

May 2016 Postillion by Rossana Delucchi

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



President's message

Bonjour à tous,

Today we invite you to join Rosmarie at Le Pain Quotidien in Bethesda for a chance to practice your Swiss German, French, Italian or even Romansh.

Then, in early June Bernie will take you on a spectacular hike on the Billy Goat Trail along the Potomac river. It's an unforgettable experience you don't want to miss.

The Swiss Benevolent Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a gala reception and dinner in June but seating is limited. So please register early. See details below.

Planning for the Swiss National Day (Sat. July 30) is in full swing. We'll be looking for volunteers so if you think you can give us a couple of hours send me an email.

Vive le printemps et célébrez le 1er mai avec un brin de muguet.

Eveline Roberts chvd@aol.com



Billy Goat Trail Hike on June 4th

Join us for a hike on Maryland's beautiful and thrilling Billy Goat Hiking Trail which offers great views of the Potomac River, especially in the Mather Gorge area.

Then we'll relax with food from the grill near the picnic pavilion at the Carderock Recreation Area. After our meet-up at 9 a.m. at the Anglers Inn parking 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'll 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. Those seeking a less challenging walk can hike parallel to the towpath, and meet up with the rest of us at the point where the "billy goats" come back out onto the towpath. 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 site at Carderock.

We will meet on Saturday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn on 10801 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac MD 20854.

Deadline to register is Thursday, June 2

[Register](#)

Please contact Bernard Unti, [301-548-7707](tel:301-548-7707) (bernard.unti@swissclubdc.org) with any question.

Swiss Club Kaffee Klatsch Sunday May 1st 2016 from 9 to 11am

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)



3rd Jass Tournament Sunday, June 12, at 1:30 pm

Where : Zipf residence,
9516 Clement Road,
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Please register by e-mail to [Rosmarie Suitor](mailto:Rosmarie.Suitor)
or call her at [301-460-9504](tel:3014609504) **Deadline to register is June 9**

Jass Rules & Scoring can be [website](#)

We look forward to playing with you!



Quiz

Answer to the April Quiz: 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.

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

May Quiz: Do you know what "La Storta da Crusch" is in Romansh (Rumantsch)? Here is a hint:



Swiss Benevolent Society 150th-Anniversary Jubilee

Gala Reception and Dinner

June 10, 2016 - 6 p.m.

Where: The Swiss Residence, 2920 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington, DC

The Swiss Benevolent Society invites you to celebrate its 150-year Anniversary Jubilee. Ambassador and Mrs. Dahinden are graciously hosting this event at their home. This invitation is extended to members of the Swiss Club, the Stauffacherin, the Swiss Folklore Group, and the Swiss Rifles. There will be a reception, followed by a sit-down dinner with a gourmet menu and an appropriate birthday dessert. There will be a short celebration featuring a piano program.

The price for the Jubilee is \$50 per person, but to commemorate this 150-year anniversary we encourage you to donate \$150, which includes admission to the gala event. These donations to the Swiss Benevolent Society are fully tax-deductible and will contribute to its ongoing program to help local Swiss in need and support the SBS Scholarship awards.

Tickets are limited; registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals may bring 1 guest. Reservations must be received by June 1. Business attire.

150th-Anniversary Jubilee

[Registration Form](#)

Name:

Tel.:

Email:

Please reserve one space, Donation:

One guest (Name:) Donation:

Sorry, I am unable to attend. Donation:

Total Donation:

Please mail this form with check, made out to the Swiss Benevolent Society, to:
Lynn Zipf, 9516 Clement Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20910

For questions contact: Lynn Zipf, Tel. [301 565 8188](tel:3015658188), email LynnZipf@verizon.net
or Regula Guess, Tel. [301 605 7028](tel:3016057028), email regula.guess@yahoo.com

Swiss Benevolent Society - 2016 Scholarship Program

If you are of Swiss descent and in need of extra money for your higher education, we may have funds for you! In the past years, we have helped many young people in the Washington area with financial support for their education. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Qualifications are based on scholastic achievements,, educational goals, recommendations or references, and financial needs. Last year, we were able to help out several young Swiss students, and we received lovely thank you notes from them, describing how the funds helped support their education.

If you are interested, and live in the Washington Metropolitan area, please send an e-mail to Regula.guess@yahoo.com, and an application form will be sent to you.

It is due July 1st, and the decision will be made at the end of August by the Board of Trustees of the Swiss Benevolent Society.

About other Swiss Groups

Swiss Rifles:

Walter Braendli, [302-995-1035](tel:302-995-1035), walter.brandli@comcast.net

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Christine Kursch, Co-President, cmimports@verizon.net

Swiss Benevolent Society:

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Swiss American Club of Richmond: swissamericanclubrichmondva@gmail.com

Swiss Club Events for 2016

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| May 1 | Kaffee Klatsch at Le Pain Quotidien in Bethesda, MD (9am) |
| June 4 | Billy Goat Trail hike |
| June 10 | Swiss Benevolent Society 150 th Anniversary Jubilee, Embassy Residence |
| June 12 | Jass Tournament in Silver Spring, MD |
| July 30 | Swiss National Day |
| September 11 | Shooting Day in Thurmont, MD with Swiss Rifles |