



April 2016 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

[Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.](#)

President's message

Bonjour à tous,

On April 10 the Jassers will play in their second tournament of the year, and we want to point out that this is an easy game to learn. We welcomed two brand new players at our February tournament, and they fit right in after just one training session the previous day with Christian. He can also point you to a few apps to get you started.

Lucrezia Bieler, the Swiss Scherenschnitte artist, will once again showcase her artwork at the Smithsonian Craft Show from Thursday, April 21, to Sunday, April 24. The last two years she generously donated one of her creations to our Swiss National Day raffle. The photo below shows last year's winner, Tobi Cisin, aka the alphorn player.

[Jeni Tutwiler](#) has now taken over as Membership Coordinator and will be happy to answer any question about your membership status. Remember that in order to attend our events your annual dues must be current (membership year runs from January to December).

Have a wonderful Spring.

Eveline Roberts

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Join us for the second Jass Tournament of the year! *Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 1:30 pm*



Where: At the Backus residence 10601 Oaklyn Dr
Potomac, MD 20854

Please register with Rosmarie Suitor by sending an email to rosmsuitor@aol.com or call her 301-460-5904

Registration deadline is April 7, 2016

Jass Rules & Scoring can be found on our [website](#) We look forward to playing with you!

Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch *Sunday May 1st from 9 to 11 am*



Where: LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN 7140 Bethesda Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814 Tel: [301 913 2902](tel:3019132902)

Free parking on Saturdays and Sundays at all Montgomery public parking garages easily visible with a blue "P". There is one located a few steps away from LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN between Elm St. and Bethesda Ave.

The parking garage is accessible from both streets.

Please RSVP to Rosmarie Stucki (rosmarie@gmail.com) or call her 202-572-8210

Congratulations to our new Honorary Members

At the General Assembly last October the members present voted to bestow an honorary membership on Reto and Laurie Weber in recognition of their numerous contributions to the Swiss Club.

Our fondue dinner in February was the perfect occasion to offer them our thanks and present them with a token of our appreciation, a lovely bouquet for Laurie and a cowbell for Reto.

Reto has been active with the Swiss Club since the day he joined some twenty years ago, and eventually becoming president in 2012 and 2013. Many times Reto and Laurie have welcomed us to their Swiss Bakery for a number of food related activities, among others the Grittibenz baking where they opened their professional kitchen to our young members. Everyone has enjoyed the delicious food they prepared for our fondue and raclette dinners, the Christmas party and in past years the Swiss National Day buffet. They have definitely made the work of our event organizers a lot easier by their willingness to do the catering, Swiss food being an important part of our gatherings.

Please congratulate and thank Reto and Laurie next time you see them.

Thanks, Reto and Laurie,

Eveline



Scherenschnitte/Decoupage/Papercutting

Swiss-born, Florida-based artist Lucrezia Bieler will again participate in the Smithsonian Craft Show, a juried exhibition that will take place at the National Building Museum, Thursday through Sunday, April 21-24, 2016. Lucrezia's wonderful work in Paper Art (Scherenschnitte/Decoupage) has been featured as a prize during our Swiss National Day celebrations for several years. Lucrezia, trained as a medical illustrator, has brought a special sensibility to this traditional art form as practiced by German and Swiss farmers, re-envisioning it for a modern world. Do stop by and say "Gruezi" to Lucrezia at Booth Number 103.

For more information,
see: <http://smithsoniancraftshow.org/>
or <http://www.bieler-beerli.com>

SHOW INFORMATION

Admission: \$20

Thursday 10:30 am - 8:00 pm

Friday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm



Kaspar Hunkeler (1922 - 2016)

On February 26th, Kaspar Hunkeler, the last surviving child of the late Josef and Elisabeth Hunkeler of Beromünster, Switzerland, passed away peacefully at the age of 93.

Kaspar grew up on a farm with seven brothers and sisters. He learned to swing the Swiss flag and later became an award winning Swiss flag swinger. In 1951, while working in a car garage in Bern, Kaspar was approached by Ambassador Bruggman to come to Washington, D.C., and be his chauffeur and butler. Kaspar was excited to go because not only did he have the desire to travel to America, the Ambassador owned a Cadillac! He worked at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, D.C., for the next 35 years.

One of his greatest loves was Swiss folklore. He was an accomplished flag swinger and a founding member of the Swiss Folklore Group of Washington D.C. The group of more than 30 men and women performed all over the United States, yodeling, dancing and singing. One of his most cherished memories was performing for then President Jimmy Carter in 1979.



He is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Maria, and their children - Markus, Teddy, Roby and Tina - along with their spouses, ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by all.

A memorial service will be celebrated at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Maryland on Saturday, April 23rd at 11:00 a.m.

Swiss Club Events for 2016

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| April 10 | 2nd Jass Tournament in Potomac, MD |
| May 1 | Kaffee Klatsch at Le Pain Quotidien, Bethesda Row |
| April/May | Bike ride |
| May/June | Billy Goat Trail hike |
| July 30 | Swiss National Day |
| September 11 | Shooting Day in Thurmont, MD with Swiss Rifles |

Quiz Answer to the March Quiz: The new Gotthard tunnel will open in July 2016. They already perform intensive testing, including safety and evacuation drills.

April Quiz: Who is the Swiss Chocolate Queen?

(This is not an April joke, see:

<http://houseofswitzerland.org/swissstories/society/best-chocolatiere-world>)

For Swiss Club members without access to a computer, this quiz comes with the answer:

For Géraldine Mueller-Maras, it's all a matter of taste: a taste for the finer things, a taste for travel and a taste for pushing the limits. And she needed all these qualities and more to be crowned Swiss Chocolate Master in 2015 and the highest-ranking woman at the 2015 World Chocolate Masters in Paris.



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