

## Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

### October 2017 Postillion

by Rossana Delucchi



#### President's Message

Hope you all had a great summer. See you soon at the Raclette evening in November. Our fall picnic did not attract enough interested people so we had to cancel it. You will note that SBS announced their scholarship winners

Martin Perret-Gentil

#### Swiss Club General Assembly

**Friday, October 27 at 6 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:** 6:00pm meeting starts

7:00pm 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.



#### October Kaffee Klatsch

**Sunday, October, 29 at 9.00 AM**

***Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!***

*What a great way to spend a Saturday morning!*

We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, German, and sometimes, Italian.

**When:** Sunday, October 29th 9am-12 pm

**Where:** Le Pain Quotidien Bethesda.

[7140 Bethesda Lane](#)

[Bethesda, MD 20814](#)

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: [janine.ali@swissclubdc.org](mailto:janine.ali@swissclubdc.org) or call: [703-899-8667](tel:703-899-8667)



## Save the Date: **Raclette** Evening in November

**Saturday, November 11, 6pm – 10pm**

**Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine and good company at the Swiss Embassy.**

Dinner includes Raclette cheese with potatoes, Bündnerfleisch, pearl onions & cornichon, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Where:** Embassy of Switzerland  
[2900 Cathedral Ave.](#),  
N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008

A cash bar will be open for beer & wine. Auctions for the Swiss Benevolent Society will be held.



## Registration

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address or email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Adult (\$ 30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Child (age 6-12, \$ 15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest Adult (\$ 40.00, max 3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest Child (age – 12, \$20.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check to Swissclub of Washington DC and send it with this Registration to  
**Janine Ali, 7421 Digby Green, Alexandria VA 22315**

**Note:** As this very popular event is always filled very rapidly on line, members without access to a computer should send in this paper registration with check as soon as possible.

## Swiss Benevolent Society Scholarship Recipients

The Swiss Benevolent Society is pleased to announce the three 2017 Scholarship Award Recipients. Luke Verite Lash has been awarded this year's Honorary Monique Fürst Price Scholarship. Luke has been accepted to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he will study Civil and Environmental Engineering. The second recipient is Agnes Pacatan Bischof who will attend George Mason University, and major in Business Management. Third, Anthony Talentino is attending the University of Maryland, College Park, where he is studying Business Management.

The SBS Board of Trustees extends their congratulations to the three recipients and wishes them a successful year. To be chosen, the applicants must meet demonstrable requirements. They must be Swiss or have at least one grandparent who is or was Swiss, and be a resident of the Washington metropolitan area, or Helvetia, WV. They compete with other applicants on scholastic achievements, educational and career goals.

This year, for the first time, the SBS has required the applications to be filed electronically, which has worked out very well for the applicant as well as for the evaluation by Board trustee members. In other words, the 150-year old SBS has matured to be a more technically up-to-date organization! A special word of appreciation is extended to all the Board members for their dedicated work, but especially to Regula Guess, Secretary and paper-work handler, and Alfred Kessi, Treasurer.

Campbell Graeb, President

## Helvetia. WV (by Christian Haudenschild)

On September 9 the Swiss ambassador and the SwissclubDC Folklore Dancers visited the 100th Community Fair in this small West Virginia village of Swiss descendents. More about it in the next Postillion, but here is a link to YouTube for the dances: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHhEJmdzrpc>

(left to right) Sandy Bürki, our host and organizer, Mrs. Anita Dahinden, ambassador Martin Dahinden, and an official of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, James McCormick with his wife. Parade with Erwin.



## Happy Hours

***Did you know the Swiss Club organizes monthly Happy Hours***

**We meet Friday evenings at different bars in and around DC.**

Sometimes we'll even meet to do a fun event like ice skating, visiting an outdoor market, or going to a sports game. Now that the weather is getting nicer, we'll be planning more outdoor events! These meetups are open invitation to everyone, even if they are not Swiss Club members, so feel free to bring some friends!

Make sure you follow the Club's Facebook page to stay up to date on these social events. [www.facebook.com/swissclubDC](http://www.facebook.com/swissclubDC)



## Swiss Club Events remaining for 2017

October 27	General Assembly
October 29	Kaffee Klatsch
November 11	Raclette evening
November 19	Jass Tournament, At Haudenschild residence
December 3	Grittibaenz at the Swiss Bakery
December 10	Samichlaus Party at the Embassy