

Swiss Club of Washington, D.C.

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Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut,

Happy New Year to you and yours! My name is Kevin Sprenger and I am honored to introduce myself to you as the new president of the Swiss Club of Washington, D.C. I hope that you all have had an amazing 2023 holiday season sharing old memories and making new memories with loved ones.

I, along with the other Board members, are looking forward to a great year for the Club. We have worked hard to develop an active calendar of events and programs for 2024, so we hope you join us this year for as many events as possible! This month, we have planned a Happy Hour, a Jass Clinic, and a "Swiss Night" at The Magic Duel show. See more information below about how to participate in these events, as well as dates to make note of for special events throughout this spring. Also, please remember to renew your membership for 2024.

All the best for a fantastic start to the year!
Kevin H. Sprenger

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.

Swiss Club Happy Hour



Join us for a special winter Happy Hour!

Kick off the New Year in style by joining us at Hook Hall in a heated outdoor winter cabana. Our Happy Hours are open to everyone, so feel free to either come on your own, or bring friends!

Friday, January 12

6:30-8:30pm

[Hook Hall](#)

3400 Georgia Ave NW
Washington DC 20010

The Magic Duel

Longtime, multi-talented Swiss Club member Mark Phillips has proved French horn and Alphorn music for numerous Swiss Club events. Now Mark has made a block of discounted tickets to his award-winning comedy show available to the Swiss Club of Washington DC. The Magic Duel is a 90-minute live comedy show on select Saturday nights at the historic Mayflower Hotel on Connecticut Ave NW, in Washington DC.

In the show, two master magicians wield wit and sleight-of-hand as they face off in a battle of tricks, vying for audience votes. Spectators get in on the act, concocting the challenges and judging each feat. See a trailer video [here](#). Since 2016, the interactive comedy magic show has been 5-star rated on Yelp and TripAdvisor and won awards from Viator and TripSavvy. For Swiss Club members, the discounted \$40 tickets (usually \$50) are for the **5 PM performance on January 20th** and are available through the show's website: www.themagicduel.com/book-now.

Enter code TZVIPBV for \$10 off Premium Seating tickets.



Jass Clinc

Have you always wanted to learn how to play Jass? Are you a Jass expert and want to teach others? The Swiss Club will be offering a Jass Clinic to teach the national card game to those who want to learn.



Sunday, January 21
1pm
on the A (lower) level
MLK Memorial Library
901 G St NW
Washington DC 20001
[Please RSVP using this link.](#)



If you already know how to play Jass and would like to join the email list for tournaments, please email ironwill42@gmail.com. The next tournament will be on January 28th.

Save the Date - 2024 Fondue Evening

Mark your calendars!

This year's Fondue evening will be held on
Saturday, February 10, at the Swiss Embassy.

This is the perfect reminder to renew your membership and pay discounted member pricing for this popular event.



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

• Winter Happy Hour	January 12, 2024
• Swiss Night at The Magic Duel	January 20, 2024
• Jass Clinic	January 21, 2024
• Jass Tournament	January 28, 2024
• 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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