

Postillion Newsletter

March 2012

By Reto Weber



Message from the President...

Grüezi Swiss Club Members

The **Fondue dinner** was very successful as 130 attendees confirmed. I wish to thank all the hard working volunteers from Swiss Club and Embassy Staff that made the event possible and so enjoyable. A special thanks goes to Mr. Guillaume Scheurer, Deputy Chief of Mission, who generously donated wine. I enjoyed having the Swiss Benevolent Society at this event. We raised over \$600 with the silent auction and the open bar. The money will benefit needy Swiss in our region. Please read more in Ursula's report below.

We have a very busy March schedule of events starting on March 10 with our **Kaffee Klatsch**. Join this group and learn, practice or just listen to different languages in a nice environment. For those who are enjoying playing swiss cards we have our First **Jass** Tournament on March 18. The **Swiss Farmer's Breakfast** is followed a week later on March 25.

Our last activity of the month is the very popular **Easter Egg hunt** for the children. Please note that this event has changed from Sunday to Saturday March 31.

Sincerely yours,

Reto Weber

Your opinion counts, email me at Reto.Weber@swissclubdc.org

Kaffee Klatsch to practice Swiss language...

When: Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 9am

Location: Cafe Nicole in Alexandria ([for directions click here](#))

Kaffee/Café/Caffè Hour - Come join us for an hour of coffee and conversation, in a Swiss language! This is an opportunity for those beginners who want to practice their language skills, native speakers who want to socialize and help others learn, and for everyone in between. Sit at the French table, the Italian table, or the Swiss-German table...

We will schedule more events the 2nd Saturday of every other month and move the location to cafes around the DC metro area. The event itself is informal and free, so we encourage you to support our gracious hosts by enjoying their delicious beverages and treats.

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Please contact Alexis Sullivan with any questions and to register. She can be reached at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org or 703-774-3132. Although there is

no cost to participate, we'd like you to sign up by March 7th so we know how many people to expect. Just tell her your name and how many people will attend. Looking forward to talking over coffee very soon!

1st Jass Tournament of 2012...

When:

Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 1:30pm

Where:

Haudenschild Residence
14036 Natia Manor Drive
North Potomac, MD 20878

[click here for direction](#)

For registration:

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Contact Eveline at: Eveline.Roberts@swissclubdc.org or call 301-460-9571

Registration fee: \$5.00 for Swiss Club members, \$10 for guest, collected at the Jass. Deadline for registration: March 13th, 2012 (we need tables of 4)



Swiss Farmers Breakfast...

When: Sunday, March 25, 2012

Time: Seating #1 at 8am and Seating #2 at 10am

Location: Swiss Bakery, 5224 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22151

[click here for direction](#)

Breakfast will include:

A wide assortment of Swiss Breads and Rolls, variety of Swiss Breakfast Pastries, Birchermuesli, Rösti and Eggs, Swiss Cheeses, Fresh Fruit, Swiss Yogurts, Swiss Marmalades, Honey, Butter, Coffee, Ovomaltine, Caotina and Juice.

Cost: Members \$20, Kids \$10. Guests or Non-members \$30, kids \$20

Registration:

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Make **check payable** to Swiss Club of Washington DC and send with registration form to: Eveline Roberts, 14624 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville MD 20853.

If you have any questions please contact Eveline at:

eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org or Tel. 301-460-9571.

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Act Fast this Event will be sold out. Space is limited so register ASAP. We offer two seatings, one from 8 to 9:30am and the second one from 10 to 11:30am

Easter Egg Hunt...

When: Saturday, March 31, 2012

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Cost: Free to members, \$5 for non-members (fee is payable for each person who wants to decorate a basket)

Location: Swiss Embassy, 2900 Cathedral Ave, Washington DC 20008

Join us for an afternoon of fun! Decorate your own Easter basket and then join

us for an Easter Egg Hunt on the Embassy grounds. Snacks and beverages will be provided, as well as all supplies. Decorating starts at 2pm, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm promptly! Depending on the age of the participant, basket decorating usually takes from 30 to 60 minutes. Please plan your arrival accordingly. In the interests of being fair to all attendees, we will start the actual Easter Egg Hunt at 3 pm.

