

# July 2016 Postillion by Eveline Roberts



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

### **President's message**

Bonjour à tous,

the groundwork for the First of August celebration started a few months ago, and we hope you'll come and celebrate with us on Saturday, July 30.

The article below gives you the details of that event and a link will take you to the registration page. We will hold all admission tickets at the "will call" table by the entrance gate. If you decide to come at the last minute be advised that we can only accept cash or check at the door.

If this is your first time attending this event you may want to look at last year's photos on our [website](#) so you'll know what to expect.

We have received some fabulous raffle prizes offered by Swiss companies - we are talking about airline tickets to Switzerland, and Swiss railway passes among others. And there will be lots of great tombola prizes.

Volunteers are needed, so if you can give us a couple hours of your time contact Lynn Zipf (see below). Looking forward to seeing many of you on Saturday, July 30.

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### **Volunteers needed for Swiss National Day**

We need help for several stations at the event. Volunteers get free admission and meal in return for a couple of hours of your time. To volunteer, contact [Lynn Zipf](#) (301-535-3550).

Volunteer tickets will be waiting at the sign in desk.

### **Looking for vendors for our Swiss Village**

Do you have a local business that sells Swiss goods?

Do you create Swiss-themed crafts?

Do you have information to share that is of interest to the Swiss community?

Then be a part of our Swiss Village at the Swiss National Day on August 1st!

We are looking for vendors and exhibitors to sell their products or display their information to a large Swiss audience. If you are interested, please contact [Jeni Tutwiler](#) for more information (207-577-9495).



# SWISS NATIONAL DAY *Saturday, July 30*



## ***on the grounds of the Embassy of Switzerland***

2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Swiss Food & Music ~ Bonfire ~ Alphorns ~ Fifes & Drums, Lampion Parade ~ Wine & Beer ~ Swiss Bakery ~ Tombola, Swiss Souvenirs ~ Super Raffle Prizes ~ Flag Swinging ~ Kids' Corner ~ Swimming Pool ~ Games ~ Swiss Traditions ~ Swiss Dogs

**When:** Saturday, July 30, 2016    **Gate opens at 4:00pm.**    **Gate closes to entry at 6:00pm.**  
Event ends after dark. No rain date

### **Program**

3:45 pm	Alphorns
4:00 pm	Gate opens
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tombola Booth is Open
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Pool, Games, Swiss Dog Demonstrations, Kids Corner
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Entertainment Program at the Plaza
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Swiss Village is Open
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	Food Service
8:15pm	Lampion parade to bonfire

***Bring lawn chairs, beach umbrellas, swimsuit for the pool, and sun screen!***

### **Entrance fee includes**

All entertainment, Swiss sausage, salads, dessert and water.  
And, children (2 to 12 years of age) will receive a Swiss lampion.

### **Ticket prices are:**

	<b>By July 24</b>	<b>From July 25 and at the door</b>
2016 Member Adult	\$20	\$25
2016 Member Child	\$10	\$15
Guest Adult	30	\$35
Guest Child	\$15	\$20

**Ticket prices at the door are: Cash and check only**

**Children ages 2 -12:** Entrance for children under 2 years of age is free. Food and lampions for them may be purchased separately.

Guest tickets include a 7 day membership

***Register now!***

On line, go to [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org) , by mail, use form on next page  
Not a Swiss Club Member yet? Become one now!  
or renew your membership

# 2016 Swiss National Day Celebration [Registrant information](#)

\* Required information

- \*First Name:
- \*Last Name:
- \*Email Address or telephone:
- \*Confirm Email Address:

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How many	Type	\$\$
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Member Adult	
	Member Child	
<input type="radio"/>	Non-Member Adult	
	Non-Member Child	
		Total \$

[Additional Registrants Information \(names, first names\)](#) You may add a maximum of 20

Add

Address to send this registration by mail with a check made to Swissclub DC (before July 24):

Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Rd, Rockville, MD 20853 [301-460-9571](tel:301-460-9571)

To register on line, go to [www.swissclubdc.org](http://www.swissclubdc.org)



## Quiz

### Answer to the June Quiz:

The five topics of the June 5, 2016 vote:

1. The "Pro public service " initiative demanded that the Confederation and affiliated companies such as Swisscom, Swiss Post or the SBB should not seek financial gain in the provision of public services, should not cross-subsidise other areas and pursue no fiscal interests. Rejected by 67%.
2. The "Unconditional basic income" initiative asked that the federal government would pay a certain amount of money to every person living in Switzerland, regardless of their income and assets. The initiative required a change of the Constitution and did neither specify the size of this unconditional basic income nor the means of financing it. This was rejected by 76.9%.
3. The initiative "for fairer transport funding" called for the full revenue generated by the mineral oil tax to be spent on road traffic, i. e. including the half that is currently used to fund other federal tasks. Rejected by 70.8%.
4. An amended Reproductive Medicine Act allowing pre-implantation genetic diagnosis if the parents are carriers of serious genetic diseases or if they cannot bear children naturally was challenged by referendum fearing an ethically unacceptable increase in tests conducted on human embryos. The referendum did not carry and the amended Act was accepted with 62.4%.
5. An amendment to the existing Asylum Act to speed up processing asylum applications (to less than 140 days in the majority of cases) was challenged by referendum, critical of proposed free legal aid to asylum seekers and simplified approval procedures for establishing federal asylum centers. The referendum did not carry and the amended law was accepted with 66.8%.

**July Quiz:** The British just voted to exit the European Union (EU), which they joined in 1973, exiting another European Trade Association (EFTA), which exists since 1960. What are the relations of Switzerland to EFTA and EU? [Hint](#)