

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

January 2016 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi



President's message

Bonne et heureuse année à tous,

We are starting this new calendar year with a big thank you to our two departing board members Olivia Hauser and Marc Borbely who both left due to professional reasons. Olivia was involved in getting us to use online registration as well as taking turns with Rossana in preparing the newsletters. As for Marc, most of you dealt with him when applying for membership or renewing it. It takes a lot of hands to keep the Club running smoothly.

To replace them we welcome Janine Ali, Kevin Sprenger, and Carina Carrasco. Fresh ideas and new talents are always needed to keep the Club current.

If you are still in the habit of hanging a new calendar on January 1, then please remember to renew your membership to the Swiss Club, too. If your personal information hasn't changed you can take care of your dues with a credit card.

This will be my final year as president, my three year term will expire at the end of December. Until then the board and I will continue to do our best to offer you some fun opportunities to meet other Swiss friends.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year, and ...

Eveline Roberts chvd@aol.com

MAY THE FORCE
BE WITH YOU

Jass Tournament Sunday, January 24, at 1:30pm



Where: Roberts Residence
14624 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853

Please register with Rosmarie Sutor by sending an email to rosmsutor@aol.com
(Jassers without access to email, call her 301-460-5904)
We look forward to playing with you!

Deadline to register: Thursday, Jan. 21

You can find the rules on [our website](#)

Save the Date: Fondue Evening Saturday, February 20, at 6 pm

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine, and good company at the Swiss Embassy.

Dinner includes all you can eat fondue, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. A cash bar will be open for beer & wine. **A message will be sent when registration opens in late January.**



Kaffee Klatsch *Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour* **Sunday, January 31st**

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: Sunday, January 31st

Time: 9:00am

Please RSVP to Rosmarie Stucki (rosmarie@gmail.com 202-572-8219)



2016 Membership Renewal

As you may be aware we depend on the dues we collect each year to continue providing you with Swiss-themed events. Most of the time the fees we charge to attend our events do not fully cover the expenses we incur to run these. But with the help of the yearly membership dues we are able to keep offering you such typical Swiss dinners as the fondue and raclette.

As a reminder, our membership runs on a calendar basis from January till December. Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2015 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but everyone else does. Please click [here](#) and follow the instructions to either pay online with a credit card (you don't need to have a Paypal account). For Recipients of the print edition of this Postillion, a renewal form is included.

We also wish to thank all the members who have already sent in their membership dues for 2016.

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- *Attend the members only Samichlaus (Christmas) Party at no cost
- *Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- *Pay the reduced member price for all Swiss Club events
- *Get priority registration for events with limited seating
- *Attend members only events, such as the General Assembly
- *Receive our monthly newsletter and reminders for upcoming events

Board Members and Volunteer Coordinators

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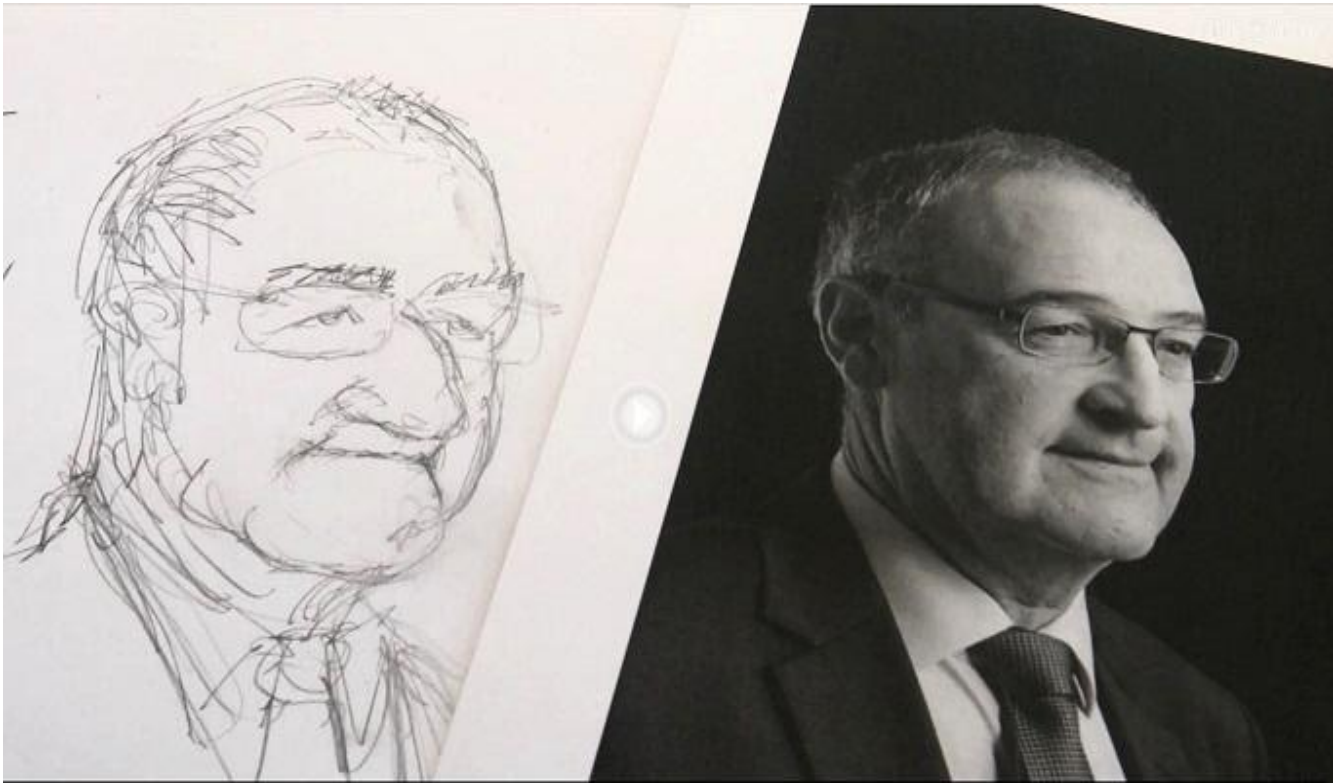
Swiss Club Events for 2016 (known dates so far)

January 24	Jass at the Roberts residence in Rockville, MD
January 31	Kaffee Klatsch at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA
February 20	Fondue dinner
March 20	Easter Egg Hunt
July 30	Swiss National Day
September 11	Shooting Day in Thurmont, MD with Swiss Rifles

Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the December Quiz: Here is the most accurate answer, submitted by Anneli Fielding, a genuine Baslere: "Back in the Middle Ages, Basel was famous for its "Lebkuchen". Gradually it became the Basler Lackerli. Since the 17th century we know the Lackerli with a sugar coating. Eventually, Baselbieter Kirsch was added. The best way to eat it is with kaffi kirsch, milk chocolate, or tea." That is, you break them (not bite them if you want to keep your teeth), and then lick them together with these fluids until they are soft and, yes, lecker (a related old German and Dutch word). NOT related is another Basel expression "oh lagg du mer..." that has a totally different meaning.

January Quiz: for the new year the cartoonist of the Zurich Tages Anzeiger has to get familiar with a new face that he will use quite often. Who is this new member of the Swiss federal executive branch?



About other Swiss Groups

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