

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

March 2017 Postillion



President's Message

Grüezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

We had a great Fondue evening February 11, again with a full house. Be sure to check out the photographs on our web page: swissclubdc.org.

Fasnacht is starting in Basel and there is an article in the Basellandschaftliche Zeitung ([German](#) - [English](#)) about Mark Reilly, leader of the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. He is mentioned as he has also participated with the Swiss Top Secret Corps of Basel. Mark also comes to our Swiss National Day celebration and performs with some of his colleagues.

Other activities planned but not mentioned in the Swiss Club Events 2017 are:

- Walk/Bicycle ride April/May.
- 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 martin.perret@swissclub.dc

Kaffee Klatsch

Saturday, March 18, 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!

When: Saturday, March 18, 9am-noon

Where: **LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN** [7140 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814](#) [301-913-2902](tel:301-913-2902) 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 [Janine Ali](#)



Jass Tournament Sunday, March 26, at 1:30pm

Where: at the Zipf residence in Silver Spring, MD

Cost: The cost is \$5.00 and payable on arrival

Deadline to register: March 22

Please register by sending an email to kperret@verizon.net (703-321-3021)
We look forward to playing with you! You can find the rules on our [website](#)

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9,

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. Catherine Gees will lead this activity.

When: Sunday, April 9, 2017.

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

Where: [Embassy of Switzerland](#)

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 to kperret@verizon.net (703-321-3021)

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 Regula.guess@yahoo.com (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.

Swiss Club Events for 2017

March 18	Kaffee Klatsch, LE PAIN QUOTIDIEN, Bethesda, MD
March 26	Jass at Zipf residence in Silver Spring
April 9	Easter Egg Hunt at the Swiss Embassy
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