which make Reto's Fondue especially creamy and delicious

March Quiz: Cailler is one of the best and best known Swiss Chocolates. Where is the name coming from, and for how many years has it been on the market?
(Hint: <http://www.chocosuisse.ch/chocosuisse/en/chocolate/history.html>)

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

A Sunday afternoon of Jass

Join us for the second Jass Tournament of 2015!
Sunday, March 15 at 1:30 pm
[Embassy of Switzerland](#)
[2900 Cathedral Rd NW](#)
[Washington, DC 2008](#)



Jass Rules & Scoring can be found on our [website](#)
Please register with MargritZeender by calling her at 301-262-3253

Registration deadline is March 11th, 2015
We look forward to playing with you!

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KaffeeKlatsch

Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour
Saturday, March 21, 2015

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:

[The Swiss Bakery](#)
[Ravensworth Center](#)
[5224 Port Royal Road](#)
[Springfield, VA 22151](#)

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 9:00am

Please RSVP to Rosmarie Stucki at 202-572-8219



Easter Egg Hunt



We invite you to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Join us for an afternoon of fun! Decorate your own Easter basket and then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as all supplies. Decorating starts at 2pm, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm promptly! Depending on the age of the participant, basket decorating usually takes from 30 to 60 minutes. Please plan your arrival accordingly. In the interests of being fair to all attendees, we will start the actual Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm.

When: Sunday, March 29, 2015

Where: [Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Rd NW, Washington, DC 20008](#)

Time: 2pm to 4pm, Easter Egg Hunt begins at 3pm!

Cost: Free to members; \$10 for guests of members (Pay at the door)

Please register before March 25th by calling Eveline Roberts at 301-460-9571

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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, Regula Bolliger 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 Graeb at 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: Regula Bolliger Guess
11505 Hornfair Court
Potomac, MD 20854

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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](mailto:Eveline.Roberts@swiss-cycling.ch) (301-460-9571) of the Swiss Club
D.C. and become a part of Swiss Cycling!



www.swiss-cycling.ch

Find more information for Richmond 2015 www.richmond2015.com

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Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015

- March 15 - 2nd Jass tournament, Swiss Embassy at 1:30 pm
- March 21 - Kaffee Klatsch, Swiss Bakery at 9:00 am
- March 29 - Easter Egg Hunt at the Swiss Embassy, 2:00 pm
- April/May - bike ride, place and date tbd
- May/June - Billy Goat Trail hike, date tbd
- May/June - Kaffee Klatsch - date and place tbd
- May/June - 3rd Jass tournament
- August 1 - Swiss National Day, at the Swiss Embassy
- September - 4th Jass tournament
- October 18 - Swiss Shooting Day
- October - General Assembly
- November - Raclette
- November - 5th Jass tournament
- December - Grittibenz
- December - Samichlaus

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