Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

March 2021 Postillion



President's message

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute

Signs of Spring are starting - more daylight, tree branches with new growth, brighter bird song and warmer weather. And with Spring come more activities and events. Please join us for a virtual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28, 2021.

While I am encouraged by the trend in COVID19 cases and increased vaccinations, it is still too early to tell what the remainder of 2021 will look like. For the time being, the Swiss Club of Washington DC will continue with virtual events and hopes to expand the offerings to include outdoor programs when it is safe to do so.

Stay safe and be well,

Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

Virtual Easter Egg Hunt



We are excited to celebrate Easter with you on Sunday, March 28th, at 2 pm. The Swiss Club of Washington D.C. has put together a virtual program that includes baking, bingo, and story time.

- 2:00 pm Easter Bunny baking with Alexandra
- 2:40 pm Bingo with Helen
- 3:00 pm "Scents of Spring" Story
- 3:05 pm Easter Egg Hunt
- 3:10 pm Sharing of Easter crafts/findings (chocolate bunnies, Easter eggs, etc.)

Starting at 2 pm Alexandra will demonstrate and share tricks about how to create an Easter bunny from Zopf dough. While the Easter bunnies are baking in the oven, Helen will lead a bingo game open to all participants, where some lucky winners will receive a small prize. After the game, we will show a brief spring story for the children, during

which time the parents can hide Easter treats. After the story, children will be invited to search for their special treats. We will gather again after about five minutes to give children a chance to share their findings, or any other easter crafts (paintings, drawing, colored eggs etc.), with the group.

To participate and reserve your supplies, please register by <u>clicking here</u>. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 20, 2021

Dough kits, bingo cards, and Lindt chocolate bunnies will be sponsored by the Swiss Club of D.C. for current members. Pickup of Easter kits will be at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield, VA, on Saturday, 3/27, or Sunday, 3/28, during normal bakery hours.

Please log in on Sunday, March 28, at 2pm to join us for the event! A Zoom link will be provided for registrants closer to the event date.

Information for Traveling to Switzerland

You may have received a recent email from the Embassy with updates to travel guidelines for returning to or visiting Switzerland. As always, you can find the most up to date restrictions, travel advisories and quarantine policies from the <u>US State Department</u> and <u>EDA websites</u>. Please keep in mind that the restrictions are subject to frequent changes and many are dependent on your citizenship status.

Swiss Club Events for 2021

Virtual Easter Egg Hunt March 28, 2021 Swiss National Day July 31, 2021 General Assembly October 22, 2021

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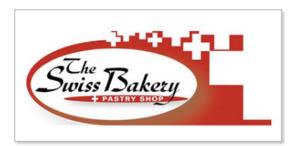
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Your ad will also appear on the e-Postillion which is sent to our membership on a monthly basis. All we need from you is a business card sized image containing your website/email information; anyone clicking on it will be linked to your website.

2021 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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