Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

# June 2020 Postillion



## **President's message**

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

The June Postillion usually heralds the start of planning for Swiss National Day. While we are looking forward to celebrating on Saturday, August 1, 2020, this year's celebration will be virtual. We have some ideas, however, and would like your input on what you would find meaningful and fun from afar. For more information on how to contact us, see Virtual Swiss National Day below.

To help us all get in the mood, click the image for some classic Swiss yodeling:



There is also a special offer from the Swiss Bakery! See below.

These are certainly unprecedented times. Hope everyone is healthy and safe.

Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

May Board Meeting



# **Virtual Swiss National Day**

Planning is underway for our first ever virtual Swiss National Day! There will be a number of things to look forward to including music, games, cooking tutorials, and even a few contests you can compete in from the comfort of your own homes.

More details to come as the date nears, but in the meantime, we'd like to hear from you what ideas you have on how to best celebrate virtually. Please email your ideas to <u>SND@swissclubdc.org</u>.

Look forward to hearing from many of you!

## 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 offering a limited menu of food and drinks for pickup from their patio. For more information and up-to-date menus, you can check their <u>Facebook page here</u>.

**Matisse Cafe and Restaurant** is offering evening curbside pickup of a limited food and wine menu. <u>Click here</u> 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. <u>Click here</u> to view the menu and information about ordering. The owners of Stable also have set up a <u>GoFundMe campaign</u> to match their personal donation to pay their workers for another few weeks.

#### Maryland Businesses

Albert Uster Imports is shipping as usual and is open for pickup of orders as well. <u>Click here</u> to view items available.

#### Virginia Businesses

**German Gourmet** will be returning to regular store hours on May 3rd. They continue to offer curbside pickup for prepaid orders, as well as takeout from their sandwich menu. Shipping is also an option. <u>Click here</u> for more information about ordering.

**The Swiss Bakery** is open for shopping, curbside pickup, and delivery. Call 703-321-3670 for information about ordering. There's also a number of items on their website that are <u>available for free shipping</u>.

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



## Swiss Benevolent Society - Assistance for Swiss in Need

The Swiss Benevolent Society was founded in 1865 as a charitable organization to help Swiss or descendants of Swiss living in the Washington, DC area. In addition to annually awarding scholarships, help is extended to Swiss who are ill or need assistance. If you know of someone who is in need of help, we ask that you contact the Society by emailing <u>regula.guess@yahoo.com.</u>

The Society is no longer a membership organization that collects annual dues. It depends, therefore, entirely on donations and the income from its nominal reserve fund. Your financial support is respectfully requested. Contributions are tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution to the Society's Charitable and Scholarships Programs, please complete the <u>contribution form</u>. The Society expresses sincere appreciation to local Swiss for their past support with a special "thank you" to those of the local Swiss community who make annual contributions. Without your support, the Society's work would not be possible.

## 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 <u>Regula.guess@yahoo.com</u> 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.

## Swiss Club Events for 2020

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

## About other Swiss Groups

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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.

2020 prices are as follows:

\$75.00 for dues paying members and \$100.00 for non-members. Great exposure to the Swiss community for a small cost.















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