

Swiss Club of Washington, DC



January 2025 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut!

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a great holiday season and a good slide into 2025. It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas party last month, which was a big success.

I also hope that all of you are excited for another great year of Swiss Club activities. Calendar dates for events will be posted in the monthly Postillion, so please be sure to check for them regularly.

Our first big event for this year will be our annual Fondue Dinner and SBS Auction at the Embassy of Switzerland. Please see more details below. I hope to see many of you on February 8th for this highly anticipated event. Registration fills up quickly to please make sure to register early! Fondue is also the perfect reminder to renew your 2025 membership; you can see more details below.

Please also join me in welcoming two new members of the Swiss Club Board: Adrian Wiestner and Richard Bottonari. Both Adrian and Richard are longtime members of the Club, and are excited to serve on the Board in 2025.

In closing, I'd just like to thank everyone who volunteered at a Swiss Club event in 2024 and ask that everyone to please consider volunteering at one or more events in 2025. It is a fun way to participate and meet fellow Club members! If you're interested in volunteering for any upcoming event, please contact a Board member and indicate your preferred role (e.g., setup, food prep/service, bar service, registration, teardown, etc.).

Best,

Kevin H. Sprenger

2025 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
- 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 2024 do not have to renew their membership at this time, but all others do.



Fondue Evening and SBS Silent Auction

The always popular Fondue Evening is back!

Join us at the Swiss Embassy as we enjoy an evening of good food, good drink, and good company. Admission includes all you can eat fondue, dessert, and non-alcoholic drinks, as well as access to the Swiss Benevolent Society Silent Auction. A cash bar will be open for beer and Swiss wine. Ticket prices will increase on January 15th, and registration will close when the event is full, so don't miss your chance to reserve your spot.

You must be a 2025 member to register at the member price.

Tickets for this special event are transferrable but non-refundable.



Fondue with the Swiss Club & Swiss Benevolent Society Silent Auction

**Saturday, February 8th
6pm**

The Embassy of Switzerland
2900 Cathedral Ave NW
Washington DC 20008

[Register Here](#)

A Message from the Swiss Benevolent Society

Thank you to all the Swiss Club members who have so generously supported us and engaged with us this last year. In 2025 we will continue to have Kaffeeklatsches every couple of months, so please reach out to us if you want to be included on our invitation emails. On February 8th we will be holding our annual auction at the Swiss Club fondue

dinner. Please let us know if you have any items you would like to donate. And plan on coming to the dinner prepared to bid on lots of great items!

We look forward to connecting with you all in 2025! Reach out to us at admin@sbsofdc.org.



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Swiss Club Events for 2025

- Fondue
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Swiss National Day
- Grittibänz
- Samichlaus

Saturday, February 8, 2025
Spring 2025
Summer 2025
Winter 2025
Winter 2025

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2025 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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