

## Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

# January 2019 Postillion

by  
Lynn Zipf



### **President's message**

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Gruezi, bonjour, salve, hello:

I first want to thank two outgoing Board Members: Christian Haudentschild and Peter Burlimann. They both contributed to the smooth running of our Club's activities.

We have the following events coming up in 2019:

- Kaffee Klatsch: January 6 at the Swiss Bakery
- Jass: January 13 at the Zipf Residence
- Fondue Evening: February 23 at the Swiss Bakery
- Basler Fasnacht: March 2 at the Swiss Bakery
- Easter Egg Hunt: April 14 at the Swiss Embassy

Other important dates to note are:

- 1st of August Celebration: July 27 at the Swiss Embassy
- Raclette Evening: Nov 9
- Grittibänz: Dec 1 at the Swiss Bakery
- Samichlaus Party: December 8

Other dates including additional Jass and Kaffee Klatsches will be confirmed in future Postillions. I pass on the sad news of the recent deaths of Egon Binkert and Fritz Schenk. For more information see inserts below.

Rutschet Guet Übere! Happy New New Year! Bonne Nouveau Annee!

Martin Perret-Gentil

### **January Kaffee Klatsch**

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**Sunday, January, 6 at 9:00 AM**

***Come and enjoy good conversation and good food!***

*What a great way to spend a Sunday morning!*

We usually have 15 to 20 participants speaking French, Swiss German, German, and sometimes, Italian.

**When:** Sunday, January 6, 9am-12 pm

**Where:** [Swiss Bakery](#)



**Please RSVP to Janine Ali:**

[janine.ali@swissclubdc.org](mailto:janine.ali@swissclubdc.org) or call: 703-899-8667

## **Jass Tournament**

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

**Sunday, January 13, at 1:30 pm**

**Where:** Zipf Residence, Silver Spring, MD

Please register with Marc Boberly by sending an email to [marc.boberly@swissclubdc.org](mailto:marc.boberly@swissclubdc.org)

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

**Deadline to register:** Thursday, January 9

We look forward to playing with you!

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



## **2019 Membership Renewal**

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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 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.

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

## **Funeral Services for Fritz Schenk**

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Funeral services for long time Swiss Club Member, Fritz Schenk will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the [Small Original Chapel, Vienna Presbyterian Church](#), Vienna VA. Fritz passed away early the week of December 17, 2018. He was 83 years old and beloved by all. He most recently attended both the Raclette evening and Samichlaus Party at the Swiss Embassy. Fritz is survived by his two sisters and his long time companion Marilyn Hill.

## **In Memory of Egon Binkert**

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Egon E. Binkert, a long-time member of the Swiss Club, died December 2, 2018, at the age of 99. The Baltimore resident, was born in Geisslingen, Germany, near the Swiss border, where he learned and received his master of the Wurst making trade, known as Metzgermeister. Binkert and his wife Jrmgard landed in Baltimore in 1953. In 1963 they decided to establish their own business. They delivered sausages made to his own recipes mostly to restaurants, hotels and clubs that have German, Swiss and Austrian chefs. To this day, many of the Swiss Club events feature Weisswurst, Bratwurst and other meat specialities came from the Binkert Metzgerei. Egon will be greatly missed. His wife predeceased him in 2011. In addition to his daughter, Egon is survived by two sisters, a granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren. The Binkert business, on Philadelphia Road, Rosedale, continues under the management of his daughter and ex-son in law.

## **Happy Hours**

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## ***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. [www.facebook.com/swissclubDC](http://www.facebook.com/swissclubDC)



### **Swiss Club Events for 2019**

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January 6	Kaffee Klatsch at the Swiss Bakery
January 13	Jass at the Zipf Residence
February 23	Fondue at the Swiss Bakery
March 2	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	Grittibänz at the Swiss Bakery
December 8	Samichlaus Party

### **About other Swiss Groups**

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## **Advertisement**

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Anyone interested in placing an ad on the Swiss Club website is invited to contact [Lynn Zipf](mailto:Lynn.Zipf).

Your ad will also appear on the e-Postillion which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. All we need from you is a business card sized image containing your website/email information; anyone clicking on it will be linked to your website.

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