

Swiss Club of Washington, DC



March 2025 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, hello, bonjour and salut!

March is here, and that means springtime (and warmer weather) is just around the corner! It was so great to see so many of you at the Fondue Dinner and SBS auction last month. Thanks to SBS and everyone who volunteered in helping make the dinner and auction a success. A special thanks to Adrian Wiestner, Sabrina Phillips, and Rebecca Olson (our expert fondue chefs) for ensuring the cheese was delicious and flavorful. And a special thank you to Ambassador Heckner for joining us for the evening, and to the Embassy of Switzerland for allowing us to share this unique fellowship on the Embassy grounds.

We have no events this month, but other events will be planned and/or offered in the upcoming months (including the annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday April 13th). More information about the event, including registration details, will be sent later this month. In the meantime, now is still an excellent time to renew your membership for the year.

I would also like to share a few updates about the Swiss Club Board. I'm excited to share that Club member Gabriela Meier has been elected to the Board as the new Children's Activities Coordinator. We're so thrilled to serve with Gabriela and appreciate her willingness to serve the Club in this role.

Next, I'm sad to report that longtime Board member Catherine Gees is relocating to Massachusetts and will therefore be stepping down as the Club's 1st Vice President. Most (if not all) of you know Catherine and also know that her 10 years of Board service has been vital to the Club's success. Her generosity and love for the local Swiss community have touched each and every one of us and left a lasting impact on our hearts. We will miss her dearly, but I'm sure all of you share in my excitement for her as she begins her next adventure. All the best Catherine!

In view of Catherine's departure, the Board has appointed Olivia Hauser as the 1st Vice President. For now, Olivia will also continue to serve as the Club's Secretary.

Have a great month everyone and best wishes for a great start to the spring season!

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.



Swiss Club Events for 2025

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

Spring 2025
Summer 2025
Winter 2025
Winter 2025

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