

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. February 2018 Postillion

By Lynn Zipf



Gruezi, bonjour, salve, hello:

Our first two Swiss Club events of the year, Kaffee Klatsch and Jass, brought some new guests. Thank you Janine and Peter for organizing these events.

For the first Jass tournament, the winner was Margrit Zeender, Marc Borbly came in second and Dick Backus third.

The date for the **Fondue** event has changed to **March 3, 2018** to accommodate Fasnacht engagements. It will be held as a trial at the **Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA**. In order to make sure you get a place, sign up quickly and make sure your dues for 2018 are paid up. See below for details on how to register.

Also in March is the Easter Egg Hunt. See below details.

Martin Perret

2018 Membership Renewal

As you may be aware we depend on the dues we collect each year to continue providing you with Swiss-themed events. Most of the time the fees we charge to attend our events do not fully cover the expenses we incur. But with the help of the yearly membership dues we are able to keep offering you such typical Swiss dinners as the fondue and raclette.

As a reminder, our membership runs on a calendar basis from January till December. Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2017 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but everyone else does. Please click [2018 Membership](#) and follow the instructions to either pay online with a credit card (you don't need to have a Paypal account) or with a check.

For recipients of the print edition, a printed renewal form is attached.

We also wish to thank all the members who have already sent in their membership dues for 2018.

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- *Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- *Attend the members only Samichlaus (Christmas) Party at no cost
- *Pay the reduced member price for all Swiss Club events
- *Get priority registration for events with limited seating
- *Attend members' only events, such as the General Assembly
- *Receive our monthly newsletter and reminders for upcoming events

Fondue Evening - March 3 Join us at our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner!

Enjoy a festive evening of cheese, wine, and good company at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, Virginia.

Dinner includes all you can eat fondue, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks.
A cash bar will be open for beer & wine.

**Please bring your own caquelon, rechaud, burner
(no electric burners) and forks, as none will be provided**

When: Saturday, March 3 at 6pm

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

The Fondue event is only for Swiss Club members and their accompanied guests. [REGISTER](#) for the Fondue

**Recipients of the print edition Postillion:
For registration, please call Janine Ali immediately,
703-899-8667 so she can reserve your seat(s),
because with electronic internet registrations,
events like this sell out within a few days.**

Questions on registration? Please contact Janine Ali at [703-899-8667](tel:703-899-8667) or janine.ali@swissclubdc.org



Save the Date - Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 25, 2018

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.

When: Sunday, March 25, 2018.

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)

Registration information coming soon.

Swiss Club Events for 2018

March 3	Fondue Evening at the Swiss Bakery
March 18	Jass
March 25	Easter Egg Hunt at the Swiss Embassy
July 28	1st of August celebration at the Swiss Embassy
November 10	Raclette Evening at the Swiss Embassy
December 2	Grittibänz at the Swiss Bakery
December 9	Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy

Swiss Benevolent Society

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

If you are of Swiss descent and in need of extra money for your higher education, we may have funds for you! In past years, we have helped many young people in the Washington DC 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, 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 the Swiss Benevolent Society Board of Trustees.

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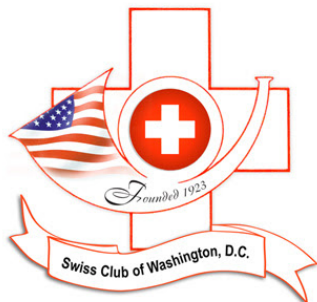
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