

**February 2019 Postillion** 

by Lynn Zipf



### **President's message**

Gruezi, bonjour, salve, hello:

Our first Swiss Club event of the year, the Kaffee Klatsch, brought in some new guests. Jass had to be rescheduled due to the snowfall the weekend of January 13. See reschedule date below.

The date for the Fondue event is February 23, 2019. It will once again be held 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 2019 are paid up. See below for details on how to register.

It is with a sad heart that I inform you that Larry Smith passed away on January 19. He will be missed. Please take a moment to read the memorial note.

Look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming events.

Martin Perret-Gentil

## Jass Tournament

#### Join us for the first Jass Tournament of the Year

## Sunday, February 10, at 1:30 pm

Where: Roberts Residence, Silver Spring, MD

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

**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



## **Fondue Dinner**

### Join us at our traditional and very popular Swiss Fondue Dinner!

# Saturday, February 23 at 6:30 pm

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 and coffee.

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

When: Saturday, February 23 at 6:30 pm

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**

Registration will close on February 20 or when all the places are filled.

Questions on registration? Please contact Catherine Gees at <u>catherine.gees@swissclubdc.org</u>.



# In Memory of Larry Dale Smith

Larry Dale Smith, age 62 of Lovettsville passed away on January 19, 2019.

He was born in Frankfurt Germany to the late Adelbert Eugene and Mary Elizabeth Smith. Until he was 9, he spent most of his life in Germany, where his dad was stationed for the US Army, before returning to America. The family then moved from Texas and Florida before settling in Manassas, Virginia. That is where he graduated from Osborne High School. Later he moved to the Shenandoah Valley and then to the Middleburg area before moving to Lovettsville in 2000.



He is predeceased by his parents and his daughter Melissa and survived by his wife Regula Munz, daughter Stacy Sheetz and husband Will Simmons, son Aaron Smith, brother Steve Smith and two granddaughters.

Larry was integral to the success of many Swiss Club Events. He always had a smile and a can do attitude. We are grateful for the time we spent together and will miss him dearly.

# Screening of "The Divine Order" February 10, 2019

Cinema Art Bethesda will present the 2017 Swiss film titled *The Divine Order (Die göttliche Ordnung)* at Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema on February 10. The story is set in Switzerland in 1971, where, "despite the worldwide social upheavals of the previous decade, women were still denied the right to vote.

When unassuming and dutiful housewife Nora is forbidden by her husband to take a part-time job, her frustration leads to her becoming the poster child of her town's suffragette movement."

The film will be screened in English, Italian, Swiss and German with English subtitles. Ticket price includes coffee, bagels & cheese, and a post-film discussion.



# 2019 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 to run these. 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 2018 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but everyone else does. Please click 2019 <u>Membership</u> 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.

We also wish to thank all the members who have already sent in their membership dues for 2019.

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 Hours** 

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

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

Sometimes we will even meet to do a fun event like ice skating, visiting an outdoor market, or going to a sports game.

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. <u>www.facebook.com/swissclubDC</u>



### Swiss Club Events for 2019

February 10	Jass at the Roberts Residence
February 23	Fondue at the Swiss Bakery
March 3, Sunday	Basler Fasnacht at the Swiss Bakery
April 14	Easter Egg Hunt at the Embassy
July 27	1st of August Celebration at the Swiss Embassy
September 15	Fall Picnic with the Swiss Rifles
November 9	Raclette

December 1	
December 8	

### About other Swiss Groups

#### Swiss Rifles:

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