

May 2015 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

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President's Message

Bonjour à tous,

Today I'm borrowing from the French and their Fête du Travail to wish you "au repos et de la détente, pour le 1er mai. De la chance et du bonheur, pour toute l'année!

We are taking a break this month to let everyone celebrate Mother's Day, start planting your gardens and get ready for Memorial Day weekend and the unofficial start of beach season.

After a chilly but invigorating bike ride on the Washington and Old Dominion trail in April, our next outdoors event will take us on the Billy Goat Trail on June 6. If you are new to the Washington, D.C. area, this is a hike everyone should try at least once. Children often go there on a school trip. It can be challenging, but also worth the effort. Please see the information below and mark your calendar for this "bucket list" hike. Check out the photos from previous years on our Photo Gallery page at www.swissclubdc.org

Also in early June the Jass players will meet for their third tournament of the year. It's an easy game to learn and we'd love to see new players join the group. Let me know if you are interested and we'll be happy to teach you.

Célébrez le premier mai avec un bouquet de muguet, et rendez-vous en juin.

Eveline Roberts
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Billy Goat Trail Hike June 6th

Join us for a hike on the beautiful and adventurous Billy Goat Hiking Trail which offers great views of the Potomac River, especially in the Mather Gorge area. Then we'll relax with sausages on the grill at the Carderock picnic area.

We will hike a short piece of the towpath and then pick up the Billy Goat trail, which is about two miles along the river. For those who have never hiked the trail, this will be an adventure as you get the sense that we are in the wilderness, miles away from the city. Although it starts out flat we will encounter some rugged terrain which requires a bit of rock scrambling; therefore, good hiking shoes are recommended. For those seeking a less challenging activity, we have organized a hike parallel to the towpath which would allow for meeting up together at the point where the "billy goats" come back out to the towpath, and then we'll hike back to the starting point as a group. **The total length of the hike is a little less than five miles.** The hike will take place rain or shine. \$10 fee includes sausages, salads and drinks at the BBQ. Beer and wine will be available for an extra charge.

We will meet on **Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac MD 20854** [map below](#))

Please RSVP to Bernard Unti, [301-548-7707](tel:301-548-7707) (bernard.unti@swissclubdc.org) by Thursday, June 4.

3rd Jass Tournament June 7

Join us for the third Jass Tournament of 2015

Sunday, June 7, at 1:30pm

at the Zeender residence, 16324 Bawtry Ct, Bowie MD 20715

Registration: The deadline to register is June 3.

Please contact Margrit Zeender at rzeender@comcast.net, or at 301-262-3253

Registration fee: \$5 per Swiss Club member and \$10 per guest, collected at the Jass



Save the Date: Swiss National Day

When: Saturday, August 1st

Where: Swiss Embassy

More Information in upcoming Postillions



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 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 Club Quiz

Answer to the April Quiz: Three out of seven, including this year's president (primus inter pares).
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The members of the Federal Council (from left to right): Federal Councillor Didier Burkhalter, Federal Councillor Johann N. Schneider-Ammann (Vice-President), Federal Councillor Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf, Federal Councillor Doris Leuthard, Federal Councillor Ueli Maurer, President Simonetta Sommaruga, Federal Councillor Alain Berset, (Federal Chancellor Corina Casanova).

May Quiz: Everybody in Switzerland knows this peaceful place at the lake, where President Simonetta Sommaruga will speak to the nation on August 1, 2015. (You'll hear that at our Swiss National Day celebration at the Embassy). Who spoke there on July 25, 1940?





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Tentative Swiss Club Events for 2015

- June 6 - Billy Goat Trail hike, Potomac, Maryland
- June 7- 3rd Jass tournament, Zeender Residence
- June/July - Kaffee Klatsch - date and place tbd
- August 1 - Swiss National Day, at the Swiss Embassy
- October 18 - Swiss Shooting Day
- October - General Assembly
- November - Raclette
- November - 5th Jass tournament
- December - Grittibenz
- December - Samichlaus