

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

October 2016 Postillion

by Rossana Delucchi



President's message

Bonjour à tous,

October means it's time for our annual General Assembly which will take place on Friday, October 28. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm to be followed by a potluck dinner after the board has presented its report on the year gone by.

Please come and bring a dish to share with everyone. It can be anything you'd like to eat such as an appetizer, a salad, an entree, a dessert, some bread, etc. We'll provide the drinks.

Other events taking place this month will be the Final Jass tournament of the year when the Jassers will crown their 2016 overall winner, as well as a Kaffee Klatsch, with both of them taking place at the newly enlarged Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA.

Thank you for your continued support of the Swiss Club, and I look forward to seeing you some time this month.

[Eveline Roberts](#)

Jass Tournament Sunday, October 23, 1:30 pm

Where: [The Swiss Bakery](#) 5224 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22151

Please register by e-mail to [Rosmarie Suitor](#) or call her at [301-460-5904](#)

Deadline to sign up is October 20.

Jass Rules and Scoring can be found on the [Club's website](#).

We look forward to playing with you!



General Assembly Friday, October 28, at 7:00 pm

The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to attend its annual General Assembly.

We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!.

Where: Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, DC

Time: 7:00pm meeting starts
8:00pm potluck dinner



Please bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner (can be a salad, appetizer, entree, dessert, some bread) - we'll provide the drinks.

Remember, the Club benefits from an active and engaged membership, and its board is always open to new ideas from its members.

Kaffee Klatsch

SATURDAY, October 29, 9:00 am

Come join our Language Club Coffee Hour

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!

Date: Saturday, October 29. **Time:** 9:00 am

Place: [The Swiss Bakery](#) 5224 Port Royal Road Springfield, VA 22151

Please RSVP to [Rosmarie Stucki](#) 202-572-8210



Swiss Benevolent Society 150th Anniversary Gala

by Elizabeth vonKaenel and Campbell Graeub

On June 10, 2016, the Swiss Benevolent Society (SBS) of Washington D.C. commemorated the 150th anniversary of its founding with a gala dinner held at the Swiss Embassy residence. It was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Dahinden. The residence was festively decorated with special flower arrangements and carved fruit displays. Because the weather was exceptionally beautiful the event started with a reception on the large porch which has a most beautiful view of the Washington Monument in the distance. Passed canapés included traditional raclette.



To set the stage for this special evening, Swiss pianist Veronique Gobet presented a pre-dinner music program. Over its 150 years the SBS mission was, and continues to be, one of helping Swiss compatriots in financial need, and providing special attention to elderly Swiss. Because the need for such assistance diminished, the SBS established a scholarship program for post high school education 25 years ago. Since then nearly \$200,000 has been awarded. Following the dinner, Matthew Zipf, one of the 2015 award recipients spoke thanking the Society for the gift and expressing what the scholarship has meant to him. Also read was a letter from 2015 award winner Emily Biggs of Helvetia, a small Swiss settlement in the coal mining region of West Virginia. She thanked the Society for their support which helped her to graduate without any student debt.

During the dinner Ambassador Dahinden, SBS President Campbell Graeub, and Board member Alfred Kessi addressed the guests. In commemoration of the birthday the gala dinner was the Society's most successful fund raiser to further the work of the Swiss Benevolent Society. A scroll detailing the SBS's history and a box of Swiss chocolate and cookies was presented to each guest at the end of the evening.

[Photos](#) courtesy of Ben Gamble

2016 Swiss Benevolent Society Scholarship Recipients

The Swiss Benevolent Society of Washington Board of Trustees is pleased to announce this year's scholarship award recipients. As in the past, selection is made on the basis of scholastic achievements, educational goals, recommendations of references and financial needs.

The seven winners are: Deborah Agustoni, American University; Shannon Hall, University of Maryland; Susannah Hochuli, Villanova University; Thomas Carsten Oggier, University of Ohio Wesleyan; Emily McDonald, John Hopkins University; and Matthew Zipf, Columbia University.

The Board extends all recipients our sincere congratulations and wishes them much success in their chosen endeavors.

Save the date: Raclette on Nov. 12

Where: Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine and good company at the Swiss Embassy. Dinner includes all you can eat Raclette cheese with potatoes, Bündnerfleisch, pearl onions & cornichon, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks. A cash bar will be open for beer & wine.

And a Silent Auction to benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society.

More information coming up soon.



Swiss Club Quiz

Answer to the September Quiz: Most is the north-eastern Swiss dialect word for cider, and the best is made in the canton of Thurgau, hence Mostindien.

October Quiz: This one needs an answer from you to info@swissclubdc.org: Do you want more quizzes to appear in future Postillions?

Swiss Club Events for 2016

- October 23 Jass Tournament at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield, VA
- October 28 General Assembly, Embassy of Switzerland
- October 29 Kaffee Klatsch, at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield
- November 12 Raclette, Embassy of Switzerland
- December 4 Grittibenz, at the Swiss Bakery, Springfield
- December 11 Samichlaus, Embassy of Switzerland

Folklore Dance in Helvetia VA

On Labor Day weekend, a delegation of the Swiss Club DC Folks Dance Group visited the Community of Swiss descendants in Helvetia VA (300 miles from DC, population 59) at the occasion of their 99th annual Fair (www.helvetiafair.com). We had a wonderful time dancing and singing together and we thank them again for their warm and generous hospitality. You can watch them dancing with us on youtube:

<https://youtu.be/2uoVd34NKM8>

<https://youtu.be/awAgbgM2yOk>

<https://youtu.be/gHO3nIrGfO8>

<https://youtu.be/QBIKrG8-j2A>

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