Registration by Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Contact Claudia Tobler at <mailto:ctobler@comcast.net> or tel: 240-672-6590

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A Fondue evening at the Swiss Embassy by Ursula Banzhaf...

A bubbly pot of cheese fondue, a glass of wine and good fellowship were the ingredients for the successful, well attended event sponsored by the Swiss Club. The predicted snow held off, mostly, which allowed the members and guests to attend this popular activity. Minister Guillaume Scheurer kindly donated the wine which was very much appreciated. Thank you! He represented the ambassador who had just left for vacation that day. Guillaume Scheurer expressed his thanks to the Swiss Club and praised the club for having so many interesting activities.

As part of a fundraiser for the Swiss Benevolent Society, a Silent Auction was held. Through the generosity of Monique Price, Campbell Graeb, Christian Haudenschild and other members of the Swiss Club, many items were donated for the Silent Auction to benefit the Swiss Benevolent Society. The Swiss Club also made donations. The Swiss Benevolent Society helps students who are of Swiss descent with scholarship money for college. This is particularly appreciated in the small village of Helvetia, West Virginia whose few inhabitants are of Swiss descent. Christian Haudenschild was kind enough to highlight Helvetia in his video presentation. Thank you Christian! Thanks to all those who contributed.

The oldest member of the Swiss Club, Gilberte Ecuyer, celebrated her 90th birthday that day and was beaming with joy as we all sang happy birthday for her. What a way to celebrate!

The Fondue evening was Reto's first official event as president of the Swiss Club. He and his helpers, the board of the club and all the members who helped out with various chores deserve a big thank you for an outstanding job!

Swiss Club Agenda for 2012...

Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday March 10, Café Nicole, Alexandria

1st Jass Tournament, Sunday March 18, Haudenschild Residence

Swiss Farmers Breakfast, Sunday March 25, Swiss Bakery

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday March 31, Swiss Embassy

Spring Bike Ride, in April

Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday May 12

Billy Goat Trail, May 19

2nd Jass Tournament, Sunday May/June: Roberts Residence

Fahrt ins Blaue, in June
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday July 14, Swiss Bakery
Swiss National Day, Saturday July 28, Swiss Embassy
3rd Jass Tournament, Sunday in August/September: looking for host
Fall Picnic with Swiss Rifles, Sunday September 9, Thurmont, MD
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday September 22
Annual General Meeting, Friday October 12 or 19, Swiss Embassy
Metzgete, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
4th Jass Tournament, Sunday October 28, Swiss Bakery
Raclette Evening, November 10, Swiss Embassy
Kaffee Klatsch, Saturday November 17
Grittibenz Baking, Sunday December 2, Swiss Bakery
Samichlaus Party, Sunday December 9, Swiss Embassy
Who is willing to help with a new Event?
Please contact Alexis at alexis.sullivan@swissclubdc.org

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Swiss Club Quiz...

Every month we try to find a sponsor for a prize.

The March prize is a bottle of Swiss Wine donate by the Swiss Club.

Contact us if you wish to be a quiz sponsor.

Question:

In which Swiss Canton is the Matterhorn?

email your answer to reto.weber@swissclubdc.org

Winner from the March Quiz will be announced in the next Postillion.

Winner from the February Quiz is Elke Herzfeld, you may pick up your can of Ovomaltine at the Swiss Bakery in Springfield. Congratulation Elke! The correct anwere was Ulrich Boegli.

Advertisement...

Anyone interested in **placing an ad on the Swiss Club website** is invited to contact Eveline Roberts at eveline.roberts@swissclubdc.org. 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. 2012 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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