

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

February 2024 Postillion



Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut,

I hope the new year is off to a great start for all of you! The Club held several successful events last month including a Happy Hour, a Jass Clinic, and a Swiss night at the Magic Duel magic show!

For February, we are very excited to offer the annual Fondue Dinner and Swiss Benevolent Society Auction at the Embassy of Switzerland. You can see information about joining the Fondue waitlist or supporting the SBS below. Also, please remember to renew your membership for 2024.

In honor of the Fasnacht season in Switzerland, Frohe Fasnachtzeit!
Kevin H. Sprenger

2024 Fondue Evening - Waitlist

Sold Out!

This year's Fondue event has sold out. If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please [use this link](#).





Swiss Benevolent Society Silent Auction



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Join us on **Saturday, February 10th, at Fondue Night** for our annual fundraising auction. We have an amazing lineup of auction items for you this year, including round trip tickets on SWISS, to highlight the launch of their new direct flight from Washington DC to Zürich. But that's not all -- there will be many silent auction items to delight all ages. Here is just a sampling of our auction items:

- Two tickets on SWISS from Washington DC to Zürich
- Two 1 st class SBB train tickets for a week
- Tea with Katty Kay, veteran journalist and host of BBC Influential
- Wine from Ambassador Pitteloud's cellar
- Private Fahnenschwingen performance and lesson
- Homemade spirits from Stable
- Artwork by Lucrezia Bieler

Cash and check are the best forms of payment. Credit cards will be accepted is the Embassy Wi-Fi is cooperating. Come ready to score great prizes and remember to be generous. All proceeds go directly to support our local Swiss community. If you can't make it to the auction, you can still support the SBS by donating at sbsofdc.org

2024 Membership Renewal





A new year, a new membership!

Members enjoy the following benefits:

- Attend the Easter Egg Hunt at no cost
- Attend the members-only Samichlaus Party at no cost
- Pay the reduced member price for all Swiss Club events
- Get priority registration for events with limited seating
- Attend members-only events, such as the General Assembly
- Receive our monthly newsletter and reminder about upcoming events

Renew your membership [here](#), or email [Helen Bircher](#) with any questions.

As a reminder, our membership runs on a calendar basis from January to December. Only new members who have joined the Swiss Club since October 2023 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but everyone else does.

Save the Date - Author Talk and Book Exchange

Join us on **Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 5- 7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (Roth Hall) of The United Church, [1920 G Street NW](#), for a new type of event. Think community, conversation, book exchange and book presentation!

Author Christine Kessides, a former policy analyst at the World Bank, has recently published her first novel „Magda Standing“. She will read from her book and will be available for Q & A afterwards. For further information check out www.magda-standing.com.

A used book exchange will be held at the same time.

Please save the date for this fun and inspiring time together!

Swiss Club Events for 2024

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| • Fondue at The Swiss Embassy | February 10, 2024 |
| • Author Talk & Book Exchange | March 9, 2024 |
| • Easter Egg Hunt | March 24, 2024 |
| • Bike Ride | Spring, 2024 |
| • Hike & Winery Tour | June 23, 2024 |
| • Swiss National Day | July 27, 2024 |

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2024 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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