

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

April 2019 Postillion

by
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President's message

Gruezi, bonjour, salve, hello,

Spring has sprung and so have the activities in the Swiss Club of Washington DC. Come practice your conversational language skills at Kaffee Klatsch on April 6. Or if you rather, join the Jass Tournament on April 7. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Embassy on April 14. And don't miss the first joint concert by the Swiss Armed Forces Central Band and "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band at Union Station on April 29. There is something for everyone.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Martin Perret-Gentil

Kaffee Klatsch

Saturday, April 6 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: Saturday, April 6, 9am-12 pm

Where: Le Pain Quotidien
[7140 Bethesda Lane](#)



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 by Thursday, April 4 to Janine Ali, janine.ali@swissclubdc.org or call 703-899-8667

Jass Tournament

Join us for the second Jass Tournament of the Year

Sunday, April 7, at 1:30 pm

Where: Perret Residence, Springfield, VA

Please register with Marc Boberly by sending an email to marc.borbely@swissclubdc.org

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

Registration will remain open until the tournament roster is full.

We look forward to playing with you!

You can find the rules on our [website](#)



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 14, 2019



We invite you to our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

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, April 14, 2019

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

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

Cost: While the event is free to dues paying members and only \$10 for children of guests of members, we request that you [register](#). Registration is requested on or before April 10, 2019.

[2019 Membership](#)

Swiss Armed Forces Central Band & U.S. Marine Band Together

Monday, April 29 at 5 pm at Union Station



Don't miss the first joint concert by the Swiss Armed Forces Central Band and "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band at Union Station.

At the end of April, the Swiss and U.S. national anthems will reverberate in the Main Hall at Union Station. In addition, they will play the most famous Swiss march, the "General Guisan" March.

The Swiss Armed Forces Central Band thrills the public all over the world. Among other events, they have participated in the *Norsk Military Tattoo* in Norway, the *Basel Tattoo* and the *Hamina Tattoo* in Finland. Colonel Jason Fettig and Major Aldo Werlen are responsible for the musical direction.

1. Main Hall at Union Station

2. [50 Massachusetts Ave N.W.](#)
3. [Washington, D.C. 20002](#)

The event is free and open to the public. No reservation required.

Swiss Benevolent Society

If you are a high school student in the greater Washington, D.C. area planning to attend college this fall or if you are already in college or are planning to go to graduate school, we may have funds for you. In order to qualify, you must be a Swiss national or have at least one grandparent who was, and have a demonstrated need of extra money for your higher education! In the past, we have provided financial support to many young people in the Washington, D.C. area for their education. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Qualifications are based on scholastic achievement, educational goals, recommendations or references, and financial need. Last year we were able to help several young Swiss students, and we received lovely thank you notes from them describing how the funds helped to pay for their education.

If you are interested and live in the greater Washington, D.C. area or in Helvetia, West Virginia, please send an e-mail to: Regula.guess@yahoo.com and an application form will be sent to you. The application is due July 1, 2019, and the Swiss Benevolent Society Board of Trustees will make its decision at the end of August.

Swiss Club Events for 2019

April 6	Kaffee Klatsch in Bethesda
April 7	Jass at the Perret's Residence
April 14	Easter Egg Hunt at the Embassy
April 29	Swiss Armed Forces Central Band & U.S. Marine Band Concert at Union Station
July 27	1st of August Celebration at the Swiss Embassy
September 15	Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles
November 9	Raclette
December 1	Grittibänz at the Swiss Bakery
December 8	Samichlaus Party

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*"For My yoke is easy, and My burden light." -
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