

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

September 2020 Postillion



President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

Hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the varied offerings to celebrate the 1st of August! Thank you for participating in the contests run by the Swiss Club of Washington DC - check below to see whether or not yours was the winning submission.

Lots of information in the announcements below. We are working through a plan of how to celebrate Samichlaus together safely in the current environment. Stay tuned.

Stay safe and be well.

Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

Announcements

Membership Renewals

The Club is pleased to announce that membership dues for 2020 have been extended to include 2021. If you have already paid your 2020 dues, there is no need to renew for 2021. If you haven't yet paid your 2020 dues, you may still do so, and be included for 2021. If you would like to pay your 2021 dues anyway, please see the important message from the Swiss Benevolent Society below, and consider making a donation instead.

Fall Picnic

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the limitations it presents, the Fall Picnic will be canceled this year. We look forward to planning more outdoor activities as opportunities arise, and state and local regulations allow.

General Assembly

The General Assembly this year will be held virtually on October 30th. Information on how to attend will be included in the October Postillion.

Future Events

Stay tuned....

Other Announcements

Please see the important information below from the Swiss Benevolent Society, the Embassy relocation, and the photos and winners of our virtual Swiss National Day contests!

Swiss Benevolent Society

The Impact of COVID-19 on the Swiss Benevolent Society (SBS)

During a typical year, the Auction and Raclette Dinner are a big success. These events are at the core of the SBS' fundraising activities. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both of these events were cancelled. Without these funds, our charitable mission is in jeopardy and we need your help. Please consider donating to the SBS or consider us in your estate planning. We are a 501(c)(3) organization without any overhead expenses, due to the entirety of the board serving as volunteers.

Who We Help

Each year, the SBS helps Swiss men, women, and children across the region with medical, academic, economic, and other needs. One such recipient of SBS is a single-mother who was rendered quadriplegic during a home invasion in which she was shot in the back. Since the incident, she was forced to live life from her bed with her high-school-age daughters caring for her and for themselves. However, last year, the SBS purchased a car lift for the family so the mother can leave her bed and participate in outdoor automobile activities without depending on the building janitor's help.

Another recipient of SBS funds was an elderly Swiss man who was unable to work and faced eviction from his apartment. The SBS intervened, payed his rent, and secured a space for him in an assisted living facility.

Other SBS Activities

The SBS is also involved in benevolent projects in a small Swiss community in West Virginia called Helvetia. Most of the families who live in the village are tradespeople with little access to modern technology. Several years ago, the SBS paid to move the schoolhouse to a new location due to safety issues.

SBS Annual Scholarship

The SBS Board of Trustees extends their congratulations to the three recipients of this year's scholarship award program: Sandra Kindschi is this year's Monique Fürst Price recipient, she will be studying English with a teacher certificate from Marymount University. Helen Bircher is pursuing a degree in Tourism and Event Planning at George Mason University and Arielle Frei is studying Communication at Northeastern University. We wish them a successful year! To receive the scholarship, applicants must be Swiss citizens or they must have at least one Swiss grandparent and they must be a resident of the Washington Metropolitan area. Every year, our hardest task is choosing the group of recipients from a pool of impressive applicants who have shined through their personal, academic, and professional accolades. We are proud to offer this scholarship every year in support of local young Swiss and Swiss-Americans. Sadly, the present Covid-19 situation does not guarantee future support without donations.

How You Can Help

Please make out your donation to Swiss Benevolent Society and send to our treasurer Alfred Kessi, 1984 E Falconview Drive, Sandy, UT 84092

Embassy of Switzerland Temporary Relocation

The Embassy of Switzerland will undergo renovations, as a part of a planned strategic project, to maintain and upgrade the chancery. On September 01, 2020, the Embassy temporarily moved to the following address, for the duration of the project, but will maintain consular and diplomatic activities.

The Embassy of Switzerland in Washington D.C.
2201 Wisconsin Ave N.W., #300, Washington, DC 20007-4105

Given the current circumstances, the Embassy of Switzerland and its consular services are operating at reduced capacity. Consular services will continue to be available for urgent and essential cases. In order to follow the recommended measures of social distancing, please limit your visits to the Embassy to appointments that have been scheduled in advance. Please contact the embassy by e-mail (Washington.Chancery@eda.admin.ch) to schedule your appointment.

Swiss National Day Contest Winners

And the winners are...



The Pugin-Rodas family, for their beautifully decorated table!



Anna C, for her intricately braided Zopf!



Elsie B, for her colorful and creative Globi!

It was a challenge to pick the winners, especially since it was clear from the submissions how much fun everyone had. Congratulations to the winners, and good job to everyone who submitted a photo. You'll be able to see all the creative entries in the Club's [photo gallery](#).

Swiss Club Events for 2020

October 30	General Assembly
November	Raclette
December	Grittibänz
December	Samichlaus Party

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