

May 2020 Postillion



President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

Hope everyone is doing well during this unprecedented time. Please look for added features in the May 2020 Postillion to help connect all of us to Switzerland.

I also wanted to share the sad news of Dr. Tom Cooper's passing.

Stay healthy and continue to follow your area's COVID 19 policies.

Until we see each other in person again,

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. The owners of Stable also have set up a [GoFundMe campaign](#) 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. [Click here](#) to view items available.

Old Angler's Inn is open (weather-permitting) for pick up of limited items during the day. [Click here](#) to view the menu and for more information.

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. [Click here](#) 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 [available for free shipping](#).

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

Swiss Culture You Can Enjoy from Home

Please take advantage of this guide [Swiss Culture You Can Enjoy from Home!](#) distributed by the Swiss Embassy.

We hope you can use this guide as a resource to connect to Switzerland - through film, music, visual arts, and so much more! - during these unusual times.

The Embassy's quarterly newsletter is also very informative, with a focus on promoting solidarity and hope by sharing Swiss cultural highlights. It is available [here](#) for your reading pleasure.

If you don't already receive the Washington-area Events Calendar, from the Swiss Embassy you can sign up to do so [here](#). You can also register to receive the newsletter [here](#).) Enjoy!

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 regula.guess@yahoo.com.

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 [contribution form](#). 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 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.

In Memory of Dr. Thomas Edward Cooper

Dr. Thomas Edward Cooper was born to Carmen and James Cooper in Lindsay, California on May 31, 1943. He passed away peacefully on March 26, 2020 in Park City, Utah.



Tom married his "Swiss Miss," Helen Schildknecht, the love of his life, in 1968 while he was finishing his PhD in mechanical engineering at the University of California at Berkeley. Subsequently he graduated from Harvard's program on National and International Security Affairs. In 1975 he was chosen as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America," and was also listed in American Men of Science and in Who's Who in the West.

Professionally, Tom had a varied and prolific career. From 1970 to 1976 he taught International Security Affairs, mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In 1976 he was chosen to be a Congressional Science Fellow with the House Armed Services Committee in Washington, D.C., and a year later he became a permanent staff member of the Committee. In 1982, he was appointed by President Reagan to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Research, Development and Logistics. In 1987 Jack Welch, chairman of General Electric, recruited Tom to become the Vice President of the company's Washington Operations where he remained until he retired in 2008. Since then, he and his wife split their time between Park City, Utah and Monterey, California. He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Sigma Xi, North American Research Society and Tau Beta Pi. Tom was a gifted athlete who played football for the University of California, Berkeley, and was also captain of the school's baseball team. He later played professional baseball for the California Angels organization at the Triple-A level. He was an exceptional golfer, avid fly fisherman, and a reluctant skier - he often recalled his heroic win on the slopes, narrowly besting his then sixteen year old daughter Niki, in what became forever known as "The Great Race".

Tom is survived by his brother Don Cooper; his sister Becky Coon; Helen, his wife of 52 years, whom he called the "catch of his life;" their daughter Niki Cooper Ludovico; his son in law Jim Ludovico; and by his four granddaughters (Reese, Lauren, Alex and Hayden), whom he affectionately called "The Beautiful Noise". For Tom the Rivers of Time have run their course. For his family and many friends, his journey ended too soon. He will be remembered in their hearts forever as a truly good man.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made Nuzzles & Co. in Park City, Utah.

Due to current covid19 pandemic restrictions, memorial services will be delayed.

Swiss Club Events for 2020

August 1	Swiss National Day
October	General Assembly

November Raclette
December Grättibänz
December Samichlaus Party

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