

[Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.](#)

December 2019 Postillion

by
Lynn Zipf

President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday! Registration for Samichlaus is now open. As you know, this event fills up quickly. Space is the limiting factor and first and foremost, we must ensure that our guests are in a safe environment.

Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Rutschet guet uebere!

Martin Perret-Gentil

Kaffee Klatsch

Saturday, December 7 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, December 7, 9am - 11 am

Where: Le Pain Quotidien
[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 by Thursday, December 5 to Janine Ali,
janine.ali@swissclubdc.org or call 703-899-8667

Samichlaus Party Registration

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Join us at our annual Samichlaus Party!



~Enjoy a traditional Swiss dinner and a visit from Samichlaus~

We invite you to join us for a traditional Schinken im Teig and Bûche de Noël served by the Swiss Bakery. Samichlaus will visit and bring something for all of the children. He will have a special reward for all who recite a poem, sing a song or draw a picture.

This event is free and is for Swiss Club members ONLY ... Spaces are limited!

Registration is required. Please include the ages of the children so we can plan appropriately. Absolutely no admission without prior registration.

There will be a cash bar for wine & beer. We thank you for your continued support of the Swiss Club and ask that guests refrain from bringing outside drinks.

We will also have our favorite vendor booths for your holiday shopping.

When: Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM

Where: Embassy of Switzerland
[2900 Cathedral Ave. NW](#)
[Washington, DC 20008](#)

[Click here to register](#) No payment will be requested.

Deadline for registration is December 11 or when all seats are reserved.

Questions? Please contact Janine Ali at 703-899-8667

2020 Membership Renewal

As you may be aware we depend on the dues we collect each year to continue providing you with Swiss-themed events. The fees we charge to attend our events most of the time do not fully cover the expenses incurred. With the yearly membership dues, we are able to keep offering typical Swiss events and dinners.

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 2019 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but everyone else does. Please click [2020 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.

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- *Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- *Attend the members only Samichlaus 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

Happy Hour - December 13 @ Stable DC

Did you know the Swiss Club organizes monthly Happy Hours

We are meeting on Friday, December 13 at [Stable DC](#).

These meetups are open 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



Housing for Swiss Embassy Interns

The Swiss Embassy is seeking housing opportunities on behalf of its interns. The Swiss Embassy's internship program lasts for 6 months and generally starts between February and March or between August and September of each year. If you have an extra room that is within reasonable distance or is metro accessible to the Swiss Embassy and would be interested in renting this out on a shorter-term basis to students in our internship program, please contact Leo Kalberer Bächtiger at leo.kalbererbaechtiger@eda.admin.ch.

Swiss Club Events for 2019

December 1	Grittibänz at the Swiss Bakery
December 7	Kaffee Klatsch
December 13	Happy Hour at Stable DC
December 15	Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy

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