

# Swiss Club of Washington, DC



## October 2024 Postillion

### Message from the President

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Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

The fall season is upon us! That means it is time for Oktoberfest events, the Raclette dinner (October 19th), and the Club's annual General Assembly meeting (October 25th). We hope you are able to participate in one or more of these exciting events.

At the General Assembly meeting, we will conduct several administrative matters (e.g., elections, review the Club's financial position), reflect on the previous year, hear special reports from our Board members, and share a potluck meal. It is a time when the general membership of the Club can gain a better understanding about the Club and share their thoughts on what we can improve. Any Club member may attend, and we encourage all Club members to do so. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the Club by serving on the Swiss Club Board, attending the GA meeting is a great way to introduce yourself and express that interest. We hope to see you there!

All the best,

Kevin H. Sprenger

### Raclette Evening

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**Saturday, October 19th**

Join us for a festive evening of cheese, potatoes, wine, and good company at this popular event! Tickets are limited, so reserve yours early.

Enjoy a picnic-style, festive evening of cheese, wine, and good company at the Swiss Embassy. Dinner includes Raclette cheese with potatoes, pearl onions, cornichon, and dessert. **This event will be held OUTSIDE.**

**From 4-6:30pm ~ rain or shine**

Tents will be provided, but please wear warm clothes or blankets to enjoy the evening.

#### **Admission Includes**

Raclette dinner, potatoes, pearl onions, cornichon, water, coffee and dessert. A cash bar will be available for alcoholic beverages.

Ticket prices:

Member Adult \$25

Member Child (2 to 12) \$10  
Non-Member Adult \$40  
Non-Member Child (2-12) \$20

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## General Assembly

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The Board of the Swiss Club of Washington DC cordially invites you to attend the annual General Assembly at the Swiss Embassy.

We appreciate your participation, input, ideas and suggestions!

**Embassy of Switzerland**  
[2900 Cathedral Ave., NW](#)  
Washington DC  
Friday, October 25  
**6:00pm**

Please [register here](#) and plan to bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner (salad, appetizer, entrée, dessert, bread, etc) - we will provide the drinks.

Remember, the Club benefits from an active and engaged membership, and the board is open to new ideas from its members.



# Oktoberfest with the Swiss Bakery

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The Swiss Bakery logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'OKTOBERFEST' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below it, the text 'COME CELEBRATE WITH US SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 11AM-3PM At Ravensworth Shopping Center 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151' is displayed. The background features a light blue diamond pattern, a woman in a red apron holding a tray of beer, and two large beer mugs. Two Polaroid-style photos are at the bottom: one of two men clinking beer glasses and another of a large pretzel on a stick.

*The Swiss Bakery*

# OKTOBERFEST

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**  
**11AM-3PM**  
At Ravensworth  
Shopping Center  
5224 Port Royal Road,  
Springfield, VA 22151

BEER, BRATS,  
MUSIC

WARM PRETZEL, APPLE  
STRUDEL, RACLETTE

## Swiss Club Events for 2024

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- Raclette
  - General Assembly
  - Grittibänz
  - Samichlaus
- October 19, 2024  
October 25, 2024  
Winter, 2024  
Winter, 2024

## Board Members and Volunteer Coordinators

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### **Swiss American Historical Society:**

<https://www.swiss-american-historical-society.org/>

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We invite professionals and corporations to place your ad on the Swiss Club website by contacting [Melanie Way](mailto:Melanie.Way).

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.

**2024 prices are as follows:**

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