April 2017 Postillion

President's Message

Grüezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

We had a great Jass on Sunday March 26 with 16 members attending. I plan to have

the Bike ride on May 20 with a rain date of May 21. We will start at 10:30 AM from Purcellville towards Washington DC and meet around noon time at the Magnolias restaurant, located at the end of the W&OD trail. There is also a bike shop there but only limited rentals maybe 2 Bikes only. I suggest you bring your own Bike or rent one close to your home.

Other activities planned but not mentioned in the Swiss Club Events 2017 are: Bicycle ride May 21 in Purcellville 10:30AM with lunch at 12 PM at the Magnolias restaurant in Purcellville, VA Walk at the Antietam battle field, date to be determined Folklore event in Helvetia in September Fall activity with the Swiss Rifles. Dates and places for these events will be determined at a later date. Best wishes, Martin <u>martin.perret@swissclub.dc</u>

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9, 2017, 2 – 4 pm, Embassy

Join us for an afternoon of fun! Decorate your own Easter basket and then join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as all supplies (basket incl). Decorating starts at 2pm, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm promptly! Depending on the age of the participant, basket decorating usually takes from 30 to 60 minutes. Please plan your arrival accordingly. In the interests of being fair to all attendees, we will start the actual Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm.

<u>When</u>: Sunday, April 9, 2017.

Time: 2pm to 4pm, Easter Egg Hunt begins at 3pm!

<u>Where:</u> <u>Embassy of Switzerland</u> 2900 Cathedral Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008

Cost: Free to dues paying members; \$10 for guests of members (Pay at the door)

Please register before April 5th by e-mailing to <u>Kay Perret-Gentil</u>. (703-321-3021)

Swiss Club Events for 2017

April 9	Easter Egg Hunt at the Swiss Embassy
May 20	Bike ride on the W&OD trail, Purcellville, VA
June 11	Jass Tournament at the Perret residence in Springfield, VA
July 29	1st of August celebration at the Swiss Embassy
November 11	Raclette evening
December 3	Grittibaenz at the Swiss Bakery
December 10	Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy



Swiss Benevolent Society - 2017 Scholarship Program

Are you a High School student in the Washington Metro area planning to attend college this fall? Are you already in college, or are you planning to go to graduate school?

If you are a Swiss National or have at least one grand-parent who was, and if you are 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 supporting their

education.

If you are interested, and live in the Washington Metropolitan area or Helvetia, WV,

please send an e-mail to <u>Regula.guess@yahoo.com</u> (or call Campbell Graeub at 301-652-2007) 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.

Two Pictures from last years fair in Helvetia WV



