

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.



May 2023 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salute,

April showcased two Swiss Club Activities - the Easter Egg Hunt on April 2 and the Bike Ride on April 23, 2023. See photos of events on the [Swiss Club Website](#). We were lucky with the weather and there are already requests for Helen's Bircher muesli recipe.

The Board is busy preparing for Swiss National Day including recruiting sponsors. See the list of sponsors below and if you have the chance, please thank them for their support. Please let [Kevin Sprenger](#) know if your company is interested in becoming a sponsor.

Make sure to note that Swiss National Day will be on July 29, 2023 and the Dinner Cruise celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the Swiss Club of Washington DC will be on September 10, 2023. More details to follow for both events.

Hope everyone is doing well and look forward to seeing you on July 29, 2023.

Lynn Feldpausch Zipf

Scherenschnitte at the Smithsonian Craft Show

Swiss artist Lucrezia Bieler will be at the Smithsonian Craft Show this May exhibiting her beautiful Scherenschnitte work. Lucrezia's award winning pieces have long been one of our top prizes for our August First celebrations; if you've never been lucky enough to win, but have always wanted one of her stunning pieces, now is your chance!

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A Message from the Swiss Benevolent Society

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Theo Diener



Theo Diener, renowned scientist, researcher, and longtime Swiss Club member and friend, died March 28th. Many members will recall Theo's presence at Swiss Club events and how he was always able to put on smile on people's faces.

Theo is survived by three sons from his first marriage, Theodore Diener of Los Angeles, Robert Diener of Urbana, Ill., and Michael Diener of Vienna, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. His wife of 44 years, the former Sybil Fox, predeceased him in 2012.

Like many scientific advances, Dr. Diener's discovery of the viroid was the successful result of many earlier unsuccessful tries. Reflecting on his efforts to decode potato spindle tuber disease, he wryly told the New York Times, "we went up the garden path many times."

You can read the full obituary [here](#).

Swiss Club Events for 2023

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| • Swiss National Day | July 29, 2023 |
| • Dinner Cruise | September 10, 2023 |
| • Picnic with Swiss Rifles | September 2023 |
| • Raclette | November 11, 2023 |
| • Grittibänz | December 3, 2023 |
| • Samichlaus | December 10, 2023 |

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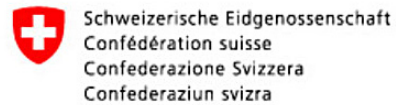
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