Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

December 2016 Postillion

By Rossana Delucchi

President's message

Bonjour à tous,

With so many holiday decorations all around us it's time to start some baking with a Grittibenz and to celebrate the season with Samichlaus. The Grittibenz is already sold out, but there are still a few seats left for the Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 11 (see the information below). If you are new to these two events, you may want to check our PhotoGallery to get an idea of what to expect.



As in the past, a few vendors will be on hand to help you with your Xmas shopping on December 11.

It's also time to say goodbye since my 3-year term as president comes to a close. It's been a great learning experience and I want to thank all of you for participating in our events and, thereby keeping the Swiss Club alive and well. Since using online registrations and accepting credit card payments our events are filling up at a rapid pace and I urge everyone to reserve your spots early next year if you don't want to end up on a waitlist.

Please join me in congratulating Martin Perret who has accepted to be our next president.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season. Au revoir,

Eveline Roberts

Swiss Club Grittibenz - SOLD OUT

Sunday, December 4 from 3pm to 5pm Join us for this truly unique Swiss tradition and bake your own Grittibenz!

Enjoy an afternoon of holiday baking in a professional bakery, with cider and cookies! Each paid participant will be able to make their own Grittibenz. Please register all attendees, and pay the registration fee only for those who will be baking. minimum age for attendees is 4 years old.

<u>Where:</u> Swiss Bakery 5224 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22151 This event is for Swiss Club members and their guests only... Spaces are limited.



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Swiss Club Events for 2016

December 4 Grittibenz, at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield

December 11 Samichlaus, Embassy of Switzerland

Samichlaus/Christmas Party

~ Enjoy a traditional Swiss dinner and a visit from Samichlaus ~

We invite you to join us for a traditional Schinken im Teig and Bûche de Noël served by the Swiss Bakery. Samichlaus will visit and bring something for all of the children

He will have a special reward for all who recite a poem, sing a song or draw a picture.

This event is free and is for Swiss Club members ONLY ... Spaces are limited!

(Deadline for registration is December 7, or when all seats are reserved)

Registration is required. Absolutely no admission without prior registration. There will be a cash bar for wine & beer. We will also have our favorite vendor booths for your holiday shopping.

<u>When</u>: Sunday, December 11 at 4.00 PM <u>Where:</u> Embassy of Switzerland 2900 Cathedral Avenue

Washington, DC 20008

To register: Please include the following information in an email and send to Janine Ali (janine.ali@swisclubdc.org)

Please contact Janine Ali at 703-899-8667.

SBS Silent Auction results by Campbell Graeub

Huge Auction Success

At the November Raclette Dinner a silent auction was held for the benefit of the Swiss Benevolent Society. It was a huge success. The call for mainly Swiss-type auction items was overwhelming, some 90 items were donated. They included Swiss Army knives, Sennechuteli, calendars, raclette cheese, Ricola, and many other Swiss goodies. Added to the evening's activities there was a live auction for six, very special items. Auctioneer Bernie Unti did an outstanding job raising the proceeds substantially. Thank you, Bernie for your lively entertainment. The auction result is gratifying. The SBS Board of Directors extends its sincerest thanks to all who donated items and the many who actively bid on their favorites. All of the donated items put up for bid were sold, a remarkable success. The total amount collected was \$4,000.