

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

May 2018 Postillion

by
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President's message

Gruezi, bonjour, salve, hello:

I hope you all are having a nice spring. We have a couple of activities planned for May and early June. I will be leading a bike ride on the C&O canal on May 12. We are also privileged to have a private tour of the *Femme en Extase* at the National Portrait Gallery on June 2. See below for more detailed information on both activities.

And with the start of summer approaching, it is never too early to start thinking about Swiss National Day. This year's celebration will take place on July 28 at the Swiss Embassy.

Martin Perret-Gentil

C&O Canal Bike Ride - May 12 at 10 am

This year's bike ride will take place along the C&O canal starting at the parking lot across the street from the [Old Angler's Inn](#) Restaurant. The date is Saturday May 12. We would like to start at 10:00 am and on the return, have lunch at the Old Angler's Inn at around 12 pm. Bring your fully functional dirt bikes as there are no bike shops nearby the Old Angler's Inn.

Please let Martin Perret know if you are interested in participating at mperret1@verizon.net. Rain date June 19. Please respond by May 10th in order to make reservations at the Old Angler's Inn.

Portraits of the World: Switzerland at the National Portrait Gallery - June 2 at 10:30 am

On Saturday June 2 at 10:30 am, please join members of the Swiss Club of Washington DC for a private tour of the "Portraits of the World: Switzerland." This is the inaugural exhibition of a series that will highlight the global context of American portraiture. The featured work for 2017-18 is *Femme en Extase*, by the Swiss painter Ferdinand Hodler. Robyn Asleson, the Associate Curator in the Department of Prints, Drawings and Media Arts at the [National Portrait Gallery](#), is the curatorial lead behind the Ferdinand Hodler exhibit and will be conducting the tour.

If you would like to participate, please email Lynn Zipf at lynn.zipf@swissclubdc.org.

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Sunday, June 10, at 1:30 pm

Where : Zeender Residence
16324 Bawtry Court
Bowie, Md. 20715

Please register with Peter Burlimann by sending an email to peter.burlimann@swissclubdc.org

Cost: The cost is \$5.00 and payable at the time of arrival in the host's home

Deadline to register: Thursday, June 7, 2018

We look forward to playing with you!
You can find the rules on our [website](#)



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.

Seeking Children's Activity Coordinator

Do you want to get more involved as a volunteer with the Swiss Club? Do you have a background in education, a love of arts and crafts, or a natural inclination to work with children? If so, we need you.

We're seeking a new Children's Activity Coordinator to lead and manage our programs for children, especially those associated with Swiss National Day, the annual Easter Egg hunt, the Christmas holiday party, and the Grättibänz event. The coordinator will be assisted by other volunteers at all events.

We encourage you to consider this fun way to get involved. For further details, please contact Catherine Gees at catherine.gees@swissclubdc.org or Lynn Zipf at lynn.zipf@swissclubdc.org.

Swiss Club Events for 2018

May 12	Bike ride at the Angler's Inn on the C+O canal at 10 am..
June 2	Tour of <i>Portraits of the World: Switzerland</i> at the National Portrait Gallery
July 28	1st of August celebration at the Swiss Embassy
November 10	Raclette Evening at the Swiss Embassy
December 2	Grättibänz at the Swiss Bakery
December 9	Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy

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