

April 2020 Postillion



President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

Hope everyone is well and keeping apprised of the information on COVID-19. These are unprecedented times and we need to continue to take care of ourselves and one another, now more than ever. Please consider supporting our local Swiss businesses. Information and links provided below. If there are other Swiss businesses which should be included, please let me know.

As I mentioned in the previous Postillion, the Easter Egg Hunt and Bike Ride have been cancelled. Will keep you informed as we learn more.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

Support Local Swiss Businesses

Throughout many years and even more events, the Swiss Club and its members have always been generously supported by Swiss-owned and locally operated businesses, and establishments with Swiss connections. Now is the chance for all of us to support them.

DC Businesses

Darlington House is currently closed, but you can support them by contributing to their [GoFundMe campaign](#). For those who make donations, a gift card of the same amount will be issued when the restaurant is open again.

Matisse Cafe and Restaurant is offering evening curbside pickup of a limited food and wine menu. [Click here](#) to view the menus and information about ordering.

Stable DC is open for takeout orders only on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The menu includes fondue, raclette, and Swiss wine and beer. [Click here](#) to view the menu and information about ordering.

Maryland Businesses

Albert Uster Imports is shipping as usual and is open for pickup of orders as well. [Click here](#) to view items available.

Old Angler's Inn is open (weather-permitting) for pick up of limited items during the day. Gift cards are also being offered at half price, cash only. [Click here](#) to view the menu and for more information.

Virginia Businesses

German Gourmet is offering curbside pickup for prepaid orders, as well as takeout from their sandwich menu. Shipping is also an option. [Click here](#) for more information about ordering.

The Swiss Bakery is open for both curbside pickup and delivery. Call 703-321-3670 for information about ordering. There's also a number of items on their website that are [available for free shipping](#).

Please note, with the rapid development and frequent changes of stay-at-home orders, this information may change.

Swiss Benevolent Society Scholarship Application

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 the past years, the Swiss Benevolent Society has helped many young people in the Washington DC Metropolitan area with financial support for their higher 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 helped out several young Swiss students, and received grateful thank you notes, describing how the funds helped support their education.

If you are interested and live in the Washington DC Metropolitan area, please send an email to Regula.guess@yahoo.com for an application form. The application is due no later than July 1st, and the decision will be made at the end of August by the board of the Swiss Benevolent Society Board of Trustees.

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

Swiss Club Events for 2020

August 1	Swiss National Day
October	General Assembly
November	Raclette
December	Grittibänz
December	Samichlaus Party

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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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