

Swiss Club of Washington, DC



May 2025 Postillion

Message from the President

Gruezi, Bonjour, Buongiorno, Hello,

A very warm greeting to you and yours! I hope that you all enjoying the spring season and the energizing weather it brings. Whether you are gardening, cycling, running, or hiking, or sitting out to take in the sun, please be safe and have fun!

As you will see below, we are offering some exciting Club activities over the next few months. Due to renewed interest, we are once again organizing a group hike. And for the first time, we are planning a group trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania later this year. Please take a moment to consider attending these events and express your interest so we can plan accordingly.

It was lovely to see so many of you and our younger Club members at the annual Easter Egg Hunt last month. A special thanks to all those who made the event possible including Gabriela Meier, the Easter Bunny, our volunteers, and the Swiss Embassy.

Kevin H. Sprenger

Family Friendly Hike, Saturday, June 7, 2025

Happy Spring!

The Club has planned a family friendly hike for the first weekend in June. Please join us in a fun social hike/walk around the lake at Seneca Creek State Park. We look forward to spending time with you in this beautiful setting.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

[Seneca Creek State Park](#)

Meet in the Pines Picnic Area Parking lot at 09:45

Hike starts at 10:00 am

Clopper Lake Loop Trail, about 3.3 miles

This event is free and open to Members and non Members

Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Don't forget to pack your sunscreen insect repellent, a hat/sun protection, water, and snacks.





September 20 to 21: Pittsburgh Trip Poll

Would you be interested in joining the Swiss Club of Washington DC on a special overnight trip to Pittsburgh, PA? Please reply to the following poll with your interest so we can determine whether to plan the event or not! If interested, we recommend putting a hold on your calendar to keep the data available for this special event.

Date: Saturday, September 20 and Sunday September 21, 2025

Activities include

- A private tour of the U. of Pittsburgh Swiss Nationality Room
- A reception with the The Swiss-American Society of Pittsburgh
- Lunch at Teutonia *Männerchor*
- Tour Albert Gallatin's historic home, Friendship Hill National Historic Site in Point Marion, PA

The "travel pack package" will include

- Round Trip tour bus transportation
- Saturday night hotel accommodations
- Lunch at Teutonia *Männerchor*
- Breakfast at the hotel Sunday morning.

[Click here to fill out our poll](#)





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 Benevolent Society Scholarship Opportunity

The SBS is proud to support the academic pursuits of our young Swiss community through our scholarship program. Assistance is given for qualified candidates in greater Washington, DC and in Helvetia, WV.

Learn more and apply at www.sbsofdc.org/scholarships. The deadline is today! May 1 st .



Swiss
Benevolent
Society of
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Swiss Club Events for 2025

- Bike Ride
- Swiss Club Hike
- Swiss National Day

Spring 2025
June 7, 2025
July 26, 2025
Fall 2025

- Raclette
- Grittibänz
- Samichlaus

Winter 2025
Winter 2025

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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.

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